

## Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of  
Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council  
held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 18:30** at The Mission Room, Baldersby

**Attendees:** Cllr Hart (Chair), Cllr Brown, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Wilson, The Clerk and 3 members of the public.

### **2425/044 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.**

Apologies had been received and were accepted from Cllr Whitham.

### **2425/045 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.

### **2425/046 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 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.

### **2425/047 To receive a report from our Ward Councillor**

a) To discuss the request for £100 from our Ward Councillor for Secretarial Support for the Parish Forum. The Parish Council were not convinced that this is the appropriate way to approach this issue.

**Resolved:** By a majority decision with one abstention, it was agreed not to contribute towards this request for funding.

b) To approve the request for Locality Budget for new Noticeboards.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously approved that we go ahead with providing two notice boards for the Parish, with the Baldersby St James Noticeboard taking precedent. Cllr Hart would provide the details of a local joiner to Cllr Wilson. The Clerk would complete the form to NYC to obtain the £500 offered from the Locality Budget.

**Action: Cllrs Hart, Wilson and the Clerk**

### **2425/048 Public Participation**

It was agreed to take item 2425/53d) at this point. A member of the public reported that an application for funding had been completed, following a meeting with the landowner, who had given his approval to the project. There would now follow a period of around 16 weeks, before we would discover whether we had been successful. A bank account was to be made available for lodging any donations towards the project. Cllr Hart thanked the member of the public for all her hard work in producing the questionnaire for the village and completing the application for funding.

Another member of the public raised the issue of land available for community usage. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the member of the public would produce a questionnaire and share with the current landowner before circulating in the village. This would help identify what community requirements there were, before any attempt was made to contact local landowners, who may be amenable to such a request. This would be then added to the January agenda.

**C/F**

It was agreed to take item 2425/054 at this juncture. A member of the public had taken photographs of the pavilion. These would be offered to prospective purchasers. There had already been an approach.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that the costs of £79.00 and £647.15 (net of VAT) be approved for the discontinuation of electricity to the pavilion.

It was agreed to take item 2425/051b) at this point.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council unanimously agreed that they had no objection to this application, noting that the application has an agricultural tenancy tag and that a new access road is due to be completed.

### 2425/049 To receive the Clerks Report.

The Clerk's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting and read as follows. "Most of these preceding months have been taken up with preparing the annual budget for 2025/26 for approval at this meeting in conjunction with the Chairman.

I have also had numerous discussions with Susan Brown regarding the disconnection of the power supply to the pavilion. We now have a cost to do this, and although it seems expensive, I feel we have no other option but to accept it, given that, in the long term it will save the Council and parishioners money. I would like to place on record my thanks to Susan for her help in this matter. The utility companies refuse to talk to me so consequently she has had to do the main legwork in getting this matter resolved.

I took a call from a representative of BT; it would seem that we do not own the telephone box in Baldersby St James after all and have connected the second defibrillator to their power supply. This may not be as serious problem as it first seemed. BT are looking to discontinue the kiosk and would be prepared to sell it to us for £1. This is on the agenda to discuss tonight.

There have been numerous items of correspondence that I have received; these are on the agenda to discuss. I have also been in contact with our Ward Councillor, following his request for all parishes to pay £100 to subsidise his secretarial requirements for the Parish Forum.

Finally, I have been in contact with YLCA regarding the domain name and email of addresses for Councillors and have received advice accordingly.

As ever, thank you all for your support."

**Resolved:** The Clerk's Report was accepted unanimously.

### 2425/050 Financial Matters

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

The clerk had circulated the reconciliation and budget comparison prior to the meeting. The bank balance stood at £7,576.14 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.

6.9.24	DD	Go-Cardless	IT	£	-	£	11.99
16.9.24	DD	Scottish Water	Sports Pavilion			£	15.06
28.9.24	DD	Clerk's Salary (August)	Salary and related costs			£	198.40
28.9.24	DD	HMRC	Salary and related costs			£	49.60
30.9.24	DD	NYC	Precept	£	4,250.00	£	-
7.10-.24	DD	Go-Cardless	IT			£	11.99
28.10.24	DD	HMRC	Salary and related costs			£	49.60
28.10.24	DD	Clerk's Salary October	Salary and related costs			£	198.40
6.11.24	DD	Go-Cardless	IT	£	-	£	11.99
27.11.24	DD	Clerk's Expenses	Office expenses			£	50.18
28.11.24	DD	Clerk's Salary November	Salary and related costs		0.00	£	198.40
28.11.24	DD	HMRC	Salary and related costs			£	49.60

c) To discuss the use of Commuted Sums.

The Clerk was asked to enquire whether there could be monies appropriated to different categories, and whether monies could be used for the play equipment and noticeboard.

