

BAGBY AND BALK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bagby and Balk Parish Council **Wednesday 9th July 2025**

Present: Cllr McKenzie (Chair), Cllr Varey (Vice Chair), Cllr Crick, Cllr Wrightson, Cllr Cook, NYC Cllr Baker, Clerk R Hedger

2025-26.40 **Public Participation**

The session is for public participation at this meeting in accordance with standing orders and shall not exceed 15 minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. Allows any matter to be raised, however no decisions can be made by the parish council until such items are included as items on an agenda for consideration.

None at this time.

2025-26.41 **Apologies:**

1. To **Note** Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence

None at this time.

2025-26.42 **To Note any Declarations of Interest:**

1. To **Approve** Dispensation Requests
2. To **Note** Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None at this time.

2025-26.43 **Minutes**

1. To **Approve** the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 11/06/2025

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved as a correct record, and these were signed by the chairman.

2025-26.44 **To Receive reports for North Yorkshire Council**

Parish councillors began by asking Councillor Baker to convey concerns about recent roadworks in Bagby to North Yorkshire Council. Councillor Baker asked that any future works are reported directly to her while the work is ongoing to allow for immediate action. Parish councillors mentioned that some waste from the work has not yet been removed. There was a lack of clarity over the length of time work would be ongoing, which led to the cancellation of a church service and disruption for locals. Parish councillors agreed to pursue this matter further by compiling evidence and information on the work.

Councillor Baker informed councillors of changes to postal vote renewals – if an individual applied before 2023 they must apply for a renewal before January. Reminders will be issued to voters. Where changes need to be made online, local libraries can assist those who need help.

Local libraries will be launching the Summer Reading Challenge on 12th July, aimed at rewarding children for reading six books over the summer holidays.

Feast are offering activities and meals over the summer holidays for those in receipt of free school meals.

Councillor Baker's next surgery is 24th July at York Auction Mart, and thereafter 19th September at the Galtres Centre, both between 10am and 2pm.

2025-26.45 To Note and discuss any Planning issues

1. To **Note** NYC Planning Applications Notices received

None at this time.

- 2 To **Note** NYC Planning Decision Notices received

ZB25/00024/REM GRANTED	Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, landscaping, Layout and Scale) Plot 2 following Outline Approval ZB23/00812/OUT as amended by revised plans received 10 April 2025	Bagby Hall Farm Bagby Thirsk North Yorkshire
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Councillors **NOTED** NYC Planning Decision Notices.

2025-26.46 To Note or Approve and Finance and Governance issues.

1. To **Note** the current Bank Reconciliation, Cash Book, and Budget Monitoring.

Councillors **NOTED** the current Bank Reconciliation, Cash Book, and Budget Monitoring. The current bank balance is £10,722.95.

2. To **Approve** payments detailed below:

YLCA	Training - Preparing lawful agenda and minutes	£27.40
R Hedger	June overtime (Hambleton YLCA meeting, allotment site visit, finance training) – 8 hours	£128.80

The above payments were **APPROVED**.

2025-26.47 YLCA Branch meeting update

Cllr Crick and the clerk had attended the YLCA branch meeting in June. Both agreed it offered a good opportunity to network with other local parish councils to exchange knowledge and information.

2025-26.48 Bagby and Balk Summer Newsletter

Cllrs **DISCUSSED** content for inclusion in the summer newsletter, to be issued in the next 4-6 weeks.

2025-26.49 Parish Council Telephone Contact

1. To **Discuss** the addition of a telephone contact number for the Parish Council

Councillors **DISCUSSED** the addition of a telephone contact number. Following the change of clerk, a contact number is no longer advertised on the website. It was decided to maintain the current process for contacting the Parish Council via the clerk's email account.

2025-26.50 Highways

1. To **Consider** highways reports

Potholes on York Road previously reported by the clerk are due for inspection by Highways. Cllr Cook offered to follow up on this.

The carriageway spray injection patching carried out in Bagby was discussed at length (see 2025-26.44 above). The Parish Council plans to pursue this issue, focusing on the quality of the work, the lack of clarity over road closure times, and the absence of communication with local residents.

2025-26.51 Policing and Security Matters

1. To **Consider** any policing or village security related issues

One resident reported further speeding issues in the village. Councillors requested that the clerk invite the North Yorkshire Police speed van to attend at the earliest convenience.

2025-26.52 Allotment update

1. To **Discuss** vacant plots

There are three vacant allotment plots. Councillors asked that these be advertised in the village newsletter. An official allotment opening will be planned soon.

The community plot remains available for those interested in gardening without the commitment of a whole plot – please contact the clerk for further information.

2. To **Discuss** allotment budget

A meeting will be arranged with allotment-holders to discuss the ongoing governance of the site, including the budget and any future developments on site.

3. To **Discuss** recent funding applications

The clerk submitted a Locality Budget funding application to Cllr Baker in June, which has now been progressed to the next stage of consideration. The proposed funds would go towards the purchase of a 10ft gate to allow access by the grass-cutter and emergency vehicles.

The Council was successful in its application for 90 free hedge plants, which will arrive in November for planting on site.

4. Miscellaneous

Cllr Crick produced an allotment-specific risk assessment and will circulate this among councillors for adoption at the next meeting in August.

2025-26.53 Other Business and Correspondence Received

The Chair asked that Cllr Cook pass on the Council's best wishes to the village grass cutter, Mr Broadwith, extending thanks for ensuring the village is well-maintained.

2025-26.54 To Note matters for information for next monthly meeting agenda

1. Allotment risk assessment to be discussed and adopted

2025-26.55 To Confirm date, time and venue for next meeting

Meetings start at 7pm – next meeting is 06/08/2025 at Power Point, York Road, Thirsk.