

Wynyard Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Wynyard Church of England Primary School, on Tuesday, 19th May 2026

Present	Cllr Robin Woolley	Cllr George Arizmendi	Cllr Val Bailey
	Cllr Valda Goodfellow	Cllr Tony Taylor	
			Barry Flux (Clerk)
Apologies	None		
Attendance	3 members of the public		SBC ward Councillor John Gardner

Public questions / speaking
None

Agenda Item

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

Cllr Gardner updated the council on ongoing road resurfacing work. Some recent work had been delayed by rain. He also confirmed some issues he had been dealing with issues concerning the new waste collection and recycling roll out.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2026 were approved as a true record.

PLANNING

Discussion took place regarding a development proposal where the Section 106 education contribution had reportedly been reduced on the basis that part of the site would be allocated for retirement accommodation. The Council considered whether any comment was required and concluded that no formal response was necessary at this stage.

Resolved: That no comment be submitted in respect of the planning application at the present time.

CHAIRS REPORT / ACTIONS

Bellway Development

The Chair reported on continuing concerns regarding the adoption of roads and infrastructure within the Bellway development. The Council had been pursuing updates from Bellway for several months. Correspondence had been redirected from Bellway North East to Bellway Durham,

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however no substantive response had yet been received despite further enquiries by the Clerk. Residents continued to raise concerns regarding the lack of progress.

Stagecoach

Members were advised that following a meeting discussions were continuing with Stagecoach and Stockton Borough Council regarding bus services, road conditions and related transport matters affecting Wynyard.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The Chair reported on concerns raised by residents regarding anti-social behaviour, including nuisance activity involving young people and the use of e-scooters. Members recognised a distinction between criminal or potentially criminal behaviour and activities arising from a lack of facilities for young people. Residents were encouraged to report incidents directly to Cleveland Police via 101 or online reporting systems.

Meeting with Chris McDonald MP

The Chair and Cllr Bailey met with Chris McDonald MP to discuss a number of issues, most notably education provision in Wynyard, particularly the need for a secondary school. The MP was reported to be supportive of the Council's concerns. Discussion also covered school admissions, engagement with the Melrose Trust, and the wider implications of housing growth within Wynyard without corresponding educational infrastructure. The MP had agreed to pursue the matter further.

CLERK'S REPORT

Financial Report

The Clerk reported that the Council's bank balance stood at approximately £82,410.94. A detailed financial report would be presented to the forthcoming meeting dealing with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Mobile Phone Coverage in Wynyard

The Clerk reported that contact had been made with the Tees Valley Combined Authority regarding poor mobile phone coverage in Wynyard. The Authority had advised that it would be undertaking consultation and engagement work during the summer and had invited the Council to participate. Members noted continuing concerns from residents regarding poor connectivity and the impact on communications and broadband services.

gov.uk Domain and Website

The Clerk reported that the Council's website arrangements remained operational and that both websites were currently functioning. Ongoing management arrangements would continue.

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

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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

Members reviewed ongoing work relating to education provision in Wynyard.

The Council noted continued concerns regarding both primary and secondary school provision. Members were advised that a meeting had been arranged with representatives of the Melrose Trust on 4 June 2026 to discuss progress towards delivery of the proposed primary school. Current indications suggested an opening date of 2028.

WYNYARD PARK UPDATE

Cllr George Arizmendi reported on a recent meeting involving Wynyard Park, Hartlepool Borough Council and both Wynyard parish councils. Matters raised included defective street lighting and estate management issues. Members also discussed proposals relating to the installation of defibrillators connected to street lighting columns. An issue affecting the Council's existing defibrillator was reported and had since been rectified.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Members considered the application of Mark Doherty whose application form and curriculum vitae had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to co-opt Mark Doherty as a member of the Parish Council

NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 6:30pm.

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