Wynyard Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in The Londonderry Room, Wynyard Hall on Tuesday, 15th September 2026

Present	Cllr George Arizmendi	Cllr Val Bailey	Cllr Valda Goodfellow
			Barry Flux (Clerk)
Apologies	Cllr Robin Woolley	Cllr Mark Doherty	SBC ward Councillors John Gardner & Vanessa Sewell
Attendance	7 members of the public		

Public questions / speaking
Members of the public raised concerns about HMOs within Wynyard. It was apparent that WES were aware of the issue and were actively looking to resolve the matter.

Agenda Item

ELECTION OF STAND IN CHAIR
In the absence of Cllr Robin Woolley, Cllr Valda Goodfellow was elected as the chair for the meeting.

YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE
Imogen Davies as the newly elected chair of the Youth Council presented to the Parish Council a report of their meeting which had taken place immediately before the Parish Council meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received for Cllr Robin Woolley, Cllr Mark Doherty as well as SBC Ward Cllrs John Gardner & Vanessa Sewell

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

WARD COUNCILLORS' UPDATE
Neither Ward Councillor was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2026 were approved as a true record.

PLANNING
Local Plan - Update & Actions: The Council reviewed the Statement of Common Purpose regarding phased infrastructure development and Section 106 watertight legal agreements, agreeing to support it alongside Sedgefield and Hartlepool/Stockton positions. A sum of £4,000 was discussed regarding potential planning consultant support for initial phases.

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26/1546/FUL (Wynyard Primary School): Erection of a single-storey nursery building including landscaping and boundary treatments. Discussed alongside material planning concerns and community hub integration; recorded with no formal objection.

26/1641/DEM (Castle Eden Walkway): Prior notification for the demolition of 2No. bridges. Discussed as primarily a safety/maintenance issue by the local authority; recorded with no comment.

26/1641/COU (Concordia House, Glenarm Road): Change of use from offices to Public House at ground floor and hotel at first floor. Initial concerns regarding potential HMO or Airbnb use were addressed, noting proactive enforcement and that planning rules apply; no formal objections raised.

Appeal Notice 25/2162/OUT (Land North Of Sandy Lane West, Billingham): Outline application for up to 179 residential dwellings and a community building. Noted that the application was previously rejected by committee and is now subject to an appeal; the Council maintained its previous stance of no comment.

CHAIRS REPORT

In the absence of the chair, the clerk read a note of these issues.

Bellway: Cllr Doherty reported ongoing discussions regarding site adoptions and landscaping/open spaces, with WES confirming that open spaces will shortly be taken over by WES. Similar arrangements are scheduled with Robertson Homes.

Stagecoach: Feedback from the August meeting was shared regarding a 450-resident petition to extend bus services to Sedgefield and Wynyard. Cross-border funding complexities between mayoral areas (Ben Houchen and Kim McGuinness) were noted, alongside a new 18-month tender agreement starting 27th September. The Council agreed to draft a joint letter to both mayors regarding cross-border cooperation.

WES (Wynyard Estate Services): A joint site walkaround of the new community hub with Mark Antonopoulos took place. Completion is targeted by late November (or early January depending on weather/fitting out). The facility will feature a ground-floor wheelchair access, mezzanine, secure online booking system, and maintenance-funded operational structure.

A689 Crossing: It was reported that the chair alongside am member of Wynyard (Hartlepool) had held a meetings with officers on this subject and were awaiting formal agreed minutes and communication with hope for a positive outcome.

Avant: The Clerk reported following up regarding undelayed landscaping and broken streetlights, awaiting a formal response.

Additional Traffic Signage: Previous communications regarding Stockton Borough Council's response on 30mph speed limit repeaters and road markings were noted.

CLERK'S REPORT

Financial Report: The list of financial transactions and budget monitoring details were presented, noting a £141.14 refund regarding defibrillator orders.

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Pay Award: The national local government pay award (resulting in a wage increase backdated to April) was presented for approval; but was deferred to the next meeting.

Policy Update: Deferred to the next meeting**.**

SECURITY AND SAFETY

General public perceptions regarding local security (including reports of door-checking incidents) were discussed. It was agreed to explore inviting the private security team and Cleveland Police to a future joint meeting to address community safety measures constructively

FIELDS AT BLOOMFIELD ROAD

Discussed in conjunction with local mapping, security patrols, and youth ball game usage; actions deferred to the Chair and Clerk for mapping clarity.

EDUCATION IN WYNYARD

The Council discussed local school capacity figures, secondary school provision concerns, and potential collaboration frameworks utilizing university student resources for localized research tasks.

NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 6:30pm.

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