

NORTH LODGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held at Park View School, Lombard Drive, Chester-le-Street on Tuesday 20th January 2026.

PRESENT Chairman: Councillor Craig Martin.

Councillors: Suzanne Brown, Margaret Caygill, Jackie Gregory, Maureen May, Patrick Driscoll, Darren Hawkes, Chris Veitch.

County Councillor: Craig Martin.

Clerk: David Murrell.

The Chairman commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone and wishing a Happy New Year..

Item 1. 26/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Dennis Hall and Graham Watson. Cllr Watson had requested a dispensation of s85 of the Local Government Act 1972 due to ongoing work commitments which presently made it impossible for him to attend Council meetings. Councillors discussed this request and agreed to a dispensation of six months. (**Resolved** on a show of hands with six in favour and two abstentions - to provide to Councillor Watson a dispensation of six months in attendance at Council meetings under s85 of the Local Government Act 1972).

Item 2. 26/02 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Craig Martin declared interests as a County Councillor and as a Trustee of Park View Academy. Councillor Chris Veitch declared an interest as Chairman of the North Lodge Remembrance Group. Councillors Jackie Gregory and Darren Hawkes declared interests as members of the North Lodge Remembrance Group.

Item 3. 26/03 Report of the County Councillor

The County Councillor's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

30mph for Vigo Lane Rejected

Massive thank you for everybody that responded to this petition, calling on Vigo Lane's speed limit reduced to 30mph. I've never received so many responses, working alongside Birtley Councillors. Having reviewed the significant number of responses from the community, the Council decided to keep the speed limit at 40mph. Despite the fact Vigo Lane is now completely residential. In their response, the Council have given a key reason for refusing this change as the road is not dangerous with its current 40mph limit. There aren't sufficient numbers of collisions that make this any worse than another road.

Despite this rejection, I will keep fighting for a 30mph speed limit on Vigo Lane. I continue to believe that 40mph is too fast here.

Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Durham County Council have made a series of changes relating to the Local Council Tax

Reduction Scheme. The poorest working age claimants, who receive 100% relief and pay no council tax, going forward will have to pay a 10% contribution. During the debate, I particularly argued against the Council reducing the amount of savings a working age individual can have before being eligible for Council Tax support. Reducing it from £16,000 to £10,000. Discouraging individuals from making this positive life choice in putting aside a proportion of their income away for future difficulties. Thus, encouraging them to be in a more financially precarious position. Durham County Council are also completely removing the rebate parish and town councils get. That compensates them for lost precept for those that receive council tax remission. This was originally going to be phased out over a period of years.

In addition, a) re the Vigo Lane speed limit and in reply to Cllr Gregory, the County Cllr advised that he will continue to press for a reduction in the 40mph speed limit on North Road and he outlined what practical means he would employ towards this, b) Re the Local Tax Reduction Scheme, the County Cllr gave his reasons for opposing the reduction in the savings limit, c) Cllr Gregory reminded the meeting that Go North East had stated that new buses would be provided on the number 21 service by late 2025 yet old buses were still being used. The County Cllr advised that he had personally witnessed new buses marked for the 21 service at the bus company depot, d) In reply to Cllr Caygill, the County Cllr gave an update on the current status of the Milburngate development.
Councillors thanked the County Councillor for his report.

Item 4. 26/04 Adoption of Minutes of Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 18th November 2025, draft copies of which had been previously circulated, were adopted as a true and accurate record of the Meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Item 5. 26/05 Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

Barley Mow Village Hall Christmas Lights

As Chair of North Lodge Parish Council, I was invited to attend Barley Mow Village Hall Christmas lights switch on. It was fantastic free event that the whole community were invited to. The Hall and residents were extremely grateful that I was there to show support. At the event I met North Lodge residents taking part and volunteering to support the event. Along with having a chat with the staff. Who want to do more to reach out across the area and promote their events. To ensure the long term survival of the facilities.

Councillors thanked the Chairman for his report.

Regarding outstanding matters -

- a) Re Minute 25/118 section c). Re safety of firefighters at Bonfire Night 2025, Cllr Gregory reported that Police had advised that there had been no recorded incidents regarding this issue.
- b) Re Minute 25/120 section b). Re speed monitoring in Blind Lane, the Clerk is to request the latest figures from the Traffic Management Officer.
- c) Re Minute 25/120 section b). In reply to Cllr May, Cllr Gregory provided an update on the recent vehicle incident at North Lodge, Lambton Park.
- d) Re Minute 25/120 section d). In reply to Cllr Gregory, the County Cllr advised that there was no definite date for the replacement of temporary barriers at Northlands roundabout.

