

Minutes of PCAM, Wyck Rissington Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Monday 7th September 2026, 18:00

Councillors Present: Cllrs Cook, Watson, Hall and Gorton.
In attendance: 8 members of the public plus Cllr. Thurling

- 070926/1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved for accuracy.
- 070926/2 No declarations of interest. Cllr. Ponti and Cllr.Corps were unable to attend. Cllr.Corps's report is on the website.
- 070926/3 Cllr. Cook and Watson updated on governance and legal matters. A strikeout application for a litigation case against the PC brought by Mr.Finnemore is scheduled for 16th November. The application argues that no cause of action has been pleaded and the claim is hopeless.
- There was some disputatiousness about Andrew Lathe's appointment as RFO, but it has been resolved.
- 070926/4 Cllr. Hall and Gorton updated on the maintenance programme on the Village Green.The first cut of the green was completed earlier this year due to favourable weather. The next step is to level out dips and soil in around raised manhole covers, potentially using low-nutrient topsoil to encourage wildflower growth. Additionally, the pond was treated for invasive water primrose by the Environmental Agency who also recommended managing the Bur Reed, with a focus on hand-pulling the latter to minimise disruption to the ecosystem.
- 070926/5 Cllr.Watson briefed the Council on Planning matters Two planning applications were discussed. The first, for 20 Wick Rissington, involved renovations and the PC raised objections about the appropriateness of UPVC windows and gates in the conservation area. The second, for 18 Wyck Rissington, proposed a swimming pool and was objected to by the Conservation Officer due to its unsuitability for the conservation area and its proximity to a listed building..
- 070926/6 Cllr.Cook updated the PC with the Quarterly Financial Report.VAT for last year was £288. The first cut of the green was paid, and a charge

for an enhanced website was incurred. Andrew Lathe will be responsible for the numbers over the next quarter to assess the outturn. Reserves remain unchanged at just over £18,000, with the revised budget at £10,000 at year end should provisions be utilised for works on the pond and administration.

070926/7 Cllr. Corps's report is posted on the website.

070926/8 Cllr Thurling briefed the PC. His report is on the website. The Gilders case is being prioritised by a new enforcement officer starting in September. The district council is reviewing a proposal to merge polling stations due to financial considerations, raising concerns about accessibility and local democracy. and is considering a food pantry initiative to reduce food waste and support those in need.

Additionally, the local plan consultation process was criticised for being a mere formality, with limited opportunities for meaningful input from local communities. The plan's focus on major settlements is seen as neglecting smaller villages and exacerbating infrastructure issues.

070926/9 Cllr. Gorton briefed on correspondence received. Several residents had written concerned about the poor road surface on the old railway bridge, the damaged wooden fencing both on the bridge and on the drainpipe and the missing road sign near the S bends. Cllr. Thurling said he would take these issues up with highways and network rail.

Another resident had written mentioning the extensive foliage on the corner near No.18 which results in walkers having to step into the road. It was decided to write to the resident to ask if this could be reduced.

A resident reported a drone flying over their property, causing concern about privacy. The parish council discussed the issue, emphasising that it is primarily a privacy matter for individuals to address. They provided information on the complex rules surrounding drone use, including height restrictions and the requirement for visual line of sight, and suggested reporting incidents to the police.

There is concern about people fishing in the village pond, particularly due to the potential for discarded hooks and line, safety hazards, and disturbance of wildlife. While some residents support the activity, others were worried about the negative impact. The PC decided it's

position is one of discouraging fishing and would consider adding signage to clarify the situation.

070926/10 Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

7th December 2026

1st March 2027

24th May (Annual Meeting) 2027

The public session ended at 7 pm