

## Bainbridge Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

#### 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.

10 Members of the Public

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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.	<b><u>Consideration of Apologies for Absence</u></b> None
3.	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> None
4.	<b><u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2025</u></b> The minutes of the meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> November 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. Percival. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
5	<b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b>
5.1	<b>Bainbridge Village Green</b> The beech tree stump has been removed so we can now replant. The Clerk will now order a tree from Braithwaites.  The new lawn mower is not specified on our insurance policy. The Clerk will check with our broker if it is covered for theft and if not obtain a quote.  Further quotes were obtained for a plaque for the Coronation Bench. It was resolved that the Clerk should order an anodised aluminium plaque with a Gold finish as this will not tarnish the same as brass.  The Lords of the Manor have generously decided to make a donation of £500 towards the cost of the Bench.  It was noted that some of the white wooden fence posts require replacing. Cllr. Percival has some ready to go up and will attend to this when weather and time permit. It was resolved that some further fence posts be ordered from William Lambert so that they can be prepared and stored for use as required.

	<p>It was also noted that the tree near the playpark had split. Cllr. Percival will arrange for a tree surgeon to advise us on what's the best course of action.</p> <p>These matters will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>5.2</b>	<p><b>Speed Limit on A684 through Worton</b> A reply, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes, has been received from Area 1 refusing our request to reduce the speed limit. The Parish Council were very disappointed at the response as were the parishioners from Worton who were present at the meeting. It was felt that it was much better for preventative action to be taken now rather than waiting for an accident in which someone may be hurt.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Clerk will advise NYC Highways department of our disappointment and ask them to reconsider their decision. If the speed limit cannot be reduced then some warning signs stating that pedestrians may be walking in the road might be helpful to make drivers aware and perhaps help to slow traffic further. It was suggested that representatives from NYC Highways come to Worton and meet with Parish Councillors and NYC Councillor Yvonne Peacock to discuss this matter further. It was also suggested that the parishioners may wish to contact NYC to add their own views.</p> <p><b>Street Lights in Worton</b> The broken street lights haven't been fixed yet and this isn't helping the situation for pedestrians and other road users on these dark nights. The Clerk will chase NYC to action our previous request.</p>
<b>5.3</b>	<p><b>Worton Public Telephone Box</b> The Clerk contacted BT and reported the fault and query regarding a light. No response as yet. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact them again.</p>
<b>5.4</b>	<p><b>Future structure of the BAWB Federation</b> No further update at this time.</p>
<b>5.5</b>	<p><b>YDNPA</b> Stile on footpath at Ghyll Edge Information sign at Ivy Cottage</p> <p>Nigel Metcalfe from YDNPA is dealing with these matters and will keep us updated.</p>
<b>5.6</b>	<p><b>Speed Limit on Road past Riverdale</b> The request was submitted to Highways but we have had no response as yet. The Clerk will chase.</p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>Planning applications</u></b> To consider planning applications received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Householder planning permission for installation of air source heat pump at Summerfield Cottage, Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL8 3EL - R/52/196A- Concerns had been raised by Councillors regarding the visual impact of a heat pump in the conservation area and where it would actually be sited. These concerns were logged with the Planning Dept at YDNPA.</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<p><b><u>Planning decisions –</u></b> To receive decision's or information relating to recent planning applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>

	<p>- R/52/194K/LB – Approved conditional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 – Approved conditional</li> <li>• 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- Awaiting legal agreement</li> <li>• Full planning permission for change of use of 113.43m<sup>2</sup> of floor space to a Pilates studio and beauty room on the first floor, with commercial kitchen area on the ground floor. The remainder of the building to change from B2 to B8 (storage and distribution) under permitted development rights (part retrospective) at McIntyre Meats, The Abattoir, East Borwins, Bainbridge, DL8 3EP - R/52/30W – Approved conditional</li> <li>• Full planning permission for subdivision of house and attached barn into 2 No. dwelling units (following granted permission for residential conversion of attached barn to allow extension of existing living space of existing dwelling under Ref: R/52/201A) at Brough House, Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL8 3EQ - R/52/201B- This application is noted as under consideration</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b><u>Protected Tree Applications</u></b></p> <p>None</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Highways matters</u></b></p> <p>The following updates were received regarding issues raised at previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village sign for Cubeck The new sign has been agreed but there is no date for installation.</li> <li>• Bridge repair at Semerwater This had been reported some time ago but due to weather ingress the problem has escalated. Cllr. Cloughton had provided pictures which show the current damage and the Clerk forwarded these to NYC.</li> <li>• The Newkin The road surface has been left in a mess after Quick Line had installed their cables. The Clerk is to report this to NYC.</li> </ul> <p>These items will be carried forward to the next meeting.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b><u>Financial Matters</u></b></p>
<b>10.1</b>	<p>To approve the following accounts for payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary December 25 - £205.68</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary November 25 £205.48</li> <li>• HMRC – P30 – Qtr.3 - £166.82</li> <li>• Mrs K Kelly- Stationery- Printer Ink Subscription- December - £6.49</li> <li>• Unity Trust Bank – Service Charge -November £6.00pd</li> <li>• Unity Trust Bank – Service Charge -December £6.00pd</li> <li>• Mr J Banks – Cemetery- Grass cutting August £100.00 pd</li> <li>• Mr J Banks – Cemetery- Grass cutting September £100.00 pd</li> <li>• Mr J Banks – Cemetery- Grass cutting October £100.00 pd</li> <li>• Mr J Ogbourne- Website- 2<sup>nd</sup> payment £195.00</li> <li>• Metcalfe Groundworks – Removal of wooden castle &amp; stump &amp; beech tree stump -</li> </ul>