Item 6. 26/06 Portfolio Holders' Reports

a) Communications and Media Development

Cllr Veitch's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

Since the last Meeting in November there has been posts relating to the following placed on our social media.

- CLS PACT Meetings
 - Bogus Tree Surgeon
 - Happy New Year message
 - Bin collections for Festive Period
 - Latest Parish Council litter pick
 - Christmas Gift appeal with CLS Police
 - Children's Christmas Disco with Santa at Lumley Castle
 - Precept Information for residents
 - Parking issues on Lombard Drive at school entrance
 - Santa in a Van
 - Chair of NLPC attends Barley Mow Village Hall for Christmas lights switch on
 - Christmas Event in CLS Market place
 - Birtley Community Centre Car-boot sale
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The Chairman thanked Cllr Veitch for his report.

b) Crime and Community Safety

Cllr Gregory's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

Crime

Please check website Police.uk for any recorded crime in the North Lodge parish.

Community Safety

Police

Speeding

Speed monitoring vehicle has been a regular visitor to Blind Lane.

A reminder to councillors and residents who wish to organise a Community Speed Watch in any area of the parish. Please contact our North Lodge Parish Clerk for details of how they can arrange this community event.

Spot the signs of 'cuckooing'.

Cuckooing is so called , when county lines dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person and use it to sell drugs.

Victims may be given drugs as "payment" or their home may be used to clear a debt.

Look out for

People at the property who don't live there

Lots of visitors coming and going at odd times

More taxis or cars outside than usual

Not seeing the usual occupant as often

The occupant seeming anxious, withdrawn or distracted

Drug paraphernalia near the property

If you spot any of these signs, call 101 (or 999 in an emergency).

You can also report anonymously to Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Scams

Police are urging people across County Durham and Darlington to be aware of a telephone scam circulating where callers pretend to be from Durham Constabulary.

During the call, fraudsters posing as officers are telling people to go to a supermarket to purchase high value gift cards and then send them a picture of the serial number.

Police Officers, your bank or other reputable organisations would never contact you to request money or purchase articles relating to money.

Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.

Never assume that a phone call is authentic and if you're unsure, always hang up immediately.

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm, call 999.

Drink Drive/Drug Driving

December numbers

30 people were arrested for drink driving.

61 were arrested for drug driving (cocaine and cannabis).

14 were arrested for being unfit to drive through alcohol or drugs.

4 were arrested for failing to provide a breath test.

Taking drugs and driving, think twice before you ruin your life.

Drugs stay in your system much longer than you think and when you're caught you can:

Lose your licence, lose your job and tragically lose your mates if you kill them when driving whilst unfit to do so.

Mobile Telephones/Stalking

While tracking devices like 'AirTags' can be a really simple way of keeping track of your items, Police found they can also be used by stalkers to track people without their consent.

If you're worried someone might be stalking you, you can use your phone to scan for nearby unknown or unwanted trackers.

If you've got an Android phone:

1. Go to settings
2. Select 'Safety and emergency'
3. Scroll down to 'Unknown tracker alerts'

If you've got an iPhone:

1. Go to 'Notifications'
2. Under 'Notification style' scroll down to 'Tracking notifications'
3. Select 'Allow notifications'

If your device locates a tracking device which isn't known to you and you feel your safety is at risk, please get in touch with the Police.

You can disable the device to stop it from sharing its location, but please do not try and locate the tracker yourself.

You can contact police on 101, or online at <http://www.durham.police.uk/.../af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

In an emergency, always call 999.

Recruitment

24 student police officers attended their attestation ceremony, marking the start of their journey with Durham Constabulary.

The attestation is where they formally swear an oath in the presence of a Justice of the Peace and become a holder of the Office of Constable.

The new recruits will now undergo 18 weeks of intensive training before joining local police response teams.

18 officers successfully completed their three-year Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship in partnership with Northumbria University.

For more information please refer to Durham Constabulary's social media accounts.

For non emergency telephone calls to police, use telephone number 101

For all emergency calls to Police, use telephone number 999

Co Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS)

Fire Kills campaign

If a fire breaks out in your home, every second is crucial.

CDDFRS is supporting the national 'Fire Kills' campaign to highlight how installing more smoke alarms in different areas of your home can help make sure you're alerted in the event of a fire.

