

Wynyard Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Wynyard Church of England Primary School, on Tuesday, 16th June 2026

Present	Cllr Robin Woolley	Cllr George Arizmendi	Cllr Val Bailey
	Cllr Mark Doherty	Cllr Valda Goodfellow	Cllr Tony Taylor
			Barry Flux (Clerk)
Apologies	None		
Attendance	5 members of the public		SBC ward Councillor John Gardner

Public questions / speaking
None

Agenda Item

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3. WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATE

Cllr Gardner suggested all items were covered on the agenda

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2026 were approved as a true record.

5. PLANNING

No discussion took place, with the main issue being Bellway Regency Manor issue of non-adoption discussed subsequently.

Bellway

Extensive discussion on the non-adoption of Bellway Regency Manor development took place. The Chair reported ongoing discussions with Bellway regarding outstanding issues affecting residents including non-adoption of land and the lack of response from Bellway to our correspondence. The clerk agreed to liaise with Cllr Doherty who lives in the affected area.

Stagecoach

An update was provided on discussions with Stagecoach regarding bus services. The Parish Council will continue engagement to improve services for residents.

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Members received an update regarding WES and ongoing discussions.

A689 Crossing

The Chair reported continued correspondence regarding the proposed crossing on the A689. Discussions remain ongoing with the relevant highway authorities.

Local Plan

Members received an update on progress relating to the Local Plan and agreed to continue monitoring developments.

Giant Hogweed

An update was provided regarding Giant Hogweed. Members noted work undertaken to address the issue.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Financial Report

- The Clerk presented the latest financial position. Members noted the report.

Community Participation Budget / Ward Transport Budget Survey

- Members noted Stockton Borough Council's request for responses to the scrutiny review survey.

Parish Council Email Addresses

- The Clerk confirmed progress with the establishment of dedicated Parish Council email address and that the new email would be fully functional with the old email to be retired by the end of the August recess.

AGAR

- The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) had been completed and submitted within the required timescales.

7. EDUCATION IN WYNYARD

Members received a detailed update regarding the Education Working Group.

- Freedom of Information requests had been submitted to Stockton, Durham and Hartlepool Councils seeking pupil data to support the case for additional education provision.
- Members expressed concern regarding the quality and consistency of information received, noting that:
- Stockton Borough Council had responded promptly.

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- Durham County Council's response raised additional questions.
- Hartlepool Borough Council's response was delayed and contained data that members believed to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Members agreed that the available data did not provide a sufficiently reliable picture of school-age children living within Wynyard.

It was agreed that consideration should be given to undertaking a survey to gather local information on:

- numbers of children;
- ages;
- schools attended; and
- whether residents wished to receive future communications from the Education Working Group.
- Further analysis of the FOI responses will be presented at a future meeting.

8. YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE

Significant progress had been made since the previous meeting with Cllr Bailey meeting several parents. In private session approvals of young peoples applications to be Youth Council members were made.

9. Speeding

The Chair introduced discussion on speeding along The Wynd and emphasised the need for a respectful and balanced discussion due to the strength of public feeling.

- Members reviewed the results of the traffic survey commissioned by Stockton Borough Council.

The Chair advised that:

- Stockton Borough Council considered the survey professionally conducted and valid for three years unless road conditions materially changed;
- The survey had been reviewed by both Stockton Borough Council and Cleveland Police;
- Neither authority considered the data sufficient to justify enforcement action or additional traffic-calming measures.

Members discussed:

- increasing traffic volumes associated with congestion on the A689;
- the use of Wynyard as a diversion route;
- residents' concerns regarding excessive speeds by individual vehicles;
- the balance between statistical evidence and perceived risk.

Residents addressed the Council expressing concerns regarding speeding, pedestrian safety and near misses, particularly on The Wynd. Suggestions included:

- additional road markings;
- improved speed limit signage;

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- increased Community Speed Watch activity;
- continued engagement with Cleveland Police.

Whilst acknowledging residents' concerns, the Council concluded that the available traffic survey data did not currently support requests for additional enforcement or traffic-calming measures. Individual residents were encouraged to continue reporting incidents through the appropriate authorities.

Further to this it was agreed to enquire with Stockton Borough Council as to whether additional road markings were possible.

10. Grass Cutting in Wynyard Park

It was agreed this needed to be discussed in a separate meeting.

11. Lamp Posts / Lighting

It was reported that several lighting issues remain unresolved because roads have not yet been formally adopted.

Further correspondence will be undertaken with the relevant developers, planning authorities and management companies to seek progress.

NEXT MEETING

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

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