**Action: The Clerk**

d) To approve the 2025-2026 budget.

**Resolved:** The budget was unanimously approved and the precept for 2025/2026 set at £8,755, representing a 3% increase. The Clerk was thanked for all his work and analysis on producing the draft.

e) To approve the Internal Auditor and fee for 2024/25.

**Resolved:** Sue Welch was approved as Internal Auditor for 2024/2025 at a cost of £65.

#### **2425/051 Planning Matters**

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

**Resolved:** The Clerk would write to County Cllr Brown and the contact at planning, copying all, stating yet again our dissatisfaction with the way that this application was being dealt.

**Action: The Clerk**

b) To discuss application 6.11.99.H.FUL ZC24/03744/FUL; Removal of existing temporary dwelling and erection of Self Build Agricultural Workers Dwelling at Lineside Farm, Baldersby.

This had been dealt with under item 2425/048.

#### **2425/0352 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.

The Clerk reported that Area 6 Highways had said that they were still seeking confirmation if their contractors can provide plainings as they have raised concerns due to the depositing of hazardous waste.

**C/F**

b) To update the meeting on gully cleaning and jetting.

The Clerk was asked to explain to Area 6 Highways that the area that needed jetting was a soakaway at Wards Corner, which ran under the field and the problem would not be alleviated until this had been done. He was also to inform them that a local contractor would be prepared to perform the jetting at a cost.

**Action: The Clerk**

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

Cllr Wilson reported that a drainage solution to the issues had been identified. Yorkshire Water were yet to come up with a sewage solution.

**C/F**

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

Area 6 Highways were awaiting a camera survey of the area.

**C/F**

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

The Clerk was in receipt of a letter from Area 6 Highways suggesting some minor improvements. He was asked to write to Area 6, asking them to go ahead with these improvements. He was also asked to write to the Mayor's Office noting the re-opening of the school and suggesting that Wide Howe Lane be added to the roads that were monitored for speeding traffic.

**Action: The Clerk**

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

**Resolved:** A works order had been raised to repaint the white lines.

g) To update the meeting regarding overhanging branches on path running parallel to the A1

The Clerk was asked to point out the area affected was the bridleway.

**Action: The Clerk**

h) To update the meeting regarding the blocked drain opposite Bretton House

The Clerk reported that a drainage investigation was to be carried out. He would also raise the need for a permanent solution to rectify the flooding and sewage leak on Baldersby Garth during September.

**Action: The Clerk**

i) To update the meeting regarding the status of Brookside.

An order had been raised with Highways to inspect the area again.

**C/F**

#### **2425/053 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.

The VAS had been moved to the west bound carriageway.

b) To confirm both the defibrillator batteries have been checked  
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c) To confirm the playground equipment has been checked.

Cllr Shaw confirmed the play equipment had been checked.

d) To update the meeting on the application for funding new play equipment.

This had been dealt with under item 2425/048.

**2425/054 To discuss the situation regarding the future of the pavilion.**

a) To note the costs of £79.00 + VAT and £647.15 + VAT associated with the removal of the electricity supply from the pavilion and to approve.

This had been dealt with under item 2425/048.

b) To update the meeting on the removal of the pavilion.

This had been dealt with under item 2425/048.

**2425/055 Correspondence**

a) To discuss the request for nominations for the Royal Garden Party 2025.

**Resolved:** Cllr Hart was nominated unanimously.

b) To discuss the purchase of the telephone kiosk in Baldersby St James.

**Resolved:** The purchase was approved for £1, unanimously.

c) To note the sale of the former Baldersby St James Primary School to Pebbles-Therapeutic Residential Childcare and Education

**Resolved:** The Clerk would write, welcoming the new occupants to the village.

d) To discuss the recommendation that the PC website has a .gov domain.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that as this was not mandatory, the Parish Council would continue as is.

e) To discuss the recommendation that PC councillors have a separate .gov email address.

**Resolved:** It was unanimously agreed that as this was not mandatory, the Parish Council would continue as is.

f) To discuss correspondence received regarding the corn harvest.

The correspondence was noted, and Cllrs Hart and Shaw were thanked for their efforts in dealing with the issue.

g) To discuss the email received from NYC regarding future litter picks.

A subsequent communication had clarified that the availability of equipment would continue. Cllr Hart reported that although turnout was disappointing, 20 bags had been collected and the next litter pick would be in March.

**2425/056 To discuss Items raised by Councillors.**

a) To discuss the Garden Waste Licence for 2025.

**Resolved:** The Parish Council would pay for the green waste licence and also the Christmas tree lights.

**2425/057 To confirm the date of the next meeting as January 21st, 2025, at 18:30 at the Mission Room.**

This was confirmed. The meeting closed at 20:34.