CDDFRS want you to have a smoke alarm on every floor of your home and that you test them weekly by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds.

The best position is on ceilings, in the middle of rooms, hallways, and landings.

But don't fit smoke alarms in or near kitchens or bathrooms where steam may trigger false alarms !

CDDFRS fit smoke alarms for FREE. Please contact CDDFRS on 0345 223 4221.

Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm, or leave a voicemail out of hours.

To learn more visit: <https://orlo.uk/i5ULh>

Attendance figures

CDDFRS have attended 183 road traffic collisions from April 2025 to October 2025 across County Durham and Darlington.

However, winter is usually the time when firefighters experience the most dangerous conditions with hazards such as darkness, rain, fog, ice and dazzling sunshine.

Here's CDDFRS 's top 10 safety tips this winter.

Slow down if visibility is poor or the road is wet or icy.

Maintain a safe gap behind the vehicle in front.

Look out for motorbikes, cyclists and pedestrians which can be harder to spot in adverse weather and in the dark.

Avoid harsh braking and acceleration.

Remember to switch on your headlights.

Never set off until your heater has de-misted the windscreen fully.

Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin in cold weather. Check your route before setting off in bad weather.

Check tyres - tread depth should be at least 3mm.

Make sure you have an ice-scraper, de-icer, cloths and sunglasses in your vehicle.

Recruitment

CDDRS is looking for a Vehicle and Equipment Technician based at their modern Technical Services Centre in Bowburn, County Durham.

You will be responsible for the inspection, maintenance and repair of fire appliances, cars and operational equipment, ensuring firefighters can respond to incidents.

Deadline is 9am on Monday, February 2, 2026.

To find out more, visit: <https://orlo.uk/HMRd>

For more information please refer to CDDFRS's social media accounts

For any emergency telephone calls, use telephone number 999

Durham County Council (DCC)

Scams

DCC's parking team has been made aware of recent scam texts that are back in circulation across County Durham around Penalty Charge Notice's (PCN) -

The text appears as per below text or image:

"Parking Charge Notice (PCN): The record shows that you have an unpaid parking fine. The payment deadline is December 9, 2025. If it is not paid by then, you may be subject to additional fines and interest. Your driver's license may also be suspended. It may also have a negative impact on your credit record. After reading this message, please immediately enter your vehicle registration number in the link to check (the information inquiry is free).

(Link inserted here)

Please make the payment immediately to avoid further legal disputes. Thank you again for your cooperation."

If you receive the text - do not pay or click on the link. If you have already paid then we suggest contacting your bank to seek a resolution. DCC **does not** contact vehicle owners by text. If you receive a parking fine, a sticker with relevant contact details will be placed on your car and/or you will receive a letter.

For more info on current scams visit: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/currentscams>

Repair, Reuse and Recycling

Do you want to learn more about repair, reuse, and recycling?

DCC offers FREE talks and stalls for community groups and schools across County Durham.

Our sessions are designed to help you reduce waste, save money, and make a positive impact on the environment.

Book your free session today: wasteaware@durham.gov.uk

Garden Waste Bin

Sign up for garden waste bin collections for 2026

The annual subscription fee is £45. You will now receive an extra collection in response to Government guidelines.

You can use the garden waste bin for:

Grass cuttings, shrubs, leaves, weeds, flowers and bedding plants, hedge clippings and small branches

More information on how to sign up is available at www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Recruitment

There are vacancies for a wide range of jobs available at Durham County Council including:

Roofer, Apprentice (Business Administration), Teaching Assistant, Cleaning Assistant

Clerical Officer and Swim Teachers

Details of all current vacancies and how to apply are on DCC website: <https://ow.ly/IHk450W0VP9>

Durham County Council Jobs and Careers

To contact Durham County Council by telephone, use telephone number 03000260000

The Chairman thanked Cllr Gregory for her report.

c) Finance

Cllr Veitch's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

I have inspected the financial information supplied to me by the clerk and can confirm that everything appears correct. Only one query with regards to the bank fees charged by Lloyds Bank but was explained with the various activity/transactions with our account.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Veitch for his report.

d) Highways and Community Assets

Cllr Driscoll's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

The monthly bus shelters inspection was completed on Monday the 12th of January 2026. The majority of shelters appeared to be in good condition, but there were noticeable exceptions. The shelter near the Barley Mow mini - roundabout needed a yellow paint doodle to be cleaned on the stonework outside the shelter. Likewise, at the Ambleside Court shelter a white paint smear had to be cleaned down the join of two interior stone walls. The worst example of spraying was at the stone shelter in Picktree Village. The "Cross of St. George" in red and white, covers the entire front of the glass cabinet, plus the "No Smoking" sign, and the external bus timetable. These will need further examination and cleaning organised.

