

Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Baldersby and Baldersby St James Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th July in the Mission Room, Baldersby

Attendees: Cllr Hart (Chair), Cllr C Brown, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Carter, K Pettitt (Clerk and RFO), County Cllr N Brown and District Cllr Green

2223/014 To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Whitham.

2223/015 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

There were no declarations of interest or applications of dispensation.

2223/016 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 as a true and correct record.

Resolved: The minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting on 11th May 2022.

2223/017 To receive reports from Ward Councillors

District Cllr Green introduced himself and offered his contact details should anyone wish to involve him in any issues. County Cllr Brown stated that he was delighted to have been elected to serve the ward. He had been serving on Harrogate Borough Council since 2008 and was keen to support Parish Councils as best he could. He was responsible for the relationship with 16 in his ward. His modus operandi was that that the parish councils initiate any contact with relevant authorities, and he would endeavour to support them. He was also looking to instigate 6 weekly meetings with a couple of representatives from each of his parishes, in order to brief them on progress as we moved towards the new unitary County Council on 1st April 2023. These could be physical or virtual meetings. Regarding our issues with Area 6 Highways, he had already met with Melisa Burnham, Highways Area Manager for Harrogate at NYCC following an update from the Clerk on the lack of response from Area 6 regarding a number of issues and was due to meet with Keane Duncan, Executive Member for Highways and Transportation on 26th July. He would also keep us apprised of any development in setting up constituency committees in areas such as planning.

2223/018 Public Participation

As there were no members of the public present there were no questions.

2223/019 To receive the Clerks Report.

Resolved: The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting and was unanimously accepted.

2223/020 Financial Matters

- a) To approve the bank reconciliation and budget comparison for July 2022.

The bank reconciliation and budget comparison had been circulated prior to the meeting. The bank balance taking in to account any outstanding payments stood at £10,772.08. Performance against budget was satisfactory. The Chairman signed the schedule and the bank statement.

Resolved: The bank reconciliation and budget summary was unanimously approved.

- b) To approve the Schedule of Payments as detailed below:

11.5.22	672	Arthur Gallagher Ltd	Insurance	£	429.55
8.6.22	DD	M Hullah	Grasscutting	£	305.00

8.6.22	DD	Steven J Dresser	Sports Pavilion	£	92.66
21.6.22	DD	M Hullah	Grasscutting	£	462.00
24.6.22	DD	Scottish Water	Sports Pavilion	£	7.36
11.7.22	DD	Clerk's Expenses	Office expenses	£	16.60

Resolved: The schedule of payments was unanimously approved.

c) To give the clerk authority to make certain re-occurring payments electronically.

Resolved: The Clerk was given authority to pay contracted / in budget payments electronically. It was agreed, to provide further governance, that a bi-annual internal check would be performed in October and March by a Councillor.

Action The Clerk, Cllr Shaw

d) To update the meeting on YLCA's advice on the Asset Register.

Following advice from YLCA it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the current asset register for comment.

Action: All

2223/021 Planning Matters

a) To note and agree the Planning Summary for the year.

Resolved: The Planning Summary had been circulated prior to the meeting and was unanimously approved.

2223/022 Correspondence Received.

a) Letter requesting ownership details for the Recreation Ground.

Resolved: It was agreed that the response should be that "the Parish Council does not rent, nor lease, nor own the field." It was further noted that that the field was made available to residents free of charge by the owners.

2223/023 To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

a) To receive an update from the Working Party on the pavilion.

Cllr Carter reported that the electrical work had been completed and that the roof repair was ongoing.

Resolved: Cllr Hart would write to the Working Party requesting their observations on the long-term future of the building.

Action: Cllr Hart

b) To discuss the issue of speeding within the village.

Following Cllr Shaw's suggestion to contact Traffic Management and the Clerk's numerous attempts to elicit any further information from Area 6 Highways, a site meeting had been set up on July 13th at 10:00, where Cllr Brown would represent the Parish Council. He would report back after the event.

Action: Cllr Brown

c) To update the meeting on the Clerk's request to Area 6 Highways for a meeting to discuss the repairing sign at Ward's Corner, street lighting and the white lining in the village.

The Clerk updated the meeting. The repairing of the sign had been logged by Area 6 Highways and was awaiting repair. A tardy response had been received from Area 6 Highways regarding street lighting, detailing the streetlights in the village and confirming they were investigating both whether the streetlights had been upgraded to LED and whether they were adequate. A response on white lining in the village had been received from Highways indicating their maintenance team felt that they were not in need of intervention. The Parish Council felt that this was an erroneous opinion, and the Clerk was asked to respond to Area 6 with photographic evidence to the contrary.

Action: The Clerk

d) To confirm the defibrillator battery has been checked.

Resolved: Cllr Brown confirmed the battery had been checked and that its status was satisfactory.

e) To update the meeting on the Baldersby Garth Road Sign

Resolved: The Baldersby Garth sign had been removed and a new one was now in situ.

f) To update the meeting on the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Hart reported that approximately 80 people had attended, and it had resulted in an excellent community day. We joined in the National lighting of the Beacons to celebrate the Jubilee, held at St James Church, where nearly 30 villagers from St James and Baldersby took part to see the Beacon being lit to the sound of the bells, followed by wine and refreshments to music, a wonderful community evening enjoyed by all.

The weather had held off and thanks were expressed to all those involved in the constituent events, specifically the decorated crown competition, BBQ, sweets in a jar competition, musical entertainment including the excellent singer, teas being served in the Mission Room, poster and leaflet design and the traction engine. It was felt that an annual event would be appropriate, and it was requested that the Clerk include this on the next agenda.

Action: The Clerk

Cllr Brown reported that it was currently planned that Baldersby St James Primary School would close on 21st July and would finish being a school on 1st September. The buildings would remain in Lord Downe's ownership. However, it was his understanding that Lord Downe was keen that they still be utilised in a form of educational establishment. Cllr Brown, in his role as conduit between the school and the Parish Council, would keep the Parish Council apprised of any future developments.

2223/024 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 18:30 Tuesday 30th August.

Resolved: The date was confirmed.

The meeting closed at 20:00