

Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council
held on **Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 18:30** at The Mission Room, Baldersby

Attendees: Cllr Hart (Chair), Cllr Brown, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Whitham, Cllr Wilson, The Clerk and 6 members of the public.

2425/031 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

No apologies had been received.

2425/032 Declarations of interest

- a) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under council's code of conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications of dispensation

No declarations of interest and applications for dispensation were raised.

2425/033 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2024 as a true and correct record.

The minutes were unanimously approved as a true and fair recording of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

2425/034 To receive a report from our Ward Councillor

As the Ward Councillor was not in attendance there was no report. The Clerk drew the meetings attention to the email that had been received from County Cllr Brown and it was agreed that Cllr Wilson's name be put forward to County Cllr Brown as a potential representative for the Community Hub group. Cllr Wilson stressed that he was prepared to attend for the first meeting to test the value of the group to the parish.

Action: Cllr Wilson

2425/035 Public Participation

Several members of the public were in attendance to ask questions regarding the children's play area, following the recent survey. Cllr Hart thanked all those involved in the drafting and circulation of the survey, which had elicited 52 responses. There had also been offers of financial support and help to maintain any equipment. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hart would approach the landowner to share with him the outcome of the survey, to agree next steps. The Clerk would then write to the landowner, summarising any agreed next steps.

Action: Cllr Hart, The Clerk

Cllr Hart would forward the grant application form to the respective members of the public to commence the application for grants.

Action: Cllr Hart

The Clerk would contact the tree surgeon in Rainton to ascertain the safety of the trees overlooking the play area.

Action: The Clerk

2425/036 To receive the Clerks Report.

The Clerk's Report had been circulated and read as follows:

"We are moving swiftly through the new financial year; I cannot believe that we will already be planning for the budget for 35/26 at the next meeting already!

In the meantime, discussions are ongoing regarding the future of the pavilion. Dialogue with SSE who supply the electric has been exceptionally difficult, but we seem to be reaching some kind of conclusion on this subject. The item is on the agenda for discussion.

Monthly meetings with Area 6 Highways continue and these are at last having some impact. Work has been performed on the surface on Marlpit Lane and we have made progress regarding gully clearing in the parish. We have had a response regarding speeding in Baldersby St James which will be discussed at the next meeting. I have

also corrected the misapprehension that a soak away is to blame for flooding in Baldersby St James, leading to engineers re-examining the problem. Several potholes have also been repaired.

Monies are available via our NYC's Community Budget. We need to be swift to access our fair share, and we need to look at the availability of commuted sums in greater detail and make some decisions."

2425/037 Financial Matters

a) To approve the bank reconciliation and budget comparison for August 2024.

The clerk had circulated the reconciliation and budget comparison prior to the meeting. The bank balance stood at £4,171.35 following outstanding cheques being considered. The performance against budget was satisfactory.

Resolved: The bank reconciliation and budget comparison were unanimously accepted.

b) To approve the Schedule of Payments as follows.

Resolved: The following payments were approved unanimously.

2.8.24	DD M Hullah	Grasscutting		£	295.00
6.8.24	DD Go-Cardless	IT		£	11.99
13.8.24	DD SSE	Sports Pavilion	£	-	£ 175.54
28.8.24	DD Clerk's Salary (August)	Salary and related costs		£	198.40
28.8.24	DD HMRC	Salary and related costs		£	49.60
3.9.24	DD M Hullah	Grasscutting		£	130.00
10.9.24	DD Clerk's Expenses	Office expenses		£	19.42

c) To discuss the use of Commuted Sums

Resolved: The Clerk would write to NYC ascertaining their agreement that the commuted sums be used for new noticeboards in the parish and to improve the footpath in the church cemetery.

Action: The Clerk

d) To discuss potential projects that qualify for Community Budget Funding

Resolved: The Clerk would inform County Cllr Brown that the Parish Council wished to replace the two noticeboards in the Parish and would like to request funding to support this project.

Action: The Clerk

e) To discuss preparation for the 2025-2026 budget.

It was agreed that Cllr Hart and the Clerk would prepare a draft budget for circulation to councillors prior to the November meeting with a view to agreeing a final figure at that meeting.

Action: Cllr Hart and the Clerk

2425/038 Planning Matters

a) To update the meeting regarding the planning application at Baldersby Gardens

The Parish Council noted the latest letter sent by the Clerk on 1st August to NYC objecting strenuously to this application. They also noted the response to County Cllr Brown's request that the application be called in. However, it had been noticed that activity had increased at the site and the clerk was asked to raise these concerns again.

