

Bainbridge Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th November 2025

Present:

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

Apologies: 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> None
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr. Cloughton declared an interest in the Planning Application for Brough House and will not take part in the discussion.
4.	<u>Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 23rd September 2025</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd September 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>Ongoing Matters</u>
5.1	Bainbridge Village Green Braithwaites have a pot grown copper beech in stock. The cost is £60+£30 delivery. The beech tree stump will require to be removed so we can replant and Cllr. Percival will speak to Mathew. This matter will be carried forward to the next meeting. The new lawn mower has arrived and is working well. This matter is now resolved. A quote was obtained for a Brass plaque for the Coronation Bench. The Clerk is to obtain more quotes. The Lords of the Manor will consider a donation towards the cost of the Bench.
5.2	Speed Limit on A684 through Worton This has been requested and is going through the necessary procedures. We will continue to push for updates. It was resolved to carry this matter forward to the next meeting.
5.3	Worton Public Telephone Box We have been advised that the light in the telephone box and the telephone itself is not working. Cllr. Tennant does not think that there is a light as he is unaware of an electrical supply to the box. The Clerk will contact BT and report the fault and query regarding a light.
5.4	Future structure of the BAWB Federation Cllr. Cloughton attended the public meeting on the 8 th of October and reported back to the Council.

	<p>It appears that the current structure has to be changed as it is non compliant. Various scenarios were discussed and it was felt that the proposal to close West Burton School and change Bainbridge to teaching children aged 3-7 and Askrigg to ages 7-11 was the best solution. This would need to be approved by the Diocese.</p> <p>If the proposals are accepted West Burton would close in March 2026 and the new set up for Bainbridge & Askrigg would take effect from September 2026.</p> <p>There are going to be some transport issues going forward. Children currently on the school role will continue to get free transport but those enrolled in the new set up will only get free transport up to age 8. This is due to NYC transport policy.</p> <p>The schools may look at staggered starting times to enable families who have children at both schools to pick up and drop off.</p> <p>The Parish Council felt that overall the proposals would be good for the community and should be more stable and sustainable in the long term.</p>
5.5	<p>Toilets on Village Green</p> <p>The lights are now switching off at night and this matter is therefore resolved.</p>
6	<p><u>Planning applications</u></p> <p>To consider planning applications received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full planning permission for change of use of 113.43m² 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 - No comments were received. • 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- The Council had raised concerns about parking on the previous application for this property. As the number of vehicles has now increased to five our concerns were also noted on this application.
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"> • 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 • 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 <p>These applications are currently shown as under consideration.</p>

8	<u>Protected Tree Applications</u> None
9	<u>Highways matters</u> The following updates were received regarding issues raised at previous meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village sign for Cubeck The Clerk now had a reply from NYC . The new sign has been agreed but there is no date for installation as yet. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.
10	<u>Financial Matters</u>
10.1	To approve the following accounts for payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary & back pay October 25 - £243.70 Mrs K Kelly- Clerks salary September 25 £199.11 HMRC – P30 – Qtr.2 - £151.62 Mrs K Kelly- Stationery- Printer Ink Subscription- October - £6.49 Unity Trust Bank – Service Charge -October £6.00 Hawes Silver Band – Donation- £100.00 H Metcalfe & Sons- Cemetery- Fuel Mower - £211.30 Gayle Mill Trust – Bespoke bench for village green- £2400.00 (including donation of £500 from Woodcraft Studio – The Council wish to thank them for their generous donation. YLCA – webinar- gov.uk. website - £10.00
10.2	The following receipts were acknowledged. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr N Temple-Heald - Donation for replacement lawn mower £500.00 TAPPAS- Donation for replacement lawn mower £500.00 NYC – Precept - £3942.50 Ms C Parratt- Cemetery- £55.00 Sandersons- Cemetery- £785.00 The Council wish to thank Mr Temple-Heald and TAPPAS for their generous donations.
10.3	To receive the latest bank balances and sign statements Copies of bank statements to 31 st October 2025 were presented and initialled. Current balances were reported as follows:- Unity Bank Account Current Account £13718.71 Unity Bank Deposit Account No1 £10764.72 Unity Bank Deposit Account No 2 £11737.86
10.4	<u>Precept</u> The projected accounts were discussed and it was resolved not to increase the precept for the financial Year 26/27.
11	<u>Correspondence</u> The following correspondence has been received.
11.1	<u>Street Lights in Worton</u> An email was received regarding two street lights not working. The Clerk has lodged this complaint with NYC. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.
11.2	<u>Parish Election recharges</u> An email was circulated detailing that NYC will now pass election charges to the Parish Councils for

	<p>payment. This cost will require to be added to future Budgets. This matter is now resolved.</p>
11.3	<p>Road past Riverdale An email was received from a parent who drops off children at the School regarding concerns about the speed of traffic along the road past Riverdale. A discussion was had re putting up signs or reducing the speed limit during school drop off and pick up times. It was resolved that the Clerk would request that Highways have a meeting with Cllr. Peacock to discuss the possibilities.</p>
11.4	<p>Fallen Tree at Sycamore Hall An e-mail was received regarding a tree that had been blown down onto the wall at Sycamore Hall. The tree has been removed and this matter is now resolved.</p>
12	<p><u>Children's Play Area</u> The inspection report was received from NYC. There are no urgent repairs required. The Castle Tree stump has been removed.</p>
13	<p><u>Cemetery</u> The Clerk had contacted more companies asking for quotes for the geo-physical survey. One company came back to us advising that this land had already been surveyed in 2020 and they were kind enough to attach a copy of the report. This has been sent to Sarah Whiteley at YDNPA and it is hoped that this might be sufficient with additional excavations on the land carried out by Ben Crossley. This would be a substantial saving. It was suggested that Ben liaise with Sarah once she has had an opportunity to read the report. The Clerk had researched whether a PWLB loan might be available. It is a very long process and the Parish Council need to obtain permission from a Government department to apply for a loan. We will wait to see what the total costs are going to be. The trees in the Cemetery require further trimming and this will be done after the leaves have gone.</p>
14	<p><u>Parish Clerk</u> The Clerk had attended a webinar from YLCA regarding moving to a government website. She had also had a meeting with the Clerk from Askrigg. They both were minded to recommend the YLCA as a website provider as all legislation would be complied with and it was at a very good price. Unfortunately at the end of last week YLCA advised that they are no longer able to offer to host the website. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact a couple of the website providers on the list of approved suppliers for quotes.</p>
15	<p><u>Police Report</u> The latest reports were discussed.</p>
16	<p><u>Upper Dales Health Watch</u> No further updates received.</p>
17	<p><u>Remembrance Day</u> Cllr. Peacock laid our wreath at the war memorial and it was agreed that a donation of £25 be given to The Royal British Legion</p>
18	<p><u>Christmas Tree</u> Cllr. Percival agreed to order a tree from Fawcett's.</p>
19	<p><u>YDNPA</u> Information board in garden of Ivy Cottage. Footpath access at Ghyll Edge.</p>

	Nigel from YDNPA has looked at both these items and we await to hear further from him.
20	<u>Agenda Items.</u> None
21	<u>Date of next meeting.</u> 20 th January 2026 at 7.00pm

Signed as a true record.

Dated.