

Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council held on Tuesday, 20th January 2026 in the Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Catherine Daniels, Chair, John Brassington, Jeanette Beresford, Nick Beresford, Peter Burgis, Phil Williams, Sue Williams and Gwyneth Stephenson, Clerk.

1. Reminder by the Chair of the Council's expectations for the audio approval of recording of this meeting.
2. 2.1 To receive apologies for absence and record these in the minutes. **None.**
2.2 To consider the approval of reasons for absence given by councillors.
3. 3.1 To receive consider and decide upon applications for dispensation.
3.2 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Councils Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. **None.**

3.a Mrs Vaughan was invited to the meeting to discuss parking arrangements for the parents/ carers at drop off times. Mrs Vaughan sent apologies. The Clerk will write again to suggest a meeting during school hours.

4. It was **resolved** to approve minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2025 as a true and accurate record.

5. To receive information on ongoing issues:

5.1 VAS speed signs. The current signs on order will show 30/40mph limit. In order to futureproof the purchase, it was **resolved** that the order should be changed for the signs to detect 20/30mph. This order will be at no extra cost, but the delivery will be later in the year. Nick Beresford was thanked for organising this.

5.2 YLCA Selby branch meeting to be attended by Jeanette Beresford and Nick Beresford. The subject being rewinding.

5.3 Councillors reviewed the Financial Regulations point 5.6 to be increased to £30K. The bank mandate to be increased by a further signatory, Peter Burgis to be appointed. It was **resolved** that both the Financial Statement and the Standing Orders be adopted. Copies of the updated documents to be circulated to councillors.

5.4 Web Hosting. Jeanette Beresford had circulated a document outlining the Parish Council requirements for a web host that meets the latest government criteria. It was **resolved** that the council engage with Parish Online and migrate the website to them. The cost would be £350 + VAT per year. Councillors would each have a dedicated email address, and the clerk would have the ability to post to the website. The Chair thanked Cllr Beresford for her report.

5.5. Speed limits, Common Road. A plan, received from Darren Griffiths, Highways Dept, showing the proposed speed limits along Common Road was viewed. It was **resolved** to request that the 20mph limit be extended to encompass Waver Court and the entrance to Scarthingwell Park. Cllr Brassington to write to Darren Griffiths.

5.6 It was confirmed that a laptop had been purchased for the use of the Clerk at a cost of £449.99. Appropriate software will also be purchased i.e. Microsoft Windows and antivirus software.

5.7 Cllr Daniels reported on a meeting of the Elmet Forum that she had attended. The only attendees had been from, Sherburn in Elmet and Barkston Ash. Alex Tant-Brown, Sherburn, had asked for support from local councils over the increasing number of planning applications for new houses. It was agreed that any development in Sherburn in Elmet impacted on the villages as this was the hub for local services (Drs, Dentists, shopping etc) Councillors agreed to view and comment on new planning applications.

5.8 Whole Council Training to take place on 24th February will now be received on Zoom. Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the date.

6. **Planning.** No new applications had been received.

7. Finance.

7.1 The balance at the bank on 20th January 2026 is £14007.57.

7.2 **Resolved** to approve the following invoices for payment.

YLCA Clerks Training	£27.40
HMRC Tax Mth 9	£27.80
HMRC Tax MThs 10	£28.00
Clerks fee Dec/Jan	paid in accordance with NLCA rates.
Laptop (refunded to J Beresford)	£449.99

8 The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 17th March 2026 at 7pm.