Re the graffiti, the Clerk will arrange for the cleaning of it from the glass cabinet, No Smoking sign and bus timetable at the Council's shelter in Picktree Village.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Driscoll for his report.

e) Horticulture

Cllr May's report included the matters contained in her written report, below -

QUEEN'S CANOPY TREES

The Queen's Canopy Trees (3) have now been given full permission for planting. Everything agreed. Stephen Makepeace will commence the planting very shortly

The Chairman thanked Cllr May for her report.

f) Meetings of Partnership Organisations

As there was not at present a Portfolio Holder, no report was made.

g) Picktree Village

Cllr Brown's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

Our resident trio of concerns remain for village residents

Speeding and huge commercial vehicles

Daily litter from motorists passing through

Graffiti and now red crosses on our bus shelters

I have photos of the most recent additions

An unpleasant event occurred around 2am on New Years Eve with residents woke by a loud bang and revving of an engine. A resident informed Police and they attended

A stolen jeep had presumably skidded and gone through Lambton wall and when revving failed was left completely burned out. The lane was closed until 10 am when a recovery truck removed the jeep. The resident who called Police was told that 2 cars were involved in a race from Shiney Row down to the A1 then up Picktree lane and down Bonemill lane and up the Washington highway back to Shiney Row

I have no further information about subsequent Police action. Highways have secured the damaged wall

This is another incident of anti social behaviour in the Village. Whatever next I wonder

I would like to discuss the possibility of a firm being employed to clean our bus shelters and I feel strongly that the only effective deterrent for our speeding issue is speed cameras and a fine

I also wonder if the decision to use the lane if there is any serious incident on the motorway is outdated. Traffic volume has increased significantly since the A1 was constructed if the decision has to stand then surely some form of traffic calming measure is needed that would benefit residents but still allow use if motorway traffic is diverted. The road surface is under constant threat by this increase in speed and size of vehicles. Perhaps the speed limit of 60mph up from the motorway to an instant change to 30 is a tad naive in concept. Signage is also poor at the change in limit. Could DCC look at this again?

This is a very concerning set of issues for a once fairly quiet area.

In addition, a) Councillors discussed possible traffic calming measures. The Clerk is to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask what information they would need from the Council to make progress on this matter, b) Re the dirty bus shelter near Lintfort, the County Cllr advised that the County Council has a policy of not cleaning bus shelters except for a few of the most used.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Brown for her report.

h) Planning

Cllr Hawkes outlined several new planning applications at sites close to the Parish. Re planning application DM/25/03472/OUT for up to 800 houses at Lambton Park, Councillors raised concerns re traffic implications from this. Cllr Hawkes is to make an appropriate submission to the Planning Department.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hawkes for his report.

i) Play Areas

Cllr Caygill's report included the matters contained in her written report below -

MERLIN DRIVE

All equipment appears to be in working order.

Once again we have considerable Mole infestations causing trip hazards.

LOW FLATTS

All equipment appears to be in working order.

Moles are also causing trip hazards in this area.

The signage for these areas has been raised again with DCC and directional signage is to be discussed at this meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Caygill for her report.

j) Policy and Governance

Cllr Hall's report included the matters contained in his written report below -

Announcements from the Department of Transport:

Government Press release (8 January)

New local powers to keep pavements clear for those who rely on them most

Local councils will be given the power to crack down on problem pavement parking.

Disabled people will benefit from new local powers being made available to local leaders across England to introduce pavement parking restrictions across their area, helping keep them clear and accessible for everyone who uses them, while allowing exemptions where needed.

Blocked pavements can create serious barriers for parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users, blind and partially sighted people and older people, limiting independence and making everyday journeys harder and less safe.

Following a [public consultation](#), the Department for Transport has confirmed that local leaders will be given new and improved legal powers to make it easier to restrict pavement parking across wider areas, rather than relying on the previous approach, where action is often limited to individual streets and requires lengthy, complex processes.

