

BAGBY AND BALK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bagby and Balk Parish Council **Wednesday 10th September 2025**

Present: Cllr McKenzie (Chair), Cllr Varey (Vice Chair), Cllr Crick, Cllr Cook, Clerk R Hedger, NYC Cllr Baker, 3 members of the public

2025-26.69 **Public Participation**

Members of the public in attendance were keen to voice their opposition to the Monk Park Farm licensing application. They are concerned about the scope of the application and the potential noise levels in a very quiet rural area, which are already disruptive for some during daytime opening hours. There are concerns about the sale of alcohol on site, particularly given that most visitors drive to the farm. There is also concern about the combination of alcohol, animals and children.

NYC Councillor Baker suggested that a Parish Council representative may wish to speak at the meeting of the licensing committee, likely to take place in October. The Parish Council agreed to represent in writing the views of those who had been in touch with the Clerk or attended the meeting. Residents are encouraged to submit their views directly to the licensing department (licensing.ham@northyorks.gov.uk) to most accurately inform them of local views on the issue.

2025-26.70 **Apologies**

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

None at this time.

2025-26.71 **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.

2025-26.72 **Minutes**

1. To **Approve** the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 06/08/2025
2. To **Approve** the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting 20/08/2025

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted as a true reflection of the above meetings.

2025-26.73 **To Receive reports for North Yorkshire Council**

NYC Cllr Baker spoke with councillors regarding the appearance of flags on village streetlights following an email received earlier in the week. Cllr Baker confirmed that NYC's legal department was investigating the matter before taking action. The Clerk noted that she had received an email from a local resident on the issue and had reported the matter to NYC.

NYC Cllr Baker's next surgeries are 19th September at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold and 2nd October at Thirsk Auction Mart.

2025-26.74 **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

ZB23/02484/FUL GRANTED	Construction of a detached dwelling previously approved under outline planning application reference: 18/00044/OUT	Land Rear Of The Hollies, Barbeck Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 1DG
ZB25/01207/FUL GRANTED	Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling: Partial conversion of a garage to provide a level accessible bedroom and bathroom.	1 Monks Court Bagby Thirsk North Yorkshire

ZB23/02484/FUL - Councillors queried whether the entrance to this property would be through the industrial estate and asked the clerk to seek clarity from Planning on the issue.

ZB25/01207/FUL – Councillors **NOTED** the planning decision.

2025-26.75 To Note or Approve and Finance and Governance issues.

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

Councillors **NOTED** the Bank Reconciliation documents; these were signed by the Chair. The current bank balance is £9263.06.

2. To **Note** addition of Cllr McKenzie as authorised bank signatory

Councillors **NOTED** the addition.

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

Broadwith & Son	Grass-cutting - March to July 2025	£1227.60 (£982.08 + £245.52 VAT)
Screwfix	Fire Chief Foam Fire Extinguisher 1L for allotment shed	£27.29
Screwfix	First aid kit for allotment shed	£16.89

Councillors **APPROVED** the payments above.

2025-26.76 Highways

1. To **Consider** highways reports

Cllr Cook asked the Clerk whether a date had been set to repair potholes on York Road. The Clerk noted that there had been no update from NYC and agreed to follow up on this.

2025-26.77 Policing and Security Matters

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

None at this time.

2025-26.78 Allotment update

1. To **Consider** allotment risk assessment for publication

Councillors **APPROVED** the revised allotment risk assessment. The clerk agreed to hang this in the allotment shed and toilet at the next convenient opportunity.

2. To **Update** on shed roof issue

The Clerk has emailed the shed provider numerous times to no avail. The Clerk will continue chasing this.

3. To **Discuss** meeting of allotment-holders 17/09/2025

Councillors noted that the previous meeting of allotment-holders had been very positive. The next meeting is not an official Parish Council meeting, but Cllr McKenzie, Cllr Varey and the Clerk agreed to attend.

4. To **Discuss** details of official allotment opening 20/09/2025

Councillors noted the date and time. The Clerk confirmed that she would extend an invitation to NYC Cllr Baker.

2025-26.79 Other Business and Correspondence Received

1. To **Note** receipt of letter from NYC regarding precept-setting deadline of 31/12/2025

Councillors **NOTED** the receipt of the letter from NYC.

2. To **Note** YLCA Hambleton branch meeting 24 September 2025

Councillors **NOTED** the meeting.

3. To **Note** increased movement of aircraft from RAF Leeming 25 August to 21 September

Councillors **NOTED** the report from MOD.

4. To **Update** on CIL funding query

The Clerk informed councillors that the last CIL payment was received 24/10/2024. The Clerk has contacted NYC to enquire about any payments due.

5. To **Update** on instigation of co-option policy

The Parish Council has been informed by North Yorkshire Council that it may co-opt councillors to fill the vacancies left by Cllr Wrightson and Cllr Musgrove. The clerk will prepare an advertisement for display in the local area and on the village Facebook page. Applications will be considered at the November meeting of the Parish Council.

6. To **Discuss** Monk Park Farm licensing application

Discussed during public participation (2025-26.69). Councillors agreed to represent the views of residents who have contacted the Parish Council.

2025-26.80 To Note matters for information for next monthly meeting agenda

1. To **Note** Parish Council insurance due for renewal 15/11/2025 – Clerk to seek quotes for review
2. To **Update** on casual vacancies
3. To **Update** on allotment shed roof

2025-26.81 To Confirm date, time and venue for next meeting

Meetings start at 7pm – next meeting is 08/10/2025 at Power Point, York Road, Thirsk.