

Ulleskelf Parish Council

**Annual Parish Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Councillors: Paul Spink, David Parkes, Andrew Lowe, Andy Haw, Janet Adamson, Graham Morfitt, David Parkes, one member of the public and Deborah Marshall (Parish Clerk).

**AP1/25 APOLOGIES** – None.

**AP2/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**AP3/25 CHAIRMANS REPORT 2024-25**

The Chairman's full report can be found in Appendix 1.

**AP4/25 ANY MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS**

Carl Clayton thanked the Chairman and members of the Parish Council for projects delivered in 2024-25.

**AP5/25 CLOSE OF MEETING.** The Chairman closed the meeting at 19:12.

## Appendix 1: Chairman's Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank all Parish Councillors for their efforts and support for the Parish over the past 12 months. Secondly, I'd like to thank Deborah, our new Clerk, who joined us in December 2024 and has done a fabulous job in getting up to speed with everything Ulleskelf has used her wealth of knowledge and experience to provide the Council in general and me in great support - thank you!

I'd also like to acknowledge a few other people in and around the Parish and thank them for their contributions (in no particular order!):

- Carl Clayton for his ongoing support in a variety of matters
- The Sports and Social team and particularly Josh for bringing The Pop-up Pub to the Village Hall
- Robert Dutton for his work in maintaining the planter in such great shape at the Memorial Garden
- Mick Parnaby for being available to undertake jobs around the village
- The volunteer members of the Pump Maintenance and Deployment Team and the Ulleskelf Emergency Flood Group for keeping a watchful eye (although thankfully not as busy as in previous years).
- Chris Chittock for Chairing the LEA Working Group and Dan Matthewman from County Planning who has provided technical expertise and guidance
- Neil Cowan, our SADRUG representative, for his unwavering commitment to try and improve train services and finally, my wife Angela Spink, who did a fantastic job 'between Clerks' and kept everything running smoothly until Deborah came on board!

During the period we delivered:

- Sports pavilion and storage containers
- Planned and delivered D-Day celebrations
- New street lighting
- Tree planting around the sports field
- Conducted a full survey of the village (village centre and New Ulleskelf) in respect of MUGA usage and 'what else would you like to see'
- New signage for the MUGA and children's play area
- The long-requested safety mirror for the junction at West End
- New litter bin at the sports field
- Donated a new flag/flagpole to the Village Hall
- Continuing support for our Sports & Social Committee
- Additional VAS (vehicle activated speed signs) to slow traffic
- Continuing support for the fellowship lunches (thank you Barbara, Lynne et al!)

We're in the process of delivering:

- Village gateway signs for the main routes into the village
- Extended 30mph zone on New Road
- Transitional 40mph buffer zone on New Road alongside the sports field
- A further, more prominent VAS at the end of West End
- New Christmas lights at New Ulleskelf along Church Fenton along Busk Lane outside LEA
- New Christmas lights along Church Fenton Lane (the main road) to complement the regular displays from Carl
- Sponsorship and support for the VE Day celebrations

We want to deliver:

- Regularised and normalised planning/development at LEA with consideration for the neighbourhood, particularly in relation to HGV traffic
- Improvements to train services and connections, particularly to Leeds and York, working collaboratively with Church Fenton Parish Council to benefit both Parishes
- Further analysis of the MUGA survey results to determine what else we can work on delivering
- Being fully engaged with any planning applications in and around the Parish
- Being fully engaged with all residents of 'Old Ulleskelf' and 'New Ulleskelf' to find out what residents want
- 'Encouraging' North Yorkshire Highways Department to progress the road repair on New Road (over the bridge)

Thank you to all involved (and to anyone I've failed to mention individually by name) in contributing to the wonderful Parish of Ulleskelf.

Paul Spink  
Chairman, Ulleskelf Parish Council