

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd September 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.

2Members of the Public, Amanda Madden & Rachel Tait from NYC.

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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> None
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr. Parfitt declared an interest in the Planning Application in Item 7 and will not take part in the discussion.
4.	<u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2025</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd July 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. Tennant. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5.	<u>Rural Housing Enabler</u> Amanda Madden & Rachel Tait from NYC came along to discuss the above. Rachel will be dealing with our Area going forward. They are looking to conduct a survey in the Parish regarding housing needs, particularly engaging with employers. They gave average figures of £477- £503 to rent a property in the Parish for which a £20k min. annual income would be required and purchase prices of between £202,500 &£318,000 for which £53k income would be needed. These figures were discussed and they agreed to take back the Councillors feedback that they were too low. At the last census Bainbridge had a population of 467. Hospitality businesses in particular struggle with getting and retaining staff and it is difficult to provide suitable accommodation. It was agreed that suitable affordable housing is needed in the Parish but there is very little suitable land available. Amanda suggested that a cluster survey with Askrigg might be an idea. It was noted that having a primary school in the village does help to keep and attract residents.The Chairman thanked them for coming.

6	<u>Ongoing Matters</u>
6.1	Bainbridge Village Green The Clerk asked David Entwistle for advice regarding obtaining a replacement copper beech tree. David suggested a pot grown one from a reputable garden centre such as Braithwaite's of not too high a height as it will already have a stable root ball and will be more stable and not require as much staking. Vertigro were also mentioned as a supplier. It was resolved that the Clerk will get quotes from both. The beech tree stump will require to be removed and we are awaiting the contractor. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting. It was advised that the lawn mower requires urgent repairs and the quotes were for between £3500 & £4,000. A replacement machine had been sourced at a cost of £3000. Nick Temple-Heald generously offered to donate £500 towards the cost of the replacement mower as did the TAPASS society. The Parish Council also have some ring fenced monies that are for the upkeep of the green. It was agreed that the replacement mower should be purchased. The Parish Council thanked Nick & the TAPASS society for their generous donations. They also thanked Andrew Bussey for the good job he is doing cutting the grass.
6.2	Speed Limit on A684 through Worton NYC have advised that the police are currently monitoring the speed of traffic through Worton. The Clerk will continue to monitor for updates. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
6.3	Removal of Worton Public Telephone Box The Parish Council have been advised that both the public payphone and the box are to be retained. This matter is now resolved.
6.4	Parking Issue No instances of cars parked on the Keep Clear signs have been seen. This matter is now resolved.
6.5	Future structure of the BAWB Federation Cllr. Cloughton had obtained further detail regarding the arrangements and advised the Council that pupils currently at the schools will be guaranteed to continue to receive free transport. New pupils will register at Bainbridge then transfer to Askrigg. Eligibility will not be affected and the change of schools should not impact on free transport. A public meeting will be held on the 8th of October & Cllrs. Peacock & Cloughton will attend this.
7	<u>Planning applications</u> To consider planning applications received. Full planning permission to amend the previously approved conversion of the building from two dwellings into a single dwelling (Use Class C3) including internal alterations and minor changes to the windows, with no increase to the building's footprint at Buildings adjacent to Noble House, Cubeck, Leyburn, DL8 3EY - R/52/83C No comments were received.
8	<u>Planning decisions –</u> To receive decision's or information relating to recent planning applications 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 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 These applications are currently shown as under consideration.
9	<u>Protected Tree Applications</u> Bainside East – pollard one willow. – This application has been approved.
10	<u>Highways matters</u> The following updates were received regarding issues raised at previous meetings: Village sign for Cubeck The Clerk has emailed NYC twice asking for an update and received no reply. Cllr. Yvonne Peacock said that she will contact NYC and request an update. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
11	<u>Financial Matters</u>
11.1	To approve the following accounts for payment: - Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary July 25 - £199.11 - Mrs K Prudden- Cemetery- Interment fees - £88.00 - Mr J Banks – Cemetery- Grass Cutting- June - £200.00pd - Mr J Banks – Cemetery- Grass Cutting- July - £200.00pd - GB Sport & Leisure UK Ltd- Brake Spring for zip wire- £389.40pd - Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary August 25 £199.11 - Mrs K Kelly- Stationery- Photocopy Paper- £4.90 - Mrs K Kelly- Stationery- Printer Ink Subscription - £6.49 - W J & C M Lambert- Repair of stone seat - £168.00 - Mrs K Prudden- Cemetery- Interment & reservation fee - £64.00 Added to Agenda - Mr J Ogbourne- website host- £200.00 - Unity Trust Bank – Monthly Fee- August- £6.00 - Unity Trust Bank – Monthly Fee- September- £6.00
11.2	The following receipts were acknowledged. - Cloughton Family Donation for the Playground £787.50. - Mrs J Thwaite – Cemetery-£275.00 The Parish Council wish to thank the Cloughton family for their donation.
10.3	To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements Copies of bank statements to 31st August 2025 were presented and initialled. Current balances were reported as follows:-

