

**UGTHORPE & HUTTON MULGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & NEWSLETTER
FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF
UGTHORPE & HUTTON MULGRAVE PARISHES 4 MARCH 2026**

I would like to once again take the opportunity to thank the Clerk and all the Councillors for their involvement over the last year. Not all the work undertaken is visible, but everything takes time!

The parish council has continued to keep residents up to date with pertinent information by circulating the annual Chairman's report/newsletter, updating noticeboards and providing relevant information on its website.

I would also like to thank all residents for the time and effort given in keeping our parish clean and tidy.

Cllr S Parkes, Chairman
Ugthorpe & Hutton Mulgrave Parish Council

Ugthorpe & Hutton Mulgrave Parish Council Contact Information: Councillor names and contact telephone numbers are available on the parish council noticeboards and website. Please be aware that personal email and social media accounts of either members of the council or the Clerk are not methods by which to contact councillors or the parish council. Please use the following methods to contact the parish council:

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Ugthorpe & Hutton Mulgrave Parish Council Meetings

Next meeting will be:

7.00pm Wednesday 6 May 2026 at Meadowcroft Ugthorpe Ltd, Ugthorpe, YO21 2BL for the Annual Meeting of the Council followed by the ordinary Ugthorpe & Hutton Mulgrave Parish Council Meeting

The schedule of meetings for the coming year is decided at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May. However, generally the parish council meets the first Wednesday in the month on a quarterly basis – see the parish council noticeboards for further information.

Parish Council Tax Precept: The 2026/2027 council tax precept for Ugthorpe & Hutton Mulgrave Parish Council was decided at the December 2025 meeting following a review of the estimated 3 year budget. The parish council was notified by North Yorkshire Council (NYC) that the outcome from the NYC Executive Meeting on the 21/10/25 stated that there will be no equivalent Model Agreement funding from 2026/27 financial year ie no funds for grass verge cutting, seat maintenance or payment to St Annes and Christ Church towards cemetery/burial ground maintenance. As residents will recall, the Model Agreement Funding was previously provided by Scarborough Borough Council. Due to the cessation of the Model Agreement Funds it was resolved to increase the precept from £2750 to £5000 to assist with the reduced funding to allow the parish council to continue with rural road grass cutting. This means a Band D equivalent will rise from £26.87 to £48.55 per annum.

Resignation of Parish Clerk: After nearly 4 years Victoria has handed in her notice of resignation, with her last day of employment being the 31 March 2026. The parish council wishes her well for the future, and thanks her for the time and effort she has put into various projects around the parishes and ensuring that the parish council is up to speed and operating legally!

The parish council is actively looking for a new Clerk; however, should a Clerk not be appointed in time by the end of March, Cllr E Jowsey will take up the role on an interim basis.

Ugthorpe & Hutton Mulgrave Parish Council has had a busy year, activities include:

- Voluntarily monitored footpaths throughout the parish and reported footpath issues to NYMNPA Rangers
- Worked with North Yorkshire Council to tackle ongoing issues such as potholes, highway surface faults, flooding problems, street lighting, winter gritting etc. There has been a significant amount of road repairs undertaken over the last year by NYC
- Considered planning applications and consultations throughout the year from North York Moors National Park Authority and North Yorkshire Council
- Organised for roadside verges to be cut throughout the parish
- Responded to queries from members of the public and pointed them in the right direction to get a resolution
- Received periodic reports from County Cllr David Chance
- The parish council has continued to meet legislative and regulatory requirements as set out in various statutes
- Liaised with the Skills4Work Team to plant 8 Prunus Amanogawa blossom trees in March last year to commemorate VE Day 80



- Monitored assets such as seats, noticeboards etc for any repairs required
- Cllrs have attended the NYMNPA Annual Parish Training Event