

Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council  
held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Catherine Daniels, Chair, Jeanette Beresford, Nick Beresford, John Brassington, Sue Williams and Phil Williams.

Also, present Alex Tant-Brown, Sherburn Town Council.

Alex Tant-Brown gave a presentation on behalf of the Town Council proposing the extension of Sherburn Parish to the railway line. The existing boundary is defined by stream dyke. Mr Tant-Brown is also consulting with South Milford parish Council and Newthorpe with Huddleston Parish meeting. The resulting enlargement of the Parish is hoped to increase the number of councillors representing the Town Council. Catherine Daniels said that the area lost to Barkston Ash would represent nearly 25% existing parish. Councillors were concerned that this expansion would extend the building line, and the existing green belt area would be lost.

A reply will be sent to Mr Tant-Brown explaining that the Parish Council would not support any movement of the existing boundary. The Parish Council were unanimous in wanting to preserve the green belt.

A discussion was held about the possibility of local parishes working together as had been the case when the Elmet Forum was in place. Mr Tant-Brown will discuss this with the Town Council.

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July were approved Phil Williams and seconded Sue Williams.

**Matters Arising:**

- a) Speed signs. Nick Beresford had received no replies from TWA or Westcotec The quote remaining is Swarco. The quote to be confirmed will be to replace the broken sign on the A162 and install a new sign on Common Road. It was agreed to proceed Nick Beresford and Phil Williams.  
The recent speed check had proved unsuccessful in validating a 20mph limit in the village. John Brassington to discuss alternative traffic calming measures with Darren Griffiths, N Yorkshire Council.
- b) Accident, Church Street. The debris has been removed from the site, and a new bench will be installed on Main Street later in the week. Consideration will be given to the installation of a new bench on the A162 later in the financial year.
- c) Grass Cutting: There had been no contact from Jules Garden Maintenance who had done a cut through the village in August, Phil Williams had posted an advert, for someone to regularly cut the grass, at Fields Garden Centre but had not received any replies. There is a volunteer in the village who will cut the grass, the Parish Council to

provide a mower. Phil Williams will source a mower. This was approved John Brassington and Sue Williams to make the purchase.

d) Village Survey – this item to be deferred until further notice.

#### Finance.

Invoices for payment were approved Sue Williams and Phil Williams.

G Stephenson – Clerk fee Aug/Sept	£ 207.44
HMRC National Insurance – Aug	£ 26.00
HMRC National Insurance – September	£ 25.80
Alex Sykes – bench installation etc	£ 680.00
David Ogilvie - bench	£1406.40

Income received	
Aviva – accident insurance	£1837.15
VAT refund	£ 978.63

#### Planning.

The Clerk is to report to the planning officer and Highways that deliveries made to the properties 4 & 6 Hollyhocks Lane are being left on the pavement on Church Street and are causing an obstruction. The problem of vehicular access to the site was included in the Parish Council response to the planning application.

#### Correspondence

The I. T. Policy forwarded by YLCA was agreed and signed by the Chair

#### Any Other Business.

A meeting of the YLCA Selby branch meeting will be held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Nick Beresford and Jeanette Beresford to attend.

Circulation of the White Rose update is to be questioned as none have been received recently.

Christmas Lights. It was agreed to meet at 2pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November to put up the lights.

Jeanette Beresford drew attention to the YLCA list of policies required by a Parish Council that she had circulated on 12/09/25. All councillors were asked to review the list. The mandatory policies need reviewing and posting on the website as soon as possible.

**Date of next meeting.** Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025