	Unity Bank Account Current Account £10815.32 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £10704.02 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11671.67
11.4	AGAR Return The External Auditors have confirmed our Accounts for financial year 24/25.
12	<u>Correspondence</u> The following correspondence has been received.
12.1	Toilets on Village Green An email was received regarding lights being on in the toilet block overnight. The toilets are locked after 8pm and cannot be used. It was also noted that there is no sign for the Ladies toilet. The Clerk has lodged this complaint with NYC. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.
12.2	Lane to Stocks House Mr Jake Dinsdale had emailed regarding the lane outside Stocks House and attended the meeting. The lane is full of potholes which will only worsen over the winter. Mr Dinsdale was happy to arrange for the holes to be filled in but wanted to ensure that he was able to do so as ownership unclear. The Lords of the Manor own the right of way but the subservice is Highways. He and some of the other residents are happy to arrange for the holes to be filled with the same material as before. The Parish Council agreed that they could go ahead. This matter is now resolved.
12.3	Litter Bin in Semerwater An Email was received from NYC asking if this was under our Parish jurisdiction as they had received requests for a litter bin on the shore at Semerwater. The Clerk confirmed that it was but has heard nothing further from them. The Parish Council have not received any requests. The Parish Council noted that this land was privately owned and that it may be difficult to place a bin there as the land is often flooded. It was resolved to leave this matter unless NYC come back to us.
13	<u>Children's Play Area</u> After a lot of chasing NYC by the Clerk the zip wire seat was returned and this has been fitted and is operational. NYC have advised that a new person will be doing the park inspections in future. This matter is now resolved. The wooden seating panels on the bench with the stone surround have been repaired using some of the wood from the felled sycamore tree. Local residents have commented on how good it looks. This matter is now resolved. The Castle Tree stump is actual rotten and Matthew Metcalfe will remove it
14	<u>King Charles III Coronation</u> The bench & table made by William Lambert using wood from the sycamore tree that stood at the end of the village green is now in place on the site of the old tree and looks very good. The Council wish to thank Mr Lambert for a great job. The bench needed oiled and the Lords of the Manor provided oil which the Council will reimburse them for. We are awaiting the bill from Mr Lambert. A news item was placed in Richmondshire today. It was resolved that the Clerk should order a plaque to be placed on the Bench.
14	<u>Cemetery</u> The Clerk had contacted three companies on the list kindly provided by YDNPA asking for quotes for the geo-physical survey. One company sent a quote for £4945 plus VAT. They did say that this

	might be a bit less if we had a local contractor who could help with the digging. Cllr. Cloughton offered to give the use of a portaloos which would also lower costs. One company said they couldn't help. The third company said that they would quote but are busy at the moment. It was resolved that we will obtain quotes locally for the digger and that the Clerk will write to other companies asking for quotes. This is obviously going to cost a lot more than the Council had budgeted for. The funding will be an issue and the Clerk will do some research on whether a PWLB loan might be available. It was also discussed whether we ask residents on their views of raising funds for the project. This might be through running a separate fund raising campaign, or adding to the Precept. The Clerk had prepared an outline Budget to date. As the Precept will require to be set at the next meeting the Clerk will update this for discussion at that time. The trees in the Cemetery require further trimming and it was agreed at the last meeting that up to £500 should be approved for the work to be carried out. This will be done after the leaves have gone.
16	<u>Parish Clerk</u> Website: It was resolved at the last meeting that we should obtain a new gov.co.uk website. The Clerk has been getting information from a couple of providers and speaking to other Clerks who have made the change. There are still a couple of points needing clarity re emails etc. and the Clerk will have full information prior to the next meeting. Clerks Salary: The national salary increase for Clerks has been set at 3.2%. It was resolved that this should be paid, backdated to 1.4.25. Cllr. Are unable to attend the YDNP Management Plan Forum as it is during the working day. The Autumn Parish Forum is online on the 4th November. If no one is able to attend the results will be circulated later.
17	<u>Police Report</u> The latest reports were discussed.
18	<u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u> Cllr. Cloughton had been unable to attend the last meeting but the Minutes were circulated.
19	<u>Agenda Items.</u> Information board in garden of Ivy Cottage. Footpath access at Ghyll Edge.
20	<u>Date of next meeting.</u> 11th November 2025 at 7.00pm

Signed as a true record.

Dated.