Minutes of the Meeting of Carleton-in-Craven Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday the 26th November 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. P Holmes, Cllr. R Lacy, Cllr.N Clayton-Stead, Cllr.F Wood , Cllr. A. Solloway

25.864 **Public Participation Period.**
One member of the public was in attendance who requested funds for the planters acknowledging the late request sent to the clerk.

25.865 **Apologies for absence.** Apologies and reasons received from Cllrs. Prest and Taylor. Approved.

25.866 **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests**.
Cllr Holmes declared an interest in agenda item 5.3, being a trustee of Carleton-in-Craven Village Hall committee.

25.867 **Minutes**
It was resolved that the draft minutes for the Parish Council held on 29th October 2025 be accepted as true and accurate.

25.868 **Progress Reports**

25.869 It was resolved to increase the precept for 2026/2027 to £25,000.

25.870 Councillors discussed the proposal but it was noted that any repairs appeared to be conditional upon purchasing new equipment. It was resolved to take the remaining infant swing out of use with a message posted on Facebook to make residents aware why this was necessary. It was resolved that the clerk seek another company to provide a quotation for the repairs. New equipment can be discussed in the New Year once repairs have been concluded.

25.871 The Parish Council discussed the correspondence received from the Village Hall Committee. It was resolved that much more information was required to enable the Parish Council to carry out due diligence regarding a request for funding via the precept. The clerk will draft a letter for comments.

25.872 The clerk asked councillors to provide an update regarding the recent Parish Council Surgery. It was confirmed that no villagers attended.

The clerk advised that she met with Mr J Waterhouse in the Plantation to discuss future clearance. Having later met with Jonathan Strange from Tree Tops Forestry Ltd, the advice was to remove most of the self seeded Beech saplings close to the beck wall in the lower part of the Plantation. Jonathan will also remove other saplings next to the walls and other weeds. The Parish Council resolved to accept his quotation.

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The clerk advised that Beck Side will be closed in January to enable gas works to take place.

Area5 have responded regarding a new grit bin on Leys Close. Although the Parish Council has resolved to purchase a new bin, a site survey is required to ensure that the footpath would not be impeded by a bin.

The clerk advised that she has not managed to source an engineer to undertake a survey of the beck wall. It was resolved that she seek advice from the YLCA.

The Parish Council resolved to fund the summer planters. The clerk was asked to contact Carleton-in-Bloom and advise that removing flowers still in bloom does not tally with the Parish Council's biodiversity policy. The preference would be for there to be some perennials in the tubs, providing a long term investment and negating the need for so many annuals.

25.873 Cllr. Solloway advised that the budget for North Yorkshire Council was set on 26th November. Council tax will go up by the 4.99% allowed without the requirement for a referendum. It was felt that rural areas such as North Yorkshire are not doing as badly financially as it had previously been feared.

It was advised that temporary CCTV has been installed in Skipton bus station in an attempt to curb anti- social behaviour.

25.874 **Planning applications.**

The responses to the applications received below were noted:

ZA25/27421/VAR:Section 73 application to vary condition no 1 (Approved Plans) of planning approval ZA24/26057/VAR

Carla Beck Farm, Carla Beck Lane, Carleton-in-Craven, BD23 3BU – NO OBJECTION.

25.875 **Financial Matters.**

To note and approve the following items for payment:

a) MH Services – Wood for shelving in the old telephone box - £73.31

Account balances as at 27th October 2025:
Community account - £26,549.97
Business Premium account - £2,040.75

25.876 **Items for future agenda**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be on Wednesday 27th January 2026.
The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

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Signature of Chair:_____ Date: _____