

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2025

Present:

Parish Cllrs: James Peacock(Chair); Darren Percival ; Samantha Parfitt; Miriam Cloughton; Thomas Tennant.

NY Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

Apologies: None

Parish Clerk: Mrs Kate Kelly, also Responsible Financial Officer.

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1.	Chairman reminded everyone present of the right to record the meeting although the Council would not be doing so.
2.	<u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u>
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None
4.	<u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20th May 2025</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 20 th May 2025 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. Cllr. Cloughton proposed that they be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings and this was seconded by Cllr. Parfitt. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
5.1	<u>Street Lighting</u> The street light outside the Victoria Arms is now working. This matter is now resolved.
5.2	<u>Bainbridge Village Green</u> The deceased copper beech tree has been removed. Cllr. Percival advised that the Lords of the Manor had paid for the removal. The stump will require to be removed and the Parish Council will pay for this and a replacement tree. The Clerk will arrange for a replacement copper beech which will be planted later in the year. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting. The new bench is due to be delivered tomorrow:- Further to the meeting the Bench was delivered and the memorial plaque added and it is now in situ on the green. This matter is now resolved.

	<p>The broken bench was inspected and it is Ok. This matter is now resolved.</p>
5.3	<p>Bainbridge Christmas Lights</p> <p>We have not heard anything further from the Christmas Lights committee regarding them possibly looking to be covered by our insurers. We will take no further action until contacted again by the Lights committee.</p>
5.4	<p>Speed Limit on A684 through Worton</p> <p>The Clerk has written again to NYC asking for an update on progress re our request to reduce the speed limit to 30mph through the village.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning applications</u></p> <p>None received.</p>
7	<p><u>Planning decisions –</u></p> <p>To receive decision's or information relating to recent planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full planning permission for works comprising: conversion of two existing conjoined agricultural buildings for use for the purposes of gallery/studio for craft, art and cultural events by invitation; erection of two new buildings that contain a workshop, a staff accommodation unit (2 bed) and three short stay visitor accommodation units (each 2 bed); landscaping works, biodiversity enhancements, access alterations and car parking, all in association with the gallery/studio enterprise, (part-retrospective) at Thorns Farm, Marsett Lane, Countersett, DL8 3DE - R/52/243A <p>This application went to the planning committee on the 15th of this month and was approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed building consent for removal of two existing storage sheds to the east of the Former School building and replace with a single-storey timber Spa Treatments Building with monopitch roof and associated external timber decking, and to relocate one storage shed adjacent to the rear/side of the main hotel at Yorebridge House Hotel, Bainbridge, DL8 3EE - R/52/194K/LB <p>This application is currently shown as under consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full planning permission for removal of two existing storage sheds to the east of the Former School building and replace with a single-storey timber Spa Treatments Building with monopitch roof and associated external timber decking, and to relocate one storage shed adjacent to the rear/side of the main hotel at Yorebridge House Hotel, Bainbridge, DL8 3EE - R/52/194J <p>This application is currently shown as under consideration.</p>
8	<p><u>Protected Tree Applications</u></p> <p>None received.</p>
9	<p><u>Highways matters</u></p> <p>The following updates were received regarding issues raised at previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village sign for Cubeck

	<p>The residents had requested that a village sign be erected. The Clerk received a map from NYC with proposed sites for signs. This was amended and returned to them but nothing further has been heard.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will request an update.</p>
10	<u>Financial Matters</u>
10.1	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary May 25 - £199.11 • Mrs K Prudden- Cemetery- Interment fee - £44.00 • Mr J Banks – Cemetery- Grass Cutting - £100.00 • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary June 25 £199.11 • HMRC- P30 Qtr1- £149.20 • Metcalfe Groundworks— Cemetery- Sextons Fee - £165.00 • H Metcalfe & Son – Fuel for lawnmower- grass cutting village green - £209.00 • Mrs K Prudden- Cemetery- Interment fee - £44.00 • Sam Turner & Sons- replacement bench- £280.49pd.
10.2	<p>The following receipts were acknowledged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs L J Cameron – Cemetery- £275.00 • Donation Boxes- Village Green - £374.91 • Ms C F Parratt – Cemetery- £365.00 • HMRC – Vat Refund - £802.20
10.3	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 28th February 2025 were presented and initialled. Current balances were reported as follows:-</p> <p>Unity Bank Account Current Account £12726.14 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £10704.02 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11671.67</p>
10.4	<p><u>VAT Return</u></p> <p>Submitted to HMRC and refund of VAT received as detailed above.</p>
11	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The following correspondence has been received.</p>
11.1	<p>Removal of Worton Public Telephone Box</p> <p>An email was received from a resident at Worton regarding the proposed removal of the BT payphone & telephone box in Worton. They asked that the Council adopt the box. After a full discussion regarding possible future costs and implications the Council decided unanimously not to adopt the box.</p> <p>This matter is now resolved.</p>
11.2	<p>Parking Issue</p> <p>An email was received from a resident regarding parking issues outside their property near the village green. A vehicle was being parked on the Keep Clear signs.</p>

