

Sancton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Monday 20th April 2026 at 7:00pm in
Sancton Methodist Chapel, Rispin Hill, Sancton**

Present

Cllr D Cary (Chair), Cllr P Parvin, Cllr A Liley, Cllr M Wintersgill, Cllr S Wightman

Also Present

Miss H Bowater (Clerk)

Apologies

Ward Cllrs Leo Hammond & Paul West

200426/1 - Apologies

Apologies were received from Ward Cllrs. Leo Hammond and Paul West who were attending other meetings.

200426/2 – Consideration of Public Participation and Recording of Meeting

No members of the public present

200426/3 – Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

No dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed.

200426/4 – Public Participation & Open Forum

Cllr Wightman on behalf of the Church invited the Parish Council to select a hymn for the Church Songs of Praise event. Other groups in the village have also been asked to select a hymn.

200426/5 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

a) It was **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sancton Parish Council held on 16th March 2026 were approved by Members and signed by the Chair.

200426/6 – Open Space Management

- a) Village field – NTR
- b) Cemeteries/closed Churchyard – The path in front of the closed churchyard is overgrown with nettles. Cllr Wightman will arrange for it to be sprayed with weedkiller on the long weekend while the nursery children are not around.
- c) Gravel pits – NTR
- d) Pond area – The leak has reappeared but along the edge of the grass. The Cllrs will continue to monitor.
- e) Car park – Cllr Wightman reported that a member of the public has said that the village car park signs block the line of sight when exiting the car park. The Clerk will contact the nursery to ask if they could move the sign backwards slightly.
- f) Play area – NTR
- g) Other open space management issues – Footpath along King Street (in front of the Star) is in a state of disrepair and needs to be resurfaced. The Clerk will report to Parish Open Door.

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The village benches will need repainting this spring. Cllrs Wightman & Wintersgill volunteered to paint the benches.

- h) Cllr Cary In favour of purchasing planters for the corner of Low Street
Cllr Cary proposed Cllr Parvin seconds
Cllrs voted in favour of the motion to apply for a grant to purchase the planters

200426/7 – Accounts

- a. The following payments were approved:

20/04/26	H Bowater (Clerk)	Phone top up	6.00
25/04/26	H Bowater (Clerk)	Salary 26/03/26 – 25/04/26	REDACTED
20/04/26	Wolds Edge Methodist Church	Hall hire Annual	156.00
20/04/26	R C Shucksmith	Grass cutting & maintenance	6228.00
20/04/26	H Bowater (Reimburse) Houghton Estate	Village field rent 6 months	18.00

200426/8 – Grants & Funding Opportunities

- a. EGL2 Grant

The Clerk sent the grant application to replace the footpath at the front of the closed cemetery.
No updates yet.

200426/9 – Community Woodland

The allotment area is contaminated with broken glass and ERYC are reluctant to continue with the clearance work for the time being.

The Cllrs felt that as the area is unsafe the council should install a permanent fence across the area if they are not going to go ahead with the clearance. Cllr Cary will speak to the Ward Cllrs to inform them.

200426/10 – Matters arising from the March Meeting

- a. Blocked gulleys/drains on King Street – Not addressed – Cllr Cary to report
- b. Pothole on corner near methodist chapel – Not addressed
- c. Price for replacement for replacing the wooden fence around the pond like-for-like in wood – No updates yet
- d. Damaged BT box – Wold Rise corner –The cover has not yet been fixed. Not yet addressed
- e. Grit bin to be filled – Wold Rise – Not yet addressed
- f. Fly tipping on the allotment site via Parish Open Door and the bookcase – Not yet addressed – Cllr Cary to chase
- g. Contact Rackhams Accountants to check availability for the internal audit - Completed
- h. Letter to the owner of the house on Low Street to ask that the temporary fencing in front of the building be taken down – No response

200426/11 – Correspondence

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- a) EGL2 - Regional Fund Public Information Events Newsletter
- b) Keep Britain Tidy dog fouling campaign
- c) Forward Planning Notice of Adoption

200426/12 - Minor Items

- a) Clerk will purchase a printer up to £80.00
- b) The cemetery noticeboard roll of honour has arrived.

200426/13 - Agenda for next and future meetings

- a. Fencing at the pond area
- b. Planters/funding
- c. Top up the Chairmans expenses

200426/14 - Next Meeting & Annual Meeting

It was confirmed that the annual meeting would take place on **Monday 18th May 2026** commencing at 18:45.

It was confirmed that the ordinary meeting would take place on **Monday 18th May 2026** commencing at 19:00.

The meeting closed at 20:32

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Actions from the meeting held on Monday 20th April 2026

1. Cllr Wightman to spray weeds along closed Cemetery footpath – on Bank Holiday Weekend
2. Cllr Cary will report the ongoing Parish Open Door issues from the March 2026 meeting
3. The Clerk will research Acorns grant for the planters
- 4.

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