

Catwick Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting
16th September 2026
7.15pm Catwick Village Hall

Present: Cllrs V Norton (in Chair) L Samuel, V Watson, C Ulliott, P Sowter, A Wilson
Ward Cllr Holtby
Clerk Nicki Salvidge

1. Apologies

Cllr Lowes

2. To suspend the meeting for public Participation.

3. Declaration of pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest regarding items on the agenda.

Cllr Norton declared a pecuniary interest in item 8 paying K Norton as husband.

4. Minutes

Proposed as a true record Cllr Ulliott seconded Cllr Sowter agreed by all.

5. Matters arising

6. Policy update (to accept new policies)

Vexatious policy agreed by all to adopt with immediate effect.

7. Planning -

Letter of concern from resident re non-material changes to Garage/Office at The Barn Discussed, due to ongoing complaint from the property owner the council felt uncomfortable becoming involved, Cllr Sowter suggested it be dealt with as we would normally. Reply to be sent back to resident agreed.

8. Financial matters

To pay clerk

Keith Norton

9. Correspondence and matters arising from correspondence

Received Letters from Mr Clubley dated 20/8/2026, 22/8/2026, 26/8/2026, 14/9/2026 on behalf of Catwick residents. With request Letter dated 14th September to be read out

06/09/2026 Dear Clerk and Chair of Parish Council, We think the current system and procedures operated by the Council do not appear to support democracy or give the residents of our village a meaningful voice in decisions that directly affect our community. Residents should have a genuine opportunity to express their views, raise concerns and have those views properly considered before decisions are made. Unfortunately, this experience has left residents feeling that their opinions are not being adequately listened to and that the existing procedures do not provide residents with a meaningful opportunity to influence matters concerning our village. If residents are unable to achieve a satisfactory resolution through the normal Council and Parish Council procedures, the only avenue left available to us is to make our collective position formally known. Please read the letter below.

Dear Councillor Samuels and Parish Council (to be read out in the meeting on the 16th September 26) pls minute this request in meeting. We the signatories of the petition of Catwick Village write formally to Councillor Samuels and the Parish Council, asking her to carefully consider and respect the views expressed by the 60 residents who have signed the petition and to step down from her role as a Parish

Councillor. We wish to make it clear that this is not simply the opinion of the 60 individuals whose names appear on the petition. The petition is an expression of the wider concern and strength of feeling that exists within our village. The overwhelming feeling among residents is that Councillor Samuels should recognise the concerns about her conduct raised by the community. This is not about personal differences or political disagreement. It is about accountability, trust, representation and respect for the democratic wishes of the residents of our village. We believe that an elected representative has a responsibility to listen to the people they represent, particularly when a significant number of residents have taken the time to formally express their concerns through a petition. Councillor Samuels, we respectfully ask you to listen to and respect the petition and the views of the residents of our village. We ask you to consider the strength of feeling that has been expressed and whether, in the interests of the village and the residents you represent, stepping down from your position as a Parish Councillor is now the appropriate course of action. Our village deserves a Parish Council that residents can have complete confidence in and is respectful of all the residents living in such a small community.

Response to letter of 22/8/2026 sent on 26/8/2026 to Mr Clubley for him to give out to residents he is corresponding on behalf of.

10. Any urgent business

Due to amount of correspondence from residents via Mr Clubley, Letter to ALL residents re ongoing issue agreed to be sent out.

The overall effect this is having on the parish council as a whole discussed and Ward Cllr Holtby suggested the clerk contact ERYC for support for anyone struggling with their mental health over this.

Cllr Holtby asked if there was any work outstanding in the village we would like him to take to ERYC.

Footpath between Catwick and Leven garage not fit for purpose overgrown, unfortunately Community payback will no longer clear paths out of a 30mph limit.

Ideas for footpaths brought forward before - Rowpit Lane continuation of path up from Bus Stop to Church Lane, and from Bus Stop north towards Northcroft Garage also suggested.

30mph sign coming into village from Leven bent during hedge cutting.

11. Date of next meeting 21st October 2026

Meeting closed 7.55pm

Signed _____ 21st October 2026