Action: The Clerk

An application had also been received for the removal of existing temporary dwelling & erection of agricultural workers dwelling at Lineside Farm (6.11.99.G.FUL ZC24/02331/FUL).

Resolved: After looking at the plans in detail and ascertaining that there was an agricultural tenancy tag on the plans, and that the new access road would be completed, the parish council unanimously agreed that they had no objection to this application.

2425/039 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary following the visit by Area 6.

- a) To update the meeting on the situation regarding Marlpit Lane.

A parishioner had arranged for plainings to be delivered to the far end of Marlpit Lane. The Clerk was asked to make Area 6 Highways aware of this and ask for an additional amount to be delivered. He was also asked to inform them that the "road closed" sign was still in place.

Action: The Clerk

- b) To update the meeting on the issue of weeds on footpaths.

Some spraying had taken place. The second spray was due this month.

- c) To update the meeting on gully cleaning and jetting.

This was scheduled for October.

- d) To update the meeting on the condition of footpaths in Baldersby St James, Baldersby and Wards Corner.

The Clerk reported that Area 6 were still trying to arrange for a date to start work on the footpaths. He was asked to take up the problem of the hole at Wards Corner and the overhanging branches on the paths parallel to the A1.

These were most troublesome northwards on the road between Ainderby Quernhow and the bridge under the motorway, and south of the village from the settling ponds to the road which comes out at Wards Corner.

Action: The Clerk

- e) To update the meeting on the merging of drainage, sewage, and surface water in Baldersby St James

It was reported that a possible solution has been identified by the land owner, but it requires Yorkshire Water to change the Sewage Arrangements currently in place at Wide Howe Lane. Discussions continue.

C/F

- f) To update the meeting on the dropping of the road surface in Baldersby Garth.

Engineers were looking at surveying other drains to see if they were a contributory factor.

C/F

- g) To update the meeting following the letter to Area 6 regarding speeding in Baldersby St James.

An email had been received from Area 6 Highways in which they were looking at running a speed survey in the area to ascertain average speeds.

C/F

- h) To update the meeting regarding the white lining at Straw Lane.

Area 6 had deemed the markings of a sufficient standard. The Clerk was asked to write to them expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at this decision and to draw their attention to the blocked drain opposite Bretton Hose.

Action: The Clerk

2425/040 To discuss the following ongoing items and to decide further actions.

- a) To update the meeting on the operation and the positioning of the VAS equipment.

Resolved: It was agreed that the VAS equipment should be moved dependent on Cllr Whitham's availability.

- b) To confirm both the defibrillator batteries have been checked

Resolved: Both batteries had been checked.

- c) To confirm the playground equipment has been checked and to agree the annual play inspection costs.

Resolved: The playground had been checked. Several of the stepping stones were loose, and a parishioner offered to transport some soil to the play area to pack it in, to strengthen them. It was agreed to proceed with the annual check.

- d) To discuss new play equipment.

This had been discussed in item 2425/035.

2425/041 To discuss the situation regarding the future of the pavilion.

Resolved: Cllr Whitham would take some photographs of the inside to see if anyone would buy it. Cllr Wilson would dispose of any useable cricket gear.

Action: Cllrs Whitham and Wilson

Resolved: The water bill should now be sent to A E Jones. Cllr Brown would arrange, and the meter had to be left in place. The direct debit for the electricity supply had been cancelled. The meter had to be removed, and the supply disconnected. Cllr Brown would also arrange this.

Action: Cllr Brown

2425/042 To discuss Items raised by Councillors.

a) To discuss a date for a Litter Pick (JH)

Resolved: The date was agreed as Saturday October 12th. The event would be advertised on the website (The Clerk), by poster (Cllr Hart) and via social media (Cllr Whitham). The Clerk would arrange with NYC.

Action, The Clerk, Cllr Hart, Cllr Whitham

b) To discuss attendance at the YLCA meeting 14th October 2024

No one was available to attend this meeting.

2425/043 To confirm the date of the next meeting as November 26th at 18:30 at the Mission Room.

The dates for the next meetings, all at 18:30 at the Mission Room, were confirmed as follows:

November 26th, 2024

January 21st, 2025

March 25th, 2025

The meeting closed at 20:23