	<p>£874.00pd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs A Peacock- Lights for Parish Christmas tree- £27.97</li> <li>• Housing 21- Hall Fees- £70.00</li> <li>• Mr J Ogbourne- Domain Name Registration- £33.00</li> <li>• C H Fawcett &amp; Sons- Supply &amp; Deliver Christmas Tree- £192.00</li> </ul>
<b>10.2</b>	<p>The following receipts were acknowledged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation- Village Green boxes- £535.57</li> <li>• Cemetery- J Pickard &amp; Son- £55.00</li> <li>• Cemetery- Sandersons - £110.00</li> </ul>
<b>10.3</b>	<p>To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements</p> <p>Copies of bank statements to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 were presented and initialled. Current balances were reported as follows:-</p> <p>Unity Bank Account Current Account £ 9911.06 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £10824.04 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11802.55</p>
<b>10.4</b>	<p><b>Unity Trust Bank</b></p> <p>The Bank has advised that their fees will increase from £6 per month to £7. It was resolved that this is acceptable.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>The following correspondence has been received.</p>
<b>11.1</b>	<p><b>Speed Limit on A684</b></p> <p>An e-mail was received from NYC regarding a proposal to extend the existing 30mph speed limit coming into Bainbridge from the Leyburn side. The proposal is to move the current limit, which starts approximately half way down the hill just before the garage, back to near the ambulance station. The proposals were discussed and whilst the Parish Council are in favour of extending the limit they felt that if the new limit was placed near the start of the cemetery boundary wall that would be sufficient. It was resolved that the Clerk would inform NYC of the decision.</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b><u>Children's Play Area</u></b></p> <p>No further updates at this time.</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b><u>Cemetery</u></b></p> <p>The Clerk had received a response from Sarah Whiteley at YDNPA regarding the report which she has now studied. Sarah feels that it is very likely that artifacts from the roman fort may be found and has suggested that this may mean that the Parish Council could have substantial costs and difficulties in using this land as a cemetery. She had also liaised with Sean (Ben) Crossley. Cllr. Percival had spoken to Mr Crossley who advised that he also felt that this land could cause a lot of issues going forward. Due to the huge costs of getting further reports and with no guarantee that the land would be suitable for our purposes the Parish Council resolved not to proceed with the purchase of this parcel of land. Cllr. Percival had spoken to the landowner who advised that another piece of ground may be available in a different location. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Sarah Whiteley at YDNPA to get her thoughts on its proximity to the fort.</p> <p>Metcalfe's will trim the trees in the Cemetery.</p> <p>The Superintendent currently isn't paid a fee for work incurred with Memorials. This was discussed and it was resolved that a fee should be paid in line with the current fees paid for their other work.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Clerk</u></b></p>

	Website- YLCA had advised that they are not able to host websites, but they have since advised that their website provider would do so. However they are not able to offer to host emails and it was felt that it would be easier going forward if one provider hosted both. The Clerk had obtained quotes from a couple of the website providers on the list of approved suppliers and also had a meeting with Karen Lynch, Clerk at Askrigg as she also had quotes from a couple of providers. It was resolved that Cllrs. Parfitt & Cloughton would take a look at the quotes and what was being offered by the providers.
<b>15</b>	<b><u>Police Report</u></b> The latest reports were discussed.
<b>16</b>	<b><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u></b> No further updates received.
<b>17</b>	<b><u>Agenda Items.</u></b> Parish Workshop- The Clerk had circulated an email regarding NYC offering Councillors or Clerks the opportunity to attend a Parish workshop. As this would include Highways, road maintenance and street lighting the Clerk will attend if possible. A684 Flood warnings- A parishioner at the meeting raised the fact that in the recent flooding the flood sign in Worton had not been activated although the road to Askrigg was flooded. It was agreed to monitor this the next time the road floods. Back Syke – A parishioner at the meeting raised the fact that the road at Back Syke was badly damaged below Riverdale. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this to NYC and also provide him with their contact details in case he also wished to do so.
<b>21</b>	<b><u>Date of next meeting.</u></b>  17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm

Signed as a true record.

Dated.

After discussions with the Police, the following findings have been provided to me:

The average speed recorded through the village is – 29.4mph

85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is – 36.1mph

Average speed during peak times is – 33.0

85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed during peak times is – 38.7

In addition to this data, I received the following narrative from the Police:

*“The peak figures are peak speeds not volumes and they show good compliance with the existing limit. I would be reluctant to agree to reducing it to 30 as it doesn’t comply with the DfT guidelines for density of development and some speeds are still too high. I know the road reasonably well and I suspect that speeds are as low as they are because the road is so narrow and mostly confined within stone walls with little verge width. I think it would be unlikely that speeds would reduce if the limit was reduced to 30.*

*I’ve checked our records for injury RTC’s in the past 5 years and found only 1 where a car slowed for a farm vehicle emerging from a field and a motorcycle hit the back of the car causing a slight injury.”*