

BAGBY AND BALK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Bagby and Balk Parish Council **Wednesday 8th July 2026**

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

2026-27.39 Public participation

None at this time.

2026-27.40 Apologies

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

NYC Cllr Baker submitted her apologies and it was resolved to accept these.

2026-27.41 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.

2026-27.42 Minutes

1. To **Approve** the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 10/06/2026

The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting, and it was resolved to accept these as a true reflection of the meeting. The Chair signed the minutes.

2026-27.43 To Receive reports for North Yorkshire Council

None at this time.

2026-27.44 To Note and Discuss any Planning issues

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

Planning ref. no	Proposal	Location
ZB25/00505/MRC	Application for removal of condition 5 (Bike storage stabling & tack storage) for previously approved application 18/01722/FUL	Westholme, York Road, Thirsk
ZB26/00980/CLE	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing change of use of former day room to independent residential dwellinghouse	The White O Morn, Moor Lane, Bagby, Thirsk

Councillors noted no objections. It was resolved that the clerk would contact Planning.

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

None at this time.

2026-27.45

To Note or Approve Finance and Governance issues

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

Councillors noted the current Bank Reconciliation, Cash Book and Budget Monitoring documents. These were signed by Cllr Southwell. The current bank balance is £14,074.98. Councillors noted that more than £4000 of this money is earmarked for lottery funding purchases, with other significant expenditure expected in the later part of 2026 (grass-cutting, insurance, website, etc).

2. To **consider** approving the payments detailed below:

YLCA	Training – Casual vacancies	£28.20
YLCA	Training - An introduction to the Basic Planning System	£28.20

It was resolved to approve the above payments.

2026-27.46

Allotment update

1. To **discuss** allotment progress

The Clerk noted that allotment users had recently completed the construction of raised beds in the community plot, and councillors offered thanks to those involved.

2. To **discuss** metal shed

Following the last meeting, the Clerk contacted Planning to enquire about whether permission would be required to erect a metal shed on site. Planning advised that it would be necessary to submit a variation to the original application at a cost of £154.50. It was agreed to purchase a smaller metal storage container large enough for the lawnmower that could be stored within the existing shed and which would prevent the need for submitting a variation to the original application. It was resolved that the Clerk would arrange this purchase.

3. To **update** on progress of lottery funding orders

The clerk had spoken to Sam Turners to arrange the purchase of solar lights and picnic benches and was awaiting confirmation regarding delivery, at which point she would inform councillors and allotment-holders. It was resolved that the clerk would place an order for bulk bags of compost and topsoil now that the raised beds were completed.

4. To **discuss** amendments to tenancy agreements for 2027-28

It was resolved that the Chair and Cllr Crick would look at the agreement over the summer.

5. To **discuss** allotment polytunnel

It was resolved that the Clerk would check the budget to see how much the Council could reasonably afford to spend on a polytunnel, and the Chair would look at options.

2026-27.47

Other Business and Correspondence Received

1. To **update** on Bagby sewage works

Yorkshire Water informed the clerk that it was not known to them whether the site had been decommissioned or whether any ongoing maintenance was undertaken. The Chair noted that the site is alongside a public footpath with only a low fence, and councillors noted concerns about young people accessing the site, with the potential for deep chambers representing a

risk to safety. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact North Yorkshire Council's Health and Safety department.

2. To **discuss** Tree Preservation Order

It was resolved that the Clerk would email a response to NYC stating the significance of the tree in the local area. The Chair asked councillors to be aware of other trees in the parish and to note any of significance.

3. To **update** on flooding on Bagby Lane

The clerk had reported the blocked ditches outside properties at the lower end of the village recently reported by a local resident, as well as the entirely blocked drains leading down to the A19. There had been no response thus far.

4. To **update** on potholes in village

The Clerk had reported the section of Bagby Lane still affected by potholes. No response had been received thus far.

5. To **discuss** new website and councillor email accounts

The clerk explained that the process of moving to a new compliant website was in progress, which meant the existing website would be unavailable for the time being as the content was transferred. It was resolved that the clerk would post agendas, minutes and a reminder of the clerk's email address on the noticeboards while the website was unavailable.

6. To **update** on VAS speeding signage maintenance contract

No update.

7. To **note** correspondence from the Protect Hambleton Association

Councillors were aware of the campaign. Cllr Southwell explained the risks associated with the long-term life of these sites. Cllr Crick noted that the battery farm sites may not be in the parish, but the fallout of any accidents on site would affect the parish due to prevailing winds, etc. Construction traffic would also be inconvenient. It was resolved that Cllr Southwell would draft a response to the Protect Hambleton Association offering the support of the Parish Council in objecting to the site, though not offering any financial contribution to the campaign.

8. To **note** casual vacancy

Councillors noted the casual vacancy.

9. To **note** letter to Planning regarding REF ZB26/00387/FUL

Following the last meeting, the Clerk submitted a letter to David Walker on behalf of councillors explaining the objections to the planning application. The clerk also submitted the letter to Planning.

10. To **discuss** August meeting

It was noted that two councillors and the Clerk would be on holiday at various points during the summer. It was resolved to cancel the August meeting, with the option to convene an extraordinary meeting if time-sensitive issues arose. Residents are encouraged to email the clerk if any urgent matters do arise.

2026-27.48

To Note matters for information for next monthly meeting agenda

1. To discuss any updates on Bagby sewage works

2. To update on any progress with tree preservation order
3. To note resurfacing of York Road

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To Confirm date, time and venue for next meeting

Meetings start at 7pm – next meeting date 09/09/2026.