MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF POTTO PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026 AT 7.15 PM AT POTTO VILLAGE HALL

Meeting Open to the public

Three members of the public were present, two members of the public discussed planning application ZB25/02112/FUL - land to Rear of 50 And 52 Cooper Lane, and the reasons for refusal. Discussed calls for sites within Potto Parish.

Meeting closed to public.

1. Reminder by the Chairman of the Councils expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting

No requests received.

2. Apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence

Present: Councillor Mr A Wilde (Chairman), Councillor Mrs E Griffin, Councillor Mr I Macpherson and Unitary Councillor D Hugill.

Apologies: Councillor R Walker and Councillor Mr S March.

3. Minutes of the March meeting

The minutes of March's meeting were discussed and agreed as a true record and resolved.

4. Matters Arising from last month's meeting

4.1 Police Report - Three cases of 'Violence against the person' all relating to same incident, no further information.

4.2 Footpaths, Bridges and Stiles – Bridleway has been patched up in some areas, ongoing.

4.3 Annual Returns - Documents received from PKF LittleJohn for the AGAR.

The Certificate of Exception was discussed and approved.
The Annual Governance Statement was discussed and approved.
The Accounting Statement was discussed and approved.
The Financial Accounts and AGAR documents were approved for submission to the internal auditor.

4.4 The objections to 2024/25 AGAR were discussed, 10 objections have been highlighted by the external auditor and will be responded to.

4.5 ICO - Freedom of information requests and reviews, the following cases were discussed:

- EA-2024-0028 - Tribunal ongoing.

Carried out a review from a non-resident for his freedom of information request. It was agreed that appropriate responses had been provided as required.

4.6 Parish Plan - To be reviewed at a later date.

5. Report from Unitary Councillor

NYC has had £20 million removed from its pothole fund and reassigned to the North Yorkshire Mayor Mr Skaith. A judicial review is being conducted and a decision is awaited.
Local plan meeting: discussed call for sites the first phase is to align the sites to an more appropriate short list and cut out some of the sites put forward. These would include two sites within Potto Parish. One being too far from the village and the other being deemed too small. Discussed "Strategy for sustainable future" combined authority, and the target of net zero by 2040. Councillor Hugill is heading up consultation, which will run until 10 June.

6. Planning Applications to consider and decide upon

None.

7. Planning Decisions of Hambleton District Councils

7.1 ZB26/00232/FUL - Conversion of garage to habitable space and construction of new double garage. **37 Cooper Lane**, Potto. **Granted.**

7.2 REF: ZB25/02112/FUL - Construction of a single self-build dwelling. **Land To Rear of 50 And 52 Cooper Lane**, Potto. There were many issued raised by residents during the public session. Concerns were raised about the timings of planning notifications by NTC planning department. Outlined timeline of NYC publishing information on the planning application. **Refused.**

7.3 REF: ZB25/01883/FUL - Application for a New Detached Building to incorporate a car port on the ground floor and an annex above as ancillary accommodation to the main house. **Moor House Farm**, Goulton Lane, Potto. *Awaiting Decision.*

7.4 REF: ZB25/01281/OUT - Proposed agricultural workers' dwelling. **Goulton Grange Farm**, Potto. Comments regarding concerns of '4+ bedrooms' recommended no more than 3 bedrooms. Awaiting *Decision.*

7.5 Ref: ZB25/00332/MRC - Application for the removal of Condition 6 (occupancy) on two holiday lets. **Potto Fields Farm**, Black Horse Lane, Potto. *Awaiting Decision.*

7.6 Ref: ZB25/00332/MRC - Application for removal of Condition 4 (Occupancy) and 8 (access) for previously approved application 08/03395/FUL. **Potto Fields Farm**, Black Horse Lane, Potto. *Awaiting Decision.*

8. Matters requested by Councillors.

8.1 Stell Inspection - Date to be arranged.

8.2 Pam Fanthorpe Bench - Councillor Walker is corresponding with Pam's daughter. It was agreed that the parish council would purchase the bench and arrange for installation.

8.3 Resignation of Councillor Macpherson. Letter handed to Parish Council. Councillor MacPherson has had to stand down for personal reasons. The Parish Council noted Councillor MacPhersons contribution to the parish over many years and thanked him for his service.

9. Finance

9.1 To receive bank reconciliation and budget comparison to **21 April 2026**.

Community Account	£ 12,546.60
Business Premium Account	£ 5,221.37

9.2 Invoices:

DJS Stores	Printer Cartridges	£ 49.99	Agreed

9.3 2026-27 Precept - Discussed the precept request submitted to North Yorkshire Council.

9.4 Budget - The current budget and expected expenditure were discussed.

9.5 The move to Natwest has been rejected as none of the councillors had an existing bank account with them. It was agreed to contact Lloyds Bank, Unity and Santander and explore requirements and suitability

9.6 Clerks Salary - Agreed.

10. Correspondence

To note correspondence received not specifically dealt with on this agenda.

10.1 Review of correspondence.

Appropriate responses to be provided as required.

11. Any Other business

None

12. To confirm date & time of next meeting

Next meeting date Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.