

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th March 2025

Present:

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

Apologies: Cllr. Darren Percival ; NY Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

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 21st January 2025</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2025 had been circulated to all Councillors and posted on the website. Cllr. Parfitt proposed that they be adopted as an accurate record of proceedings and this was seconded by Cllr. Tennant. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
5.1	Lawn Mower The Mower is being checked over by Denzil and Cllr. Peacock will liaise with Andrew Bussey to have a demonstration of how the mower works. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.
5.2	<u>Street Lighting</u> The Clerk had reported to NYC that the street light outside the Victoria Arms was not working. It was resolved that this matter be carried forward to the next meeting.
5.3	<u>Stalling Busk Notice Board</u> Dave Bushby has supplied and fitted a new notice board. He left the keys attached to it and Cllr Cloughton volunteered to get the spare key from the notice board. This matter is now resolved.
5.4	Bainbridge Village Green It was resolved at the last meeting that Cllr. Percival would consult a tree surgeon to see if the deceased copper beech tree is safe or requires to be removed. Cllr. Percival was not at the meeting

	so this matter will be carried forward to the May meeting.
5.5	<p>VE Day Celebration</p> <p>It was resolved at the last meeting to light the Beacon to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025 at 9.30p.m. Cllr. Percival was to contact the landowner and request his permission. Cllr. Peacock will check with Cllr. Percival that this is in hand as the event is prior to our next meeting.</p> <p>This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
5.6	<p>Email re street light in Countersett Hall</p> <p>An email had been received regarding the streetlight in Countersett Hall which had been replaced. The new light is much brighter and a nearby resident is finding it difficult to sleep because of the glare. Cllr. Cloughton had driven by and reported back that the light did seem very bright. The Clerk then contacted NYC to advise them of the issue. NYC advised that according to their records light shields were fitted to the light a couple of years ago. They have agreed to go and take another look at the light and report back to the Clerk. If light shields have already been fitted then the only other action that could be taken is for the Parish Council to request that the light be removed.</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 is noted on the planning portal as under consideration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full planning permission for conversion of attached barn to allow extension of existing living space of existing dwelling at Brough House, Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL8 3EQ - R/52/201A <p>This application has been approved conditional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full planning permission for siting of treatment shed with decking and associated services at Yorebridge House, Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL8 3EE - R/52/194H <p>This application has been withdrawn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to remove the Section 106 Legal Agreement (dated 31 May 2007) attached to planning permission R/52/185A, from the property at West Close, Stalling Busk, Askrigg, Leyburn, DL8 3DH - R/52/185C <p>This application has been approved.</p>

8	<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"> • Tree Cutting. <p>The trees in Raydaleside appear to have been cut by NYC.</p> <p>The Clerk will contact Cllr. Yvonne Peacock and see if the grant monies provided for this purpose can be used for another purpose such as the village sign for Cubeck and the notice board at Stalling Busk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village sign for Cubeck <p>The residents had requested that a village sign be erected. The Clerk contacted Ian Beighton at Highways for costs but hasn't heard back yet</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will request an update.</p>
9	<p><u>Financial Matters</u></p>
9.1	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary January 25 - £199.31 • Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary February 25 £199.31 • NYC – Playpark Inspection Costs 24/25- £249.29 • Unity Trust Fee – Bank Charges – Jan - £6.00pd • Unity Trust Fee – Bank Charges – Feb - £6.00pd • Mrs K Kelly - Microsoft Subs- year to Mar 26- ½ Hawes - £42.50 • Mr D Bushby – Supply & fit replacement notice board at Stalling Busk-£390.00
9.2	<p>The following receipts were acknowledged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Sanderson & Co – Cemetery- £110.00 • R Sanderson & Co – Cemetery- £365.00
9.3	<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 £10569.99 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £10575.19 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11531.20</p>
10	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The following correspondence has been received.</p>
10.1	<p>Bainbridge Christmas Lights</p> <p>Two members of the Christmas light committee came along to address the meeting. They advised that the cost of batteries to run the Christmas lights is extremely expensive. It would be more</p>

	<p>manageable and sustainable to connect them to the streetlights. This would require that they dig trenches on the village green between the streetlights and the trees and install underground cables. They have contacted NYC, the Lords of the Man and Northern Power Grid who are all agreeable to this proposal providing all necessary regulations are followed and that the Parish Council agree to it. The Christmas Lights committee would undertake the work and pay for the electricity used in future. They are looking to dig the trench and connect the trees to streetlight No6. All the cables would be underground and the lights on a timer. The village green would be reinstated to its current state.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the proposal and were happy to support the Christmas Tree Lights Committee application. They thanked the Lights Committee for all their hard work in making such a splendid display for the village each year.</p> <p>The Lights Committee need to have additional insurance cover for the amended power source and it was suggested to them by NYC that it may be that the insurance cover that the Parish Council have in place for their Christmas tree may be used to cover these lights as well.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk would check with the Parish Council's insurers and advise them accordingly.</p>
10.2	<p><u>Town and Parish Council Survey for North Yorkshire Council Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2024/25</u></p> <p>It was resolved that Cllr. Peacock would complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.</p>
11	<p><u>Children's Play Area</u></p> <p>The latest report from North Yorkshire Council was discussed. There were some minor issues highlighted. Cllr. Peacock continues to monitor the equipment. David Lodge has advised that he is retiring and Sean Atkinson from NYC will take over the inspections. The Council thanked David and wished him well in his retirement.</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>
12	<p><u>King Charles III Coronation</u></p> <p>Cllr Parfitt spoke to Wm. Lambert regarding the commemorative Bench which is being made from the sycamore tree that had to be removed from the village green. He is working on the design at the moment.</p> <p>It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.</p>
13	<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</p>

	<p>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. It was agreed that once Cllr. Cloughton hears back from UCL she will liaise with the YDNPA to ensure that they would be happy with our proposals.</p> <p>The Clerk has been in touch with the landowners agents with an update re the proposed purchase of the land.</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>Karen Prudden, Superintendent for the Cemetery had provided us with an up to date plan of the Cemetery. Cllr. Parfitt will speak to Karen re removing names from the reserved plots for confidentiality and will then laminate it and replace the one on the notice board.</p>
14	<p><u>Parish Clerk</u></p> <p>A new printer has been ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk has amended the email address.</p> <p>The Clerk had attended a YLCA training course on IT and gave an update on the most salient points. It is not a legal requirement that we change to a gov.uk. website address but it is a legal requirement that our website is accessible to as many people as possible, this includes people with disabilities such as sight loss.</p> <p>Our Precept & Budget information should also be made available on the website and also an accessibility statement and a Privacy Policy.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will contact our current website provider to discuss these proposed amendments. This is ongoing.</p> <p>Clerk's Role - It is two years since the Clerk took on the role and this was an opportunity for the Councillors to discuss any changes or amendments they might like made. There were none at this time. The Clerk requested that if there was anything in the future the Council would just let her know.</p>
15	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>The latest reports were discussed.</p>
16	<p><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></p> <p>Cllr. Cloughton was unable to attend the last meeting but has now received the Minutes which she will circulate.</p>
17	<p><u>Agenda Items.</u></p> <p>None at this time.</p>

18	<u>Date of next meeting.</u> 20 th May 2025 at 7.00pm Residents Annual meeting 20 th May 2025 at 6.30p.m.
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Signed as a true record.

Dated.