

Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 20th March 2024** at The Mission Room, Baldersby at 18:30

Attendees: : Cllr Hart, Cllr Brown, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Whitham, Cllr Wilson, The Clerk and 3 members of the public.

2324/064 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

No apologies had been received.

2324/065 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

Resolved: There were no declarations of interest or any applications of dispensation.

2324/066 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2023 as a true and correct record.

Resolved: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.

2324/067 To receive reports from our Ward Councillor

Owing to the absence of the Ward Councillor there was no report.

2324/068 Public Participation

It was unanimously resolved to take items under 2324/072 under this section of the agenda. The clerk reported that the item under 72a) was still under consideration by the planning department. He had been contacted by various members of the planning department regarding the matter and a response had been received from the Department of Levelling Up. Cllr Brown told the meeting that he still had concerns on how the new planning authority were dealing with applications.

C/F

Resolved: item 72b) was discussed and it was resolved unanimously to support this application.

A member of the public reported that a speeding car had knocked the wing mirror off his vehicle in Baldersby St James. Cllr Wilson would summarise the incident and send it to the Clerk.

Action: Cllr Wilson

2324/069 To receive the Clerks Report.

The Clerk had circulated his report prior to the meeting. The report was unanimously accepted.

2324/070 Financial Matters

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

The Clerk reported that, after considering the outstanding cheques, the balance at the bank stood at £4,369.23. He expected the year-end balance to be around £4,100. The situation against budget was as expected.

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

b) To approve the Schedule of Payments.

Resolved: The following payments were approved.

29.1.24	DD	Clerk's Salary (Feb)	Unrestricted	Salary and related costs		£	191.86
29.1.24	DD	HMRC	Unrestricted	Salary and related costs		£	48.00
2.2.24	DD	Grant From NYC	Unrestricted	NYCC	£ 500.00		
6.2.24	DD	Gocardless	Unrestricted	IT		£	11.99
6.2.24	DD	London Heart	Unrestricted	Defibrillator		£	750.00
27.2.24	DD	Southern Electric	Unrestricted	Sports Pavilion		£	183.52
28.2.24	DD	HMRC	Unrestricted	Salary and related costs		£	48.00
28.2.24	DD	Clerk's Salary (Feb)	Unrestricted	Salary and related costs		£	191.66
28.2.24	DD	NYCC	Unrestricted	Grasscutting		£	669.60
6.3.24	DD	Gocardless	Unrestricted	IT		£	11.99
7.3.24	DD	HMRC	Unrestricted	VAT Refund	£ 151.05		
20.3.23	DD	K Pettitt	Unrestricted	Grasscutting			46.50
20.3.24	DD	Clerk's Expenses	Unrestricted	Office expenses			17.10

It was agreed to add the issue of the pavilion to the next agenda.

C/F

c) To approve the annual salary increase for the clerk of approximately 3.5%, payable from 1st March 2024.

Resolved: The annual salary increase was approved unanimously.

d) To discuss the Insurance Renewal Schedule for 2024/2025

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed that the VAS equipment and the second defibrillator be added to the schedule.

2324/071 Highways Issues

a) To update the meeting on the situation regarding the potholes and speeding on Marlpit Lane.

It was reported that the postman had now taken to leaving his van at the top of the lane because the road surface was so severely damaged. Additionally a member of the public reported that their son was having difficulty getting his taxi to school because of the condition of the road and the flooding. The Clerk was asked to write to County Cllr Les and Area 6 Highways with photographic evidence of the poor state of the road. He was also asked to point out that the lane ran all the way to the railway bridge and not just to the end of the row of houses.

Action: The Clerk

b) To update the meeting on gully cleaning/ street cleaning in Baldersby St James

Following a complete lack of action by Area 6 Highways on arranging for a Highways Officer to contact Cllr Wilson regarding the various issues in Baldersby St James, the Clerk read out an email he had composed to Melisa Burnham detailing the frustration at the lack of response and discourtesy of her department. He would await a response.

C/F

c) To update the meeting on the issue of overhanging branches at Baldersby St James.

This was covered under 2324/071 b).

