

Wynyard Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Wynyard Church of England Primary School, on Tuesday, 21st April, 2026

Present	Cllr Robin Woolley	Cllr George Arizmendi	Cllr Val Bailey
	Cllr Valda Goodfellow	Cllr Tony Taylor	
			Barry Flux (Clerk)
Apologies	None		
Attendance	10 members of the public		

Public questions / speaking

The Council discussed ongoing work relating to the proposed secondary school provision for Wynyard. Members considered draft Freedom of Information (FOI) requests prepared to gather baseline data regarding secondary school demand for 11–16-year-olds across Stockton, Hartlepool and Durham local authority areas.

Discussion took place regarding the validity of postcode areas to be used for the requests and the need for consistency across local authorities. Members agreed that matching FOI requests should be submitted to ensure consistency and enable comparison of returned data.

It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk would liaise with the Chair and Clerk of Wynyard Parish Council (Hartlepool) regarding submission of the FOI requests.

Agenda Item

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Chair welcomed Imogen as the first member of the Wynyard Youth Council. Members unanimously supported the appointment.

The Council discussed continued recruitment and engagement for the Youth Council, including further leaflet distribution and outreach activity.

It was noted that local MPs had expressed interest in inviting Youth Council members to Parliament later in the year.

Members supported the development of a structured induction and training programme.

WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

None received. Apologies were subsequently noted.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 were approved as a true record.

PLANNING

Members discussed a recently submitted planning application relating to a proposed secure children's home/supported living provision within Wynyard and noted the application had been withdrawn.

CHAIRS REPORT / ACTIONS

Bellway

The Chair reported ongoing concerns regarding communication with Bellway in relation to adoption matters. Formal correspondence had been issued by recorded delivery to Bellway's regional office, with further correspondence to follow if required.

Stagecoach

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Recycling / waste

The Council discussed resident concerns regarding Stockton Borough Council's revised waste collection arrangements, including:

- Missed collections;
- Late collections;
- Litter caused by uncollected waste;
- Concerns regarding reduced general waste collection frequency.

The Chair confirmed that contact had been made with Stockton Borough Council to raise resident concerns.

Chris McDonald MP

The Chair advised that Chris McDonald MP had offered to meet with Parish Council representatives during late May or early June. Members agreed to consider topics for discussion, including education and infrastructure concerns.

CLERK'S REPORT

Financial report

The clerk presented a list of financial transactions. Members approved payment of the annual insurance premium of £360.

Quarterly budget monitoring

Co-option of councillor(s)

The Clerk reported that two expressions of interest had been received following advertisement of councillor vacancies.

Application forms had been issued with a two-week submission deadline. Members agreed that appointments would likely be considered at the AGM.

gov.uk email and website

The Clerk confirmed that:

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- A gov.uk website had now been established;
- A gov.uk clerk email address was operational.

Work continued to migrate historic email arrangements. Members supported creation of councillor email addresses where appropriate.

Arrangements for annual meeting and AGM (annual meeting has to be held by 1st June)

The Clerk advised that:

- The AGM must take place before the end of May;
- The Annual Parish Meeting must be held before 1 June.

Members agreed that a separate Annual Parish Meeting would be desirable. The Clerk was authorised to investigate suitable venues and circulate proposed arrangements.

EDUCATION IN WYNYARD

Some further discussion took place, however actions regarding FOI requests had been discussed and agreed during the public speaking section.

MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE AND CONNECTIVITY IN WYNYARD

Members discussed ongoing concerns regarding poor mobile phone coverage and digital connectivity within Wynyard.

The Chair reported that correspondence had been sent to Tees Valley Combined Authority inviting them to meet and discuss further local concerns.

ASSETS / OTHER BUSINESS

Book Hut

The Clerk advised that the Wynyard Residents Association had enquired regarding a key for the community book exchange unit. Members confirmed that no key was currently held by the Parish Council.

Wynyard Football Club

Representatives from Wynyard Football Club attended the meeting following a recent break-in and vandalism incident affecting club equipment and facilities. Members heard that significant equipment damage and losses had occurred.

Following discussion, members unanimously agreed:

To provide a one-off contribution of £1,300 towards football pitch hire costs for the current year;
To consider future support arrangements at a later date;
To request further information regarding insurance arrangements for the club's storage facilities.

The Clerk was authorised to arrange payment upon receipt of the necessary details.

NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 6:30pm.

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