

**Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council
held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

Present: Cllr Daniels, Cllr Brassington. Cllr J Beresford and Cllr N Beresford.

1/26 Election of Chair and Vice Chair. It was resolved that Cllr Daniels be Chair and Cllr P Williams be Vice Chair.

2/26 Cllrs were reminded about approval for recording the meeting

3/26 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Burgis, Cllr P Williams and Cllr S Williams. Apologies accepted.

4/26 There were no declarations of interest or disclosure of pecuniary interest expressed.

5/26 Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 were confirmed as a true record.

6/26 To receive information on ongoing issues:

1. Cllrs agreed that the parking issues in the village should continue to be monitored but no further action would be taken at the moment.
2. VAS signs. Cllr N Beresford gave an update. Signs to be installed on Friday 22nd May. These are to be positioned at either end of the 30mph limit on the A162. The existing damaged sign would be replaced as would the sign to the north entrance to the village. The existing working sign would be retained with the intention of offering it for sale or parts, with the non working sign to be offered for parts. Both signs to be stored at Cllr Williams house. Further signs on Common Road would be considered at a later date as the road will be very quiet once the railway bridge is closed from 13th July 2026 to 4th June 2027. Cllr N Beresford was thanked for his work on this project.
3. The mandatory Policies and Procedures that are required for the website had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and were accepted. The review date is to be added and further policies to be added as necessary. The staffing committee to discuss the Clerks contract with a view to the extra work involved with the website maintenance. This will be included on the July agenda.
4. Councillors thanked two members of the village for repairing the village notice board. This had been varnished and a new fastening fitted.
5. Currently the web management is the responsibility of the Clerk. Technical backup is to be requested to Parish Online and Jeanette Beresford agreed to take the position.

7/26 Planning:

1. ZG2026/0030/HPA Erection of a single storey extension at 6 Saw Wells Lane. Decision – Granted.

2. ZG2026/0304/OUTM Bellway Homes application for 250 homes on land adjacent to North Field Drive Sherburn in Elmet. Following a meeting with a member of Sherburn in Elmet Town Council it was agreed to support the comments of the Town Council that the application would aggravate the lack of infrastructure i.e. medical facilities, lack of parking and oversubscribed schools, which affects all the surrounding villages.
3. LS-563-PLN-A-002 erection of a car port at 6 Saw Wells Lane – building regulations agreed.
4. The councillors discussed the provision of an indoor sports and leisure complex in Sherburn in Elmet. It was felt that this would be a valuable asset to both Sherburn and surrounding villages and would support the proposal.

8/26 Finance

It was resolved to approve for payment the current invoices;

R Stride – Payroll April £ 18.60

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Clerks fee /HMRC in accordance with NALC rates

Yorkshire Local Councils assn £178.00 – annual subscription

Clear Councils £522.33 – Insurance

W Thompson £450.00 – grass mntce April/May

Lumby garden Centre £471.74 – spring planting.

The AGAR year end accounts had not been received from the auditor and would be circulated and signed and published before the due date.

9/26 The date of the next meeting 21st July at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Signed by Chair 16th July 2026