

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Barkston Ash Parish
Council
held on Tuesday 20th March 2025 at 7.00 in the Village
Hall.

Present: Catherine Daniels, Chair, Jeanette Beresford, Nick Beresford, John Brassington, Guy Williams.

Apologies Phil Williams and Sue Williams

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th March were approved Guy Williams and John Brassington.

Election of Officers.

Catherine Daniels was proposed Chair by John Brassington and Jeanette Beresford, all agreed. The acceptance of office declaration was signed.

Phil Williams was proposed Vice Chair by John Brassington and Jeanette Beresford. All agreed.

Matters Arising:

- a) Parish Liaison. No further meetings had been scheduled in our area. A monthly newsletter is received at the end of each month. There should also be an update from Martin Grainger, Head of Development, NYC. Jeanette Beresford to follow this up. Additionally, a report from Sharon Fox, Area 7. The clerk to follow up.
- b) Speed signs: The company TWM that had supplied and fitted the existing flashing speed signs is no longer in business. Advice is to be taken from N Y Council of other recommended companies Nick Beresford to follow up.
- c) Barkston in Bloom. The spring planting has been carried out. The flower bed at the rear of the triangle has been removed and re turfed as the roots of the ash tree were prohibiting planting. Catherine Daniels has suggested that the bed at the front of the triangle be enlarged to make more of an impact. Phil Williams is to be asked for suggestions.
- d) Village Survey. Catherine Daniels made suggestions as to the format of the survey and asked councillors to forward suggestions as to what was felt to be important questions that would be of most concern to people in the village. Once completed the survey would be professionally printed and would be delivered to all houses in the village. All replies would be anonymous.

Finance

The Clerk presented the annual accounts for year ended 31st March 2025. The completed AGAR forms were signed by the Chair and Clerk and would be forwarded to the external auditor.

Invoices for payment were approved Guy Williams and Catherine Daniels.

Clerks fee April/May	£207.44	
HMRC Nat Insurance Mth 1	£ 25.80	
HMRC Nat Insurance Mth 2	£ 26.00	
Yorkshire Councils Assn	£158.00	
Lumby Nursery	£348.42	
R Stride – accountants	£ 18.00	- paid Direct Debit
R Stride – accountants	£ 21.60	- paid Direct Debit

Planning.

Planning applications:

ZG2025/0204/HPA and ZG2025/0205/HPA

Erection of two-storey extension and No's 4 and 6 Hollyhocks Lane

Observations have been sent from the Parish Council highlighting that the lane is unadopted and single carriageway and the plans show no parking areas within the site. Reversing back onto Church Street is dangerous. A request has been made for Highways to visit the site before responding.

Correspondence

All correspondence has been circulated to councillors on receipt.

Any Other Business

There had been a traffic accident in Church Street involving a DPD delivery driver crashing onto land in front of the cottages 1, Hollyhocks Lane and Church Croft demolishing a bench seat and a telegraph pole. The details have been forwarded to the Councils insurance company and quotations for a replacement bench to be purchased. Decision to be made at the next meeting whether the bench is to be replaced or relocated.

There is to be a survey of all schools and colleges to assess the need for a 20mph speed limit. John Brassington to follow this up.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday, 15th July 2025