

BAGBY AND BALK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Bagby and Balk Parish Council Wednesday, 13th March 2024.

Present: Cllr Musgrove (Chairman), Cllr Humphreys, Cllr Cook, Cllr Crick, Cllr Wrightson, Clerk and Responsible Officer S Langthorne.

2023.03.131 To Receive Any Apologies for Absence by an Elected Member

Cllr Baker (NYC) and Cllr Varey (Vice Chairman) had sent apologies before the meeting.

2023.03.132 To Note Any Declarations of Business (or other) Interests by Elected Members

Cllr Cook declared an interest in ZB24/00355/SPN, Application to determine if prior approval is required for the installation of roof mounted solar panels on a commercial building.

2023.03.133 To Approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 14/02/2024.

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman

2023.03.134 Public Participation

None at this time

2023.03.135 To Receive reports from North Yorkshire Cllr

Garden Waste Licence

Residents across North Yorkshire can now pay for their garden waste licence ahead of this year's collections starting in March. The service has been standardised to ensure everyone receives the same service regardless of where they live in the county.

A licence for the 2024 season costs £46.50 for garden waste collections between March and early December. There will be no dedicated collection of Christmas trees.

Home to School Travel Policy

Council's Home to School Travel Policy consultation is now open for comments.

Identification required for the Mayoral election in May.

Residents should note that they will need identification for the Mayoral election on May 2nd if they visit a polling station (and for any subsequent elections)

There will be a wide range of photographic identification which will be acceptable.

- These include:
- Various concessionary travel passes
- PASS cards
- Ministry of Defence identity cards

- Photocard parking permits issued as part of the Blue Badge scheme
- Driver's licenses
- Passports
- Free Voter Cards, provided by local authorities

Expired photographic identification will also be accepted if the photograph is of a good enough likeness to allow polling station staff to confirm the identity of the holder.

Council Tax Increases – Harmonisation of Levels following Reorganisation

As residents will be aware as part of the establishment of North Yorkshire Council a decision was taken to harmonise council tax over two years. This meant that for 2023/24 council tax varied depending upon which former district or borough council area the property was in. For 2024/25, the council tax (for each council tax band) will be the same irrespective of area. What this does still mean, however, is that the increase between 2023/24 and 2024/25 will vary by former council area.

2023.03.136 Planning

1. To Consider the following planning applications received:

ZB24/00355/SPN,	Application to determine if prior approval is required for the installation of roof mounted solar panels on a commercial building.	PowerPoint
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Councillors were very supportive of solar panels on all building on the industrial estate

Resolved the Clerk will send the email NYC with support.

2. To Note HDC Planning Decision Notices received

None at this time

3. To Consider any further planning/ enforcement matters

The Clerk explained that the Maladministration Claim NYC had now been submitted to the Ombudsman.

2023.03.137 Finance, Insurance and Governance

- 1.1 To **Note** the Current Bank Reconciliation, Cash Book, and Budget Monitoring

The current Bank Reconciliation, Cash Book and Budget Monitoring were **Noted and a hard copy signed for the records.**

- 1.2 . To **Approve** a move to online banking – Unity Bank

Councillors approved the move to Unity Bank and Cllr Cook and Cllr Musgrove agreed to be approvers.

Resolved the Clerk would proceed with the application.

1.3 To **Approve** payments detailed below:

Sandra Langthorne	Clerks February 24 Salary	£291.53
Sandra Langthorne	Virus Protection (due 4/4)	£9.99
Sandra Langthorne	Bird Netting	£37.29

The following payments were **Approved** and a cheque signed.

2023.03.138 Highways

1.1 The PC had received a letter of complaint about cars blocking entrances on the industrial estate and preventing deliveries. Businesses have taken to putting cones out to prevent cars parking in dangerous positions. Councillors requested the Clerk contact the Post Office (copy in NYC) as it appeared to be their staff causing some of the parking issues. Clerk to also contact NYC to see if white lines could be placed at each entrance to ensure it was left accessible for deliveries.

Resolved the Clerk to write to The Post Office and NYC

1.2 The Clerk had received a complaint from a resident about vehicles speeding through the village and large vehicles causing damage to the verges. Councillors determined the verge was not owned by the PC and therefore couldn't grant permission for stones or bollards to prevent damage.

Resolved the clerk would email the resident.

1.3 The Chair requested the Clerk contact NYC about the road condition on Church Lane.

Resolved the Clerk would report the road condition to NYC

2023.03.139 Allotment Project

The Clerk explained that the Planning application was still awaiting a decision, and she would let everyone know the outcome asap. However, she was troubled as the planners had raised concern about pedestrians walking to the site.

Quotations had been received for the car park, and entrance and Councillors felt the official entrance would have to wait till year two of the project due to the cost.

2023.03.140 Other Business and Correspondence Received

1.1 To Discuss request for a tree stake on Sandown Close

Resolved that the Clerk would organise a stake for the leaning tree on Sandown Close

1.2 To **Note** the following correspondence:

1.3 To **Note** the Guide to D-Day 80th Celebration 6th June 2024

1.4 To **Note** new joint local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for NY

1.5 To **Note** the Let's Talk Food campaign, North Yorkshire Council

1.6 To **Note** North Yorkshire Councils Cost of Living Campaign

1.7 To **Note** consultation on proposed changes to Council's Home to School Travel Policy.

1.8 To **Note** "Have Your Say" Consultation on North Yorkshire's all-age draft substance use strategy. North Yorkshire Police and Fire Commissioner.

Items 1.2 – 1.8 were discussed and **Noted**

1.9 The Chair requested it be noted that she had replaced the defibrillator pads, registered with the Circuit and that the membership would need to be renewed next year 2025. The Clerk said it was in the 2025 budget.

2023.03.141 To note matters for information and items for next monthly meeting agenda

1. Balk Bridge

2023.03.142 To Confirm date, time and venue for next ordinary meeting of Bagby and Parish Council

Meetings start at 7pm – 10/04/2024