	It was resolved that the Council will monitor the parking and this matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.
11.3	<p>Future structure of the BAWB Federation</p> <p>An email was received regarding the above including a letter that will be sent to all parents with children at the schools.</p> <p>This was discussed and whilst the Council felt that the proposals were the best solution available for the children living in the villages, there were concerns that it was unclear what the arrangements would be for children living in outlying areas. Cllr. Cloughton volunteered to try and obtain further detail regarding these arrangements and will report back to the Council.</p>
11.4	<p><u>Added to Agenda</u></p> <p>Telecom blockage on Village Green.</p> <p>The Clerk received an email today from a Telecoms company regarding the above and requesting permission to “excavate” the village green.</p> <p>The email contained two sets of pictures of the proposed sites. The first set were of West Burton. The second set were of Bainbridge but the land shown belongs to the Lords of the Manor.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would advise the telecoms company accordingly and provide a contact email address for the Lords of the Manor.</p>
12	<p><u>Children’s Play Area</u></p> <p>An email received from North Yorkshire Council stating that the zip wire was dangerous and they had therefore removed the seat to ensure that it couldn’t be used. Cllr. Peacock had checked and a new part was required to fix the zip wire.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk should order the part and write to NYC requesting that they return the seat to us.</p> <p>Cllr. Parfitt has spoken to William Lambert re replacing the wooden seating panels on the bench with the stone surround and he will use some of the wood from our tree to do so.</p> <p>The Castle Tree stump is now crumbling and in a state of disrepair.</p> <p>It was resolved that this should be removed at the same time as the beech tree stump on the village green.</p> <p>A resident had mentioned possible speeding on the lane between the park and football pitch. This had not been noticed by any of the Councillors and the Clerk spoke to people in adjoining properties who had never seen any problems.</p> <p>It was resolved that as we had no detailed information of either the person who complained, or when the supposed speeding took place that no action was required at this time.</p> <p>One of the football nets is broken and beyond repair.</p> <p>It was resolved to remove this from the pitch.</p>
13	<p><u>King Charles III Coronation</u></p> <p>Mr Lambert is making a bespoke bench from the sycamore tree that had to be removed.</p>

	It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
14	<p><u>Cemetery</u></p> <p>As previously discussed a quote of £5720.00 plus VAT for a land survey had been received. Cllr. Cloughton had made enquiries and been told that Peter Iveson had done this for the new cemetery in Hawes and she had contacted him and requested a quote.</p> <p>Cllr. Parfitt has now had confirmation from the National Park authority that due to the proximity of the land to the roman fort and the finding of some Roman fragments in the existing cemetery in 2018 an archaeological excavation will be required. This could cost up to £7000. The National Park authority have very helpfully provided Cllr. Parfitt with a list of providers who would be regulated to undertake this work to enable us to request quotes. It is hoped that this work would also confirm that the land was suitable to use for burials thus negating the need for the land survey.</p> <p>Cllr. Cloughton advised that UCL would be able to undertake the work as required however their diary for survey work in 2025 is full and it would be 2026 before they could assist. However it was suggested that York, Sheffield or Durham universities could be approached to see if they have availability. They said that in addition to the dig a geophysics survey specialist should carry out a preliminary report on the land. They have contacted one on our behalf and are waiting to hear back from them. This would involve just a few test holes and should also tell us if the land is suitable for burials. Cllr. Cloughton has heard back from UCL and unfortunately the other universities now have projects lined up for this year.</p> <p>It was resolved that as we need to have an Archaeological survey done the Clerk will arrange for tenders to go out for the work.</p> <p>We would of course need to ask for permission from the present landowner via their agents before any survey work could be carried out.</p> <p>The Clerk will liaise with the landowners agents.</p> <p>The trees in the Cemetery require further trimming and it was agreed that up to £500 should be approved for the work to be carried out.</p> <p>The grave stones have been checked again and no wobbly ones were found. The Clerk will ask the Cemetery Superintendent to advise her of any concerns regarding specific stones.</p> <p>The small bin on the wall at the cemetery gate was also discussed as it is too small and is always overflowing. It was resolved to remove this and use the two larger bins available.</p>
15	<p><u>Parish Clerk</u></p> <p>Further communications have been received from the YLCA regarding Council websites. An additional box will now feature on the AGAR return which will state whether our website is compliant or not.</p> <p>They are now offering via a third party provider a website that will be fully compliant and will cost around the same amount as we are currently paying.</p> <p>It was resolved that we should obtain a new gov.co.uk website.</p>
16	<u>Police Report</u>

	The latest reports were discussed.
17	<u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u> No further meeting has been held.
18	<u>Agenda Items.</u> None at this time.
19	<u>Date of next meeting.</u> 23 rd September 2025 at 7.00pm

Signed as a true record.

Dated.