

MINUTES OF YARNSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 28th January 2026

7.30pm, Village Hall

Present: Cllrs.Brice (Chair), Cooke, Ellison, Farr, Newberry, Pengilly. Cllr.Elliott (Torridge District Council/TDC), and M. Dymond (clerk)

26.11 Apologies, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Cooke, Farr and Cllr. Cottle-Hunkin (Devon County Council/DCC). There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensations had been received.

26.12 Public Participation and Feedback

Several parishioners had commented negatively about perceived lack of gritting during the cold spell early in the year. It was pointed out by councillors that gritting will only be done from centre of village to Clogshill Cross, no gritting will be done in other parts of village and /or private driveways. The gritter attachment used by snow warden is not as efficient as gritters used by highways. It is worth pointing out that the snow warden role is voluntary and although every attempt will be made to grit when necessary, there exists no legal obligation.

26.13 Representatives Reports

1) Next financial year is secure, the target for 2030 zero carbon has been set, but as yet no money for investment available. Libera Democrats led DCC is proposing to cut library provision across Devon, due to ongoing budget pressures. Councillors of Green Party have put motion forward to oppose cuts.

2) Village Hall / Social Club
None.

3) Youth Club
None.

4) PCSO/Police Report
Cllr. Elliott had forwarded email asking PCSO's to attend parish council meetings, two newly qualified PCSO's intend to attend in future(one male/one female).

5) Playing Field
None.

26.14 Minutes of Meeting of 26th November 2025

Minutes were approved and signed off as a true record

26.15 Matters arising from last Meeting

None.

25.73 New Matters

1) Eagle Invoice £60-00 – This invoice covers annual cost for full page in Eagle. Cllr. Jeffrey proposed, Cllr. Brice seconded. All agreed to pay invoice. Cllrs. Brice and Pengilly signed invoice.

2) Grant for Citizens Advice – Clerk had received letter asking for donation, explaining that

during the last year a considerable number of parishioners had approached Citizens Advice for guidance. Cllr. Newberry proposed, Cllr. Brice seconded. All agreed to match last year's grant of £50. Cllrs. Brice and Pengilley signed letter asking for donation.

Actions taken: Clerk pays invoices via BACS, after two signatories signed electronic payment schedule. Cllr. Pengilley pointed out, that before clerk makes BACS payment, they would need to be authorised by two signatories who are registered online.

26.17 PROW Monthly Report

Maintenance Grant £120.00. It was unclear whether this was a grant for future works to be carried out or retrospective payment.

Actions taken: Clerk to email PROW department at DCC and ask for clarification.

26.18 Planning

1/0607/2025/FUL Demolition of existing storage sheds and erection of commercial building (B8) Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 255977 123750, Yarnscombe, Devon -Application has been re-submitted, the height has been lowered. Councillors pointed out that issue of soak away and the precedent of having commercial building in Yarnscombe, are not addressed. Adherence to fire safety regulations is carried out by self-assessment of applicant.

Actions taken: Relevant comments have been made, at present no further action.

26.19 Additional Planning
None.

26.20 Accounts

- 1) Eagle invoice £60.00. See 26.16
- 2) Grant for Citizens Advice £50.00. See 26.16
- 3) Bank reconciliation October 2025 to December 2025
- 4) Reconciliation had been carried out and cash book signed off

Meeting ended at 8:20pm