



Up Holland Parish Council

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The Minutes of the meeting of Up Holland Parish Council held on **Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.30pm** in the Up Holland Methodist Church, Alma Hill, WN8 ONR.

Present: Cllr Jenny Whiting (Deputy Chairman), Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Linda Jones, Cllr Helen Johnston, Cllr Nigel Swales, Cllr Richard Taylor.

7.15pm to 7.30pm public participation: no issues raised.

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Neil Smith (Chairman), Cllr Neil Pye, Cllr Alex Stoddart, Cllr Gill Sinnott. Cllr Andrew Grant was not in attendance.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 12th May 2026

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Accounts for ratification and payment

X2 Connect Ltd	090626	Telephone kiosk equipment	27	£481.58*
Methodist Church	120626	Room hire general meetings	28	£20.00
Wm Fernandez	160626	Cleaning 3 noticeboards	29	£15.00
UpH Handyman	220626	Realign gates at Morris Rd	30	£100.00
E A Broad	240626	Salary, expenses	31	£1,513.68
HMRC	240626	Tax & NI payments	32	£426.70
NEST	240626	Pension payment	33	£232.64

Laurence Davis	250626	Grass cutting contract	34	£1,437.50
Yates Playgrounds	250626	Play area inspections	35	£352.00*
Unity Trust	300626	Bank charges	36	£6.77

*contains recoverable VAT

Receipts:-

CCLA	020626	Return on investment estimate	£330.54
Bank balance as at 8th June 2026			
Reserve account:		£198,990.23	
Current account:		£ 7,321.63	
Total:		£206,311.86	
CCLA balance on investments		£102,908.75	
Total:		£ 309,220.61	

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

Cllr Jones arrived at 7.40pm.

5. To record any police issues

Email from PC 1719 Rhodes (Immediate Response T3 Skelmersdale Station) received 17.45 on Saturday 6th June 2026 detailing a break-in and damage to the old abandoned methodist church on School Lane (21A), which they falsely believed was parish council property. It is not known who owns the building now as it has passed through a number of owners. The investigation number is 04/94736/26. However, the police have not been able to identify a suspect and therefore the investigation will be closed (unless further information comes to light).

6. Ward Reports: Update the meeting on issues Councillors are attending to

The wall at Mill Lane Park has graffiti on it, so is ready for repainting.

The Parish Council has obtained a lease from LCC for the walled garden outside the Good Catch Chip shop and the boundary shown extends to roughly half a car length into the car park. This car park is owned by WLBC and some of the surface could be better. The concern is if the parish council is liable should someone fall on the car park. As only the edge of the wall is within the lease, it is thought that liability would remain with WLBC.

Village Ward: Negotiations to create a community field of remembrance appear to have stalled as the land owner no longer wishes to sell the field. An electric charging point has been installed in the new carpark at the parish church. The Raj Gate restaurant (just outside Up Holland Parish) is currently suffering reduced bookings,

believed to be due to the disturbance created by the building of the new Aldi at Abbey Lakes.

Crawford Ward: The contractor to produce the Welcome to Crawford signs was selected as David Ogilvie Engineering. Comparative quotations were received from Signs of the Times and Harry Stebbing. All produced excellent designs but David Ogilvie's mining and farming scene on black metal to match the benches in the village was preferred. Following advice, the request to place the signs along the roadside has been submitted via the LCC website and a response is awaited.

Pavements obscured by hedgerow along Crawford are again creating a problem for drivers. As most of this is private land alongside the highway, the responsibility is not parish, but County. Residents are advised to report using Love, Clean Streets App and County Councillor Swales has asked LCC Highways to write to landowners to cut back the foliage.

7. To further discuss Roby Mill Book Exchange BT Kiosk

There has been difficulty putting the parish council logo onto the Book Exchange sign, so an order for plain Book Exchange signs x3, a paint kit, lock and a black board for the inside has been ordered from X2 Connect Ltd. This company has the exclusive contract to supply parts for the K6 telephone kiosk, which is a listed item in the Roby Mill conservation area. A small group of parish councillors will take this project forward when the equipment is delivered.

8. To discuss any play area issues, to include:-

- **Roby Mill – issue of dry-stone walling repairs**

Awaiting quotations. Dry-stone wall repair is specialist work and there are very few contractors able to undertake this. Whilst this is the land owner's responsibility, it has been difficult to identify the land owner and, as the parish council has play equipment on the land, it was agreed to obtain quotations and take this further when a quote is obtained.

- **Lawns Ave – consider residents ideas as follows:**
 - i. **fencing around ball park**

It was resolved to instal a fence, along the boundary line of 23 metres; the panels and posts suggested were accepted. Quotations will be sought with an urgency on this matter to prevent any more encroachment into the nettles.

- ii. **removal of nettles around the park**

These are past the boundary line of the play area, so cutting these back will not achieve anything. It could open the sloped land up for exploration by children. If a fence is in place, the area of concern will be out of bounds and the area can be left to nature.

- iii. **extension of safety surfacing to the slide**

The Wicksteed Leisure Matrix climber and slide is described as a challenging piece of equipment for older children. It was selected to meet the need as older children were using the park with little for their age group on site at the time. The safety surfacing is matched exactly to the equipment so Wicksteed Leisure has been asked to advise; (i) does it require extended safety surfacing (ii) can the end of the slide be extended to create a gentler run-off at the end?

iv. cover entire play area with safety surfacing

This is cost-prohibitive. Whilst the complainant cited Knowsley Council's play area, Tower Hill Park in Knowsley; this is not comparative, as that project will cost in the region of £1 million.

- **Mill Lane – feasibility of informal football pitch**

There is concern that the location suggested is too close to the road; the ball could go into the road from there and the fixed football posts are likely to be used for climbing and missile throwing into the road and at the houses across the road.