Local leaders know their streets best and are best placed to respond to local needs. Under the new approach, local leaders will be able to decide to take action on pavement parking in their area, and they will retain flexibility where they deem pavement parking may still be acceptable.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-local-powers-to-keep-pavements-clear-for-those-who-rely-on-them-most>

Government Written statement to Parliament

Pavement parking consultation: government response (8 January)

Announcing the publication of the government response to the consultation on pavement parking.

This statement provides the House with an update on steps the government is taking to tackle pavement parking. In short, we are giving local authorities the powers they need to address pavement parking more effectively, while ensuring consistency, clarity and fairness for all road users.

I am today announcing the publication of the government's response to the 2020 public consultation [Pavement parking: options for change](#). The response demonstrates our commitment to improve transport users' experience, ensuring that our roads and pavements are safe, reliable and inclusive.

The government is taking forward a new, devolved approach to pavement parking, reflecting our commitment to decisions being made closer to the communities they affect. Local leaders know their communities best, so they are in the strongest position to meet local needs effectively. Our overarching objective to make pavements accessible and safe remains unchanged, but rather than

introducing a 'one size fits all' national prohibition, which was one of the consultation options, we will instead enable local transport authorities to prohibit pavement parking across their areas at the next legislative opportunity.

In strategic authority (SA) areas outside London, the power will be vested in the SA as the local transport authority (LTA). In non-SA areas the power will be vested in the LTA, which is either the unitary authority or **county council**. This will support more responsive and inclusive transport planning in the interests of local communities.

In the meantime, secondary legislation will be introduced in 2026 to enable local authorities to enforce against unnecessary obstruction of the pavement. This provides a practical and proportionate interim solution, allowing councils to act where pavement parking is observed by uniformed civil enforcement officers. This power will sit alongside existing traffic regulation order making powers, enabling councils to enforce pavement parking restrictions both where TROs are in place and in other areas where obstruction occurs. The department will issue statutory guidance to support local authorities in using this power.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pavement-parking-consultation-government-response>

New Act:

Press release Landmark Planning and Infrastructure Bill becomes law (18 December)

The government's landmark Planning and Infrastructure Bill has received Royal Assent today.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/landmark-planning-and-infrastructure-bill-becomes-law>

This Act introduces a range of major planning reforms, significantly major changes to the composition, structure and composition of planning committees

The Chairman thanked Cllr Hall, in his absence, for his report.

k) Project Development, Business and External Relations

Cllr Martin and Cllr Veitch gave updates on the progress of the Remembrance Artwork.

Councillors thanked Cllr Martin and Cllr Veitch for the report.

Item 7. 26/07 Correspondence

1) From County Durham Association of Local Councils

email re Royal Garden Party and Lord Lieutenant Celebration Event

Councillors agreed to put forward the name of Cllr Hall for attendance at a Royal Garden Party.

2) From the National Association of Local Governments

email re Councillor's Statement of Assurance

3) Various planning applications, approvals and refusals from Durham County Council, of which the following application was within North Lodge Parish:-

Application for demolition of existing garage and rear extension and replace with a flat roof wrap-around single storey extension with a sky lantern, at 37 Lyndhurst Avenue.

Item 8. 26/08 Proposals, Reports and Requests for Consideration

a) Codes and Policies -

Amendment to the Members' Code of Conduct

Durham County Council had made an amendment to its Members' Code of Conduct. Councillors discussed if this amendment should be incorporated into the Parish Council Members' Code and agreed that the proposed amendment was unnecessary and inappropriate.

(Resolved - not to adopt the proposed amendment to the members' Code of Conduct).

Adoption of a Homeworking Policy

The Clerk outlined the prudence of establishing a Homeworking Policy and had circulated a draft Policy. Councillors discussed this and agreed to adopt the Policy as presented.

(Resolved - to adopt the Homeworking Policy as presented).

Adoption of an IT Policy

The Clerk outlined the requirement for an IT Policy and he had circulated a draft Policy. Councillors discussed this and agreed to adopt the Policy as presented.

(Resolved - to adopt the IT Policy as presented).

