

BAGBY AND BALK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bagby and Balk Parish Council **Wednesday 11th February 2026**

Present: Cllr McKenzie (Chair), Cllr Crick, Cllr Cook, Cllr Southwell, Clerk R Hedger.

2025-26.129 Public Participation

None at this time.

2025-26.130 Apologies

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

Cllr Varey sent her apologies.

2025-26.131 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.

2025-26.132 Minutes

1. To **Approve** the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 14/01/2026

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true reflection of the meeting and these were duly signed by the Chair.

2025-26.133 To Receive reports for North Yorkshire Council

Prostate screening

After a motion brought to full council about prostate screening we have been asked to encourage men in North Yorkshire to take part in this consultation; they can submit their comments here: <https://view-health-screening-recommendations.service.gov.uk/prostate-cancer/>.

Tough decisions for council's budget amid £40 million funding loss

Residents and businesses in the county have been warned that a raft of tough choices will need to be made as North Yorkshire Council's budget for the next financial year has been left with an additional multi-million-pound shortfall.

The Government has made major changes to the way local government is funded, and this has seen the council lose a further £20 million in its core funding just 12 months after being handed one of the worst financial settlements in the country.

The council has already been battling a gap of more than £20 million in the current financial year. The new funding settlement from the Government will now span the next three years and Ministers have placed a heavy reliance on the county's taxpayers to finance the authority's budget.

The Government has said that it expects council tax to rise by 4.99 per cent in each of the next three years to help plug funding gaps.

Sutton Bank Closure

North Yorkshire Council will be undertaking drainage survey works at the above location. The works are currently programmed to commence on 27th January 2026 and will run until 29th January 2026. Works will be carried out under a full road closure between the hours of 1900 and 0300.

Waste collections

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of residents reporting a missed collection before we have reached their area, and we would appreciate your assistance in sharing some additional messages with your residents.

- Please remember to continue to present your rubbish and recycling at your collection point by 6am on your collection day. Your collection may be at a different time to previously and could be picked up at any point throughout the day
- Please wait until after 4pm on the day of your scheduled collection before reporting a missed collection as crews will still be out working until this time
- There are no changes to garden waste collection days and your collection may be on a different day to your rubbish / recycling
- You can check your collection dates online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/calendar

2025-26.134 To Receive reports from North Yorkshire Police

None at this time.

2025-26.135 To Note and Discuss any Planning issues

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

ZB25/01779/FUL	Erection of a replacement building for the storage of aircraft and vehicles	The Airfield Bagby Thirsk North Yorkshire
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Councillors noted that the Planning Portal had been down - the clerk confirmed there had been issues with the website. Councillors instructed the clerk to request an extension to the deadline for comments due to these technical issues.

The Chair suggested trying to arrange a visit to the airfield to gain a clearer idea of the layout, future plans, etc. The Chair asked the clerk to facilitate this.

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

None at this time.

2025-26.136 To Note or Approve Finance and Governance issues

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

Councillors noted the Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitoring documents. The current bank balance is £5701.52.

2. To **Note** receipt of VAT claim

Councillors noted the VAT claim of £544.29.

3. To **Discuss** adding a bank signatory

Councillors noted continued issues with accessing online banking and it was resolved to look at different options in a few months if these do not improve.

4. To **Consider** approving the payments detailed below:

YLCA	Training: Year-end and Audit	£35.00
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YLCA	Training: What should a Parish and Town Council publish on its website to be compliant with legislation?	£10.00
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Councillors approved the payments above.

2025-26.136 Allotment update

1. To **Note** reports of fuel in allotment shed

Cllr Crick noted that a rotavator with a fuel tank had been found in the shed. Cllr Crick asked that the clerk enquire with the insurance provider to ensure the building is covered if damage is caused by a fire. Cllr Cook suggested a notice be added to the shed to remind allotment-holders that equipment is left there at their own risk. It was resolved that the clerk would call the insurer and create a notice to be displayed in the shed.

2. To **Note** Tesco Stronger Starts report due

It was resolved that the clerk would submit the completed funding report the following day.

2025-26.137 Other Business and Correspondence Received

1. To **Note** NYC grass-cutting correspondence

It was resolved that the clerk would contact NYC to confirm that the Council wishes to continue the current grass-cutting arrangement.

2. To **Note** Vision for the future of Thirsk survey (deadline 28/02/2026)

Cllr Southwell informed councillors that views are being sought from residents on enhancing the local area. Residents can find this survey online and paper copies in the library.

3. To **Note** correspondence re. woodland creation (Green Dykes Farm, Bagby)

Councillors noted the correspondence from a local resident.

4. To **Note** reported broken bridleway sign by Cleveland House

Councillors noted the report and the clerk confirmed that she had reported this to NYC.

5. To **Discuss** continued flooding on Bagby Lane

Cllr Crick encouraged individuals to report any issues as they arise, even if a report has already been submitted. Cllr Crick suggested asking NYC to inspect the culvert and to send the inspection report to the Council. The Chair expressed that he would be happy to meet any representative of NYC to discuss the issue and the hazard it represents. It was resolved that the clerk would report flooding at the junction of the A19 into the village noted by Cllr Southwell, and would request an inspection of the culvert mentioned above.

6. To **Discuss** replacement of defibrillator batteries

The clerk informed councillors that the defibrillator is now due for a new battery. It was resolved that the clerk would order a new battery and arrange for this to be fitted upon its arrival.

7. To **Note** query re. Bagby sewage works

The Chair noted that sewage infrastructure remains in place despite the works no longer being in use, and Cllr Southwell noted that a sign informs passers-by of deep chambers within. Cllr Cook noted there was no maintenance being carried out, and councillors agreed this represented a potential hazard. It was resolved that the clerk would contact Yorkshire Water to enquire about ownership and the status of the building.

8. To **Discuss** remaining casual vacancy

The Chair noted that a vacancy remains and councillors agreed to consider approaching potential candidates in order to ensure the best representation for the local community.

9. To **Update** councillors on switch to gov.uk email and website

The clerk had provided councillors with alternative options for an email service compliant with new Assertion 10 rules prior to the meeting. Following discussion of the various options and costs, it was resolved that the clerk would move to a .gov.uk email address at the earliest convenience, with councillors to follow when required to do so, and that the Council would keep the current website for the time being, with the clerk to investigate the latest website compliance information.

2025-26.138 To Note matters for information for next monthly meeting agenda

1. To **Note** upcoming issue of invoices to allotment holders
2. To **Note** correspondence from NYC regarding the North Yorkshire Local Plan and the Third Public Release of 'Call for Sites' Submissions

2025-26.139 To Confirm date, time and venue for next meeting

Meetings start at 7pm – next meeting is 11/03/2026 at Power Point, York Road, Thirsk.