Further into the site, the land has an issue with moles and the surface is not really suitable for football. It was agreed to paint a goal post on the wall, but reconsider the proposal for an informal mini-pitch at the next meeting.

Myawaki Woodland

It was resolved to submit an application for a free 105 woodland wildlife pack of saplings to supplement the Myawaki woodland, as recommended by Ian Wright, (LCC Treescapes), who confirmed that the woodland was developing well and needs just a little more planting to support it's further growth.

9. Update from LALC (Lancashire Association of Local Councils)

The next meeting will be held on 17th September 2026.

10. Any Update from Borough or County Councillors

County Councillor Swales was in attendance and answered questions about LCC. No Borough Councillors in attendance. The Clerk confirmed that County & Borough Councillor Ella Worthington had been approached in her capacity as Cabinet Member for Civic Pride but there was no response yet.

11. To consider any planning issues or applications

Application No: 2026/0409/FUL

Proposal: Removal of condition 7 of planning permission 2014/0033/FUL in relation to garage use.

Site Location: 124 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 0AF.

Parish Council Response: No comment on this proposal.

Application No: 2026/0318/FUL

Proposal: First floor extension above existing garage.

Site Location: 63 Ayrefield Road, Roby Mill, Up Holland, Skelmersdale, Lancashire.

Parish Council Response: Up Holland Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

Application No: 2026/0355/FUL

Proposal: Composite front and rear doors, PVC sash look front windows upstairs and downstairs in agate grey.

Site Location: 50 School Lane, Up Holland, Skelmersdale, Lancashire, WN8 0LW.

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

Application No: 2026/0361/ADV

Proposal: Advertisement Consent - To replace existing signs and associated lighting.

Site Location: The Plough And Harrow, 174 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, Lancashire.

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

Application No: 2026/0364/LBC

Proposal: To replace existing external signs and associated lighting including repainting of the exterior.

Site Location: The Plough And Harrow, 174 Ormskirk Road, Up Holland, Lancashire.

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

Application No: 2026/0376/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension.

Site Location: Olde Shippon, 103 Tower Hill Road, Up Holland, Lancashire.

Parish Council Response: There are concerns that this property has already been extended to create a significantly enlarged footprint in this rural location.

Application No: 2026/0379/FUL

Proposal: Erection of storage building to West of existing unit.

Site Location: 1A Prestwood Place, East Pimbo, Up Holland, Lancashire.

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

Application No: 2026/0399/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single-storey rear and side extension, and demolition of existing garage.

Site Location: 123 Hallbridge Gardens, Up Holland, Lancashire, WN8 0EP.

Parish Council Response: Up Holland Parish Council has no objections to this proposal.

Application Number: 2026/0462/FUL

Proposal: Application for Permission in Principle -Erection of 1no. single-storey dwelling.

Site Location: Land East Of, Bank Road, Up Holland, Lancashire.

Parish Council Response: Up Holland Parish Council objects to application 2026/0462/PIP.

Permission in Principle is concerned with whether the site is suitable for residential development in principle. The Parish Council considers that the site is not suitable for residential development as it lies within the Green Belt and insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that the proposal falls within any recognised exception to Green Belt policy.

The introduction of a new dwelling, associated domestic curtilage, parking and residential activity would represent encroachment into the countryside and would diminish the openness of the Green Belt. The proposal would therefore conflict with national Green Belt policy and the Green Belt objectives of the West Lancashire Local Plan.

The Parish Council requests that Permission in Principle be refused.

Application Number: 2026/0373/FUL

Proposal: Proposed redevelopment and extension of existing industrial warehouse facility including vertical extension of the warehouse building, construction of additional office accommodation, and associated internal reconfiguration and external works.

Location: Eurowrap Ltd, 2 Pikelaw Place, West Pimbo, Up Holland, Skelmersdale.

Parish Council Response: Up Holland Parish Council has no objections to this proposal.

Application Number: 2026/0457/FUL

Proposal: Proposed replacement access and reconfiguration of existing car park

Location: 1 Parkside Place, Oasis Business Park, Up Holland, Lancashire, WN8 9RD.

Parish Council Response: Up Holland Parish Council has no objections to this proposal.

The following decision was noted:

2026/0343/PNH

Decision: PNH Prior Approval NOT required

Proposal: Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - extension of dwellinghouse. Extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse - by 6.00m. Maximum height of the extension 4.00m. Height of eaves of the extension 4.00m

Location: 1 St Gabriels Close, Roby Mill, Up Holland, Lancashire, WN8 0QS

12. Resolution for the Exclusion of Press and Public

It is recommended that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with

Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and as, in all circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Section 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The nature of the exempt information and the relevant exemption paragraph is shown.

Resolved.

13. Provision of Goods and Services

- (a) Further action on tearoom creation at Bowling Green and Tawd Valley Development collaboration

An update from Sphere Architects is awaited. It was agreed to share the proposal with Tawd Valley when it comes through to negotiate further on the terms of use of the bowling green carpark and parish land.

- (b) Next steps for allotment creation at Delamere Way/Morris Road field

Awaiting update from Sphere Architects. The gates have been realigned however encroachment from tree roots from neighbouring properties have tipped the gate so that further work is required.

It was resolved to prioritise a soil sample survey of this land, particularly looking for any heavy metals that might prevent its use as an allotment.

- (c) Land Registry completion of lease with LCC for land within the walled garden adjacent to The Good Catch Chip Shop

Currently awaiting confirmation from solicitors that the lease has been lodged with the Land Registry.

14. Employment Issues

- (a) Agree NALC recommendation to increase petrol allowance from 45 pence per mile to 55 pence per mile

Agreed.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38pm.

Cllr Neil Smith
Chairman

14th July 2026