C/F

d) To update the meeting on the path clearance from Ward's Corner to Baldersby St James.

This was covered under 2324/071 b).

C/F

e) To update the meeting on the responsibility for clearing weeds and road sweeping in the parish.

This was covered under 2324/071 b).

C/F

f) To update the meeting on correspondence regarding the road signs entering the parish.

Resolved: The road signs had been replaced in both villages.

g) To discuss street lighting in the parish.

The Clerk would contact the PCSO to ask for him to walk the parish after dark to check on the adequacy of the street lighting.

Action: The Clerk

2324/072 Planning Matters

a) To update the meeting on actions taking regarding application 6.11.1619.A.FULMAJ ZC23/04473/FULMAJ

Erection of buildings for storage (class B8) space and ancillary office building.

This item was covered under item 2324/068.

b) To discuss application 6.11.99.F.FUL ZC24/00645/FUL, creation of a new access and track & highway entrance at

Lineside Farm Marlpit Lane Baldersby Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 4PQ

This item was covered under item 2324/068.

2324/073 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

a) To update the meeting on the setting up of a Community Speedwatch Group.

Cllr Wilson reported that he had contacted NYC a number of times but had had no response.

C/F

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

The possibility of moving the equipment to Baldersby St James for a period of time was discussed. The Clerk would provide Cllr Wilson with his contact so he could discuss potential locations for the equipment.

Action: The Clerk / Cllr Wilson

c) To confirm the defibrillator battery has been checked and to discuss the positioning of the new defibrillator.

It was confirmed that the defibrillator battery had been checked.

Resolved: it was unanimously agreed that the Baldersby St James defibrillator be situated at the lychgate of the Church. A faculty had been obtained for the siting of the equipment and Cllr Wilson would contact the Church's electrician for a quote.

Action: Cllr Wilson

d) To update the meeting on the bi-monthly check of the Playground Equipment and a third-party inspection thereof.

Cllr Shaw confirmed the equipment had been checked. Cllr Hart would arrange for his contact to check over the equipment.

Action: Cllr Hart

e) To discuss the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

Cllr Brown would discuss this with a parishioner and share the results of his conversation with the rest of the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Brown

f) To update the meeting on the outcome of the litter pick on the 16th of March.

Cllr Hart reported that the litter pick had been a success. Thirteen people had turned out on the day and twenty-eight bags of litter had been collected. The parish council wish to record their thanks to everyone who turned up to assist and also to Rosemarie Carter who provided refreshments in the church after the event. One area had been missed east of Baldersby St James. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Brown for collecting and returning the equipment and to the Clerk for making all the necessary arrangements.

g) To discuss the response received regarding the 36-bus route.

The Clerk had been in contact with NYC who had informed him that it would be Transdev, as operators of the line, who would have to agree any extension of the route.

h) To discuss the instances of flooding at Baldersby St James and to update the meeting.

Cllr Wilson reported that it was proving difficult to identify ownership of the flooding with Highways and Yorkshire Water Services in particular declining to take responsibility. County Cllr Brown was now involved and is organising a meeting with YWS regarding the matter. Our local Farmer Ben Potter has acknowledged the need for improved drainage in one of his fields south of Wide Howe Lane and plans to implement enhancements in the summer of 2024.

i) To update the meeting on the outcome of the meeting of the Harrogate Branch of the YLCA on 19th February.

Cllr Shaw had attended the meeting and had circulated notes.

j) To update the meeting on the outcome of the Parish Forum Meeting on 22nd February.

Cllr Wilson had attended the meeting and had circulated notes.

2324/074 To discuss Items raised by Councillors.

a) To discuss compiling a list of available drivers for parishioners.

It was agreed to promote the existence of the Ripon & Rural Voluntary Car Driving Service. Compiling a separate list would be difficult owing to data protection issues.

2324/075 To confirm the date of the next meeting and those for the year 2024/2025.

The following days were set for this calendar year:

May 21st – 18:00 (Annual Parish Meeting, Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting

July 16th – 18:30 (Ordinary Meeting)

September 10th – 18:30 (Ordinary Meeting)

November 26th - 18:30 (Ordinary Meeting)

The meeting closed at 20:10