

**Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council
held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00 in the Village Hall.**

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

Apologies all present

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September had been circulated prior to the meeting and were approved Jeanette Beresford and Sue Williams.

Matters Arising:

- a) Car Parking - Cars are continuing to park on the verges although not as frequently – this will continue to be monitored. The Clerk is to write to the primary school to advise that a child had been witnessed kicking the light fitting on the grass triangle, whilst their parent/carer was present. The council would request that children are properly supervised when arriving and leaving school. The light has been repaired previously.

- b) Village Gateways: NYCC have advised that the gateways are required to be positioned within the 30mph limit through the village. On inspection of the site on A162 it was agreed that this would obscure the sight line leaving Oldgate Lane.

NYCC are to be approached to request a Pelican crossing on the A162 to assist the school children crossing at the Ash Tree.

Also, the Parish Council are to consider a flashing 30mph sign at the entrance to the village on Common Road.

There is an increase in the number of HGV's coming through the village despite the 7.5 tonne limit.

John Brassington suggested that North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau be approached about carrying out a community speed watch if volunteers could be found. Church Fenton Parish Council are to be asked about this as they are currently receiving training.

- c) The Village Hall direction sign in progress.

Finance

Invoices for payment were approved by Sue Williams and Phil Williams

HMRC – Nat Insurance Contributions £ 51.80

Clerks Fee – G Stephenson Oct /Nov £ 207.44

Parker Hartley – Payroll charges £ 36.00

Following discussion, it was proposed John Brassington and seconded Catherine Daniels that the precept for 2025/26 should remain the same as in previous two years at £6200.00.

Planning.

Details of the Light Valley Solar project had been circulated giving details of a solar farm and battery storage facility. This is the Yorkshire and Humber area of a national project. There were no comments sent at this stage as it is not within our parish area.

Any Other Business.

Catherine Daniels and husband will put up the Christmas lights at the Church and Fir Tree Court. It was proposed Sue Williams and Phil Williams that another set of cluster lights be purchased due to damage on the original set.

A discussion was held about purchasing new benches to be placed on the wide verge opposite the Ash Tree. The clerk is to contact the parish council in Saxton to inquire where they purchased the benches around their village.

Councillors have agreed to the Accessibility Statement and Jeanette Beresford confirmed that the website had been updated. The next review is due in November 2025.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday, 21st January 2025