The Clerk was thanked for his work on producing the draft policies.

b) Direction Signage for Low Flatts Play Area

Councillors discussed a proposal for direction signage to Low Flatts Play Area. In his absence, Cllr Hall had submitted a written statement which was read out by the Clerk. Agreed to post directions including maps on social media. The Clerk is to purchase maps for inclusion in the noticeboards.

c) Purchase of Tables and Chairs for the Community Room at Park View School

Councillors agreed that the table/s provided were not in an acceptable condition but the chairs did not need replacement. The Clerk had discussed this matter with the School's Facility Manager who had offered assistance in sourcing suitable used furniture. Agreed that the Clerk is to pursue this and was given delegated authority to complete the transaction.

d) Proposals for the Use of the Community Improvement Fund and the Neighbourhood Budget

Several proposals were submitted including 1) a defibrillator for Picktree Village, 2) replacement seats for North Road alongside Northlands, the Lambton Worm and Kingsmere bus shelters, 3) refurbishment of the Longdean Park raised flower bed, 4) refurbishment of the flower bed at the entrance to Picktree Lodge.

Agreed to the replacement of the three seats. The other proposals are to be costed and discussed further at the next meeting of the Council.

Item 9. 26/09 Requests for Donations

The Clerk advised that there was one outstanding request, from Wag & Company. Councillors agreed to make a donation of £150. The Clerk advised that there was then £306 remaining in the donations budget and Councillors discussed appropriate charities to send donations to. Agreed to make donations of £150 to St Cuthbert's Hospice, Durham and £150 to Daft As A Brush Cancer Patient Care.

Item 10. 26/10 Payment of Accounts

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries	£ 664.56	Salaries December 2025	
Salaries	£ 664.76	Salaries January 2026	
Expenses	£ 115.00	Expenses December 2025	
Expenses	£ 115.00	Expenses January 2026	
Makepeace Landscapes	£ 1976.51	Horticulture December 2025	£ 329.42
Makepeace Landscapes	£ 1976.51	Horticulture January 2026	£ 329.42
Makepeace Landscapes	£ 192.00	Erecting Christmas Tree	£ 32.00
Makepeace Landscapes	£ 192.00	Taking Down Christmas Tree	£ 32.00
Craig Martin	£ 203.00	Chair's Quarterly Allowance	
Society of Local Council Clerks	£ 200.00	Annual Subscription	
Madhouse Media Ltd	£ 480.00	Annual Website Hosting Fee	£ 80.00
Total of Above Payments	£ 6779.34		

Payments Made by Debit Card and Direct Debit

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
ANS Group Ltd	£ 46.25	Monthly Subscription - Dec 2025	£ 7.71
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HM Revenue & Customs	£ 585.30	P.A.Y.E.	
HM Revenue & Customs	£ 250.89	Employer's N.I.C.	
Post Office Ltd	£ 40.80	Postage Stamps	
Total Card and D/D Payments £ 969.49			

(Resolved - the payments be approved as submitted).

Item 11. 26/11 Other Matters for Information

There were no other matters submitted

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.49pm thanking everyone for the many robust debates during the meeting.

North Lodge Parish Council

Accounts for the month as submitted to the Meeting of North Lodge Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th February 2026.

TO	AMOUNT	REASON	VAT
Salaries	£	Salaries February 2026	
Expenses	£ 115.00	Expenses February 2026	
Makepeace Landscapes	£	Horticulture February 2026	£
Makepeace Landscapes	£	Planting Celebration Trees	£
Forvis Mazars LLP	£ 378.00	Audit Fee	£ 63.00
DSJ Property Services	£ 50.00	Graffiti Cleaning	
Wag & Company	£ 150.00	Donation	
St. Cuthbert's Hospice	£ 150.00	Donation	
Daft As A Brush	£ 150.00	Donation	
Total of Above Payments	£		

Payments Made by Debit Card and Direct Debit

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Total Card and D/D Payments	£		

Balance to 31st January 2026

Balance b/f	£48184.91	Balances at Bank:-	
Deduct Payments - Dec 25/Jan 26	<u>£ 6779.34</u>	Community Account	£ 1451.11
	£41405.57	Commercial Instant Access	<u>£39699.07</u>
Deduct Card and D/D Payments	<u>£ 969.49</u>	Total	£41150.18
	£40436.08		
Add Bank Interest Received	<u>£ 45.60</u>	Deduct cheques not yet presented	<u>£ 680.00</u>
	£40481.68		
Deduct Bank Charges	<u>£ 11.50</u>		
	£40470.18		
Balance c/f	£40470.18		£40470.18

Two cheques not yet presented -

£200.00 cheque number 1695 dated 20/01/26 payable to Society of Local Council Clerks for annual subscription.

£480.00 cheque number 1696 dated 20/01/26 payable to Madhouse Media Ltd for website hosting fee.