

## Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Catherine Daniels, Chair, Jeanette Beresford, Nick Beresford. Guy Williams,  
Phil Williams and Sue Williams. Also in attendance Mr C Cotton.

**Apologies** John Brassington

**Minutes** of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 were approved Sue Williams and Jeanette Beresford.

### Matters Arising:

- a) School Parking had been observed by both Police and North Yorkshire Council. The parking on double yellow lines in Ash Tree Garth has decreased but the parking in Orchard Close continues in the turning circle. It was agreed that to request yellow lines in this area would cause a problem for resident's visitor parking.  
It was suggested that the school be approached to use an assembly to highlight the problem of parking so that children could discuss this with parents as information on the school newsletter seems to be ignored.  
In addition to the assembly, NY Highways had advised that other schools have successfully "policed" the parking along with their teachers - putting out small cones and issuing parking notices to parents.
- b) Prices had been received for new benches in the village and concrete bases. This project will be discussed in the next financial year.
- c) Parish Liaison Meeting. Jeanette and Nick Beresford attended the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January in Selby Town Hall. The meeting was well attended by parishes from the old Selby District, including neighbouring councils Church Fenton and Sherburn in Elmet. A Parish Liaison website is being developed which will assist with directing queries to the correct department within North Yorkshire Council. Currently there is a lot of confusion, for example Barkston Ash is in Area 7 for Highways, South for Planning and Central for Communities, many parishes expressed frustration about this and the NYC representative agreed that it should be looked into and rationalised. Barkston Ash PC have volunteered to participate in testing the website.  
All previously agreed Local Neighbourhood plans have been abandoned by central government and new Local Plans will need to be agreed.  
There are Parish Council Consultation Panels that discuss more detail about local initiatives. Jeanette and Nick Beresford suggest that we attempt to attend all of these meetings going forward. Barkston Ash

PC need to approach the Parish Liaison Team to find out the dates of these meetings - it was reported that these are not well attended but many councils responded at the meeting saying that they had never been sent the details of time and venue.

There are several Community Anchor Organisations in each town/ area, there are currently 25 in NY with the nearest for Barkston Ash are in Ainsty, Tadcaster, Sherburn in Elmet and Selby we should request more information on these via Liz Mead in the Localities Team.

We currently receive a newsletter on the last Wednesday each month from the Parish Liaison Team, these should be circulated to all councillors. Highways can also provide a report for individual councils, we need to let Sharon Fox know the dates of our P C Meetings and she will ensure that we have a report available to bring to the meeting. Information on Government and National changes that impact the Local Plans is to be sent out by Martin Grainger, head of Development for North Yorkshire this will be followed up if not received.

- d) Speed signs. The speed sign on A162 is to be replaced with a another with changing signage, the wording to be agreed. The existing sign will be repaired and moved onto Common Road. The work will cost £5962.33 plus the cost of traffic management if required. It was proposed Sue Williams and seconded by Jeanette Beresford that the proposal be accepted, all councillors agreed and John Brassington had provided his agreement, prior to the meeting by email. The work to be carried out as soon as possible. In previous years Barkston Primary School had given donations to the Parish Council from their Junior Apprentice scheme. Sue Williams will speak to the head to ask if a donation could go towards this safety project.

**Planning.** ZG2024/1182/FUL conversion of an agricultural building to one dwelling. The Barn, Common Lane Church Fenton.  
Application Refused.

**Finance** Invoices for payment were approved Sue Willams and Jeanette Beresford

Clerks Fee Feb/March	£207.44
HMRC Nat Insurance	£ 51.80
Stephen Bower – repair to bus shelter	£500.00
Aubergine – domain renewal	£120.00
R Stride – accountants	£ 16.80

**Correspondence.** An email had been received from Mr Cotton, resident of Back Lane describing the damage done to verges by large lorries. The Clerk had already written to NY Highways requesting the reinstatement of the 'unsuitable for long vehicles' signs at either end of Back Lane. As most of the current damage is done by vehicles trying

to access the work on the railway line at Saw Wells Network Rail are to be asked if they could provide signage ' No access for Network Rail traffic'

The Town and Parish Council Survey for N Y Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA 24-25) was completed online by Catherine Daniels during the meeting.

#### Any Other Business.

- a) The Licensing Application for the Boot and Shoe was discussed. It was agreed that opening hours to 1.30 on Friday and Saturday was not acceptable but would support opening until 12. As the pub is in the centre of a residential area the later opening would cause disturbance.
- b) It was observed that there were Christmas lights still in place on the flower beds in Main Street. The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the lights to remove them so that they could be re used again during the Christmas period. Thanks, would also be extended for the work done on supplying both these and the additional tree lights last Christmas.
- c) Catherine Daniels discussed the Village Survey that was completed by all residents in the village some years ago. Councillors were asked to consider the content for the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting.** Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025