

BAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Bavington Parish Council held on Thursday 6th February 2025 commencing at 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room

Those present: P Acton (Chairman) R Taylor, P Ramsden, C Hogg, L Armstrong

In attendance: C Miller (Clerk)

2025/01 Apologies for Absence

J Spearman

2025/02 Declaration of interests by members regarding agenda items

There were no Declaration of interests.

2025/03 Minutes of previous meeting held 7th November 2024

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held 7th November 2024 were a true record.

2024/04 Highway Matters

2025/04/01 Members to consider issues with trees on unnamed road to Great Bavington

Nothing to report.

2025/04/02 Members to consider issues with cattle grids from village to B6342

Nothing to report.

2025/04/03 Members to consider other highway matters, if any

Road across fell now hazardous and in desperate need of repair.

It was acknowledged the Parish Council were very grateful for the resurfacing of the road into Bavington, heavily financed by Breedon (Divet Hill Quarry).

RESOLVED:

Cllr Acton to report hazardous road via County Council Fix My Street.

The Clerk to contact Breedon and thank them for financing the resurfacing works.

2025/05 To receive update on Ray Wind Farm Fund

The total contribution to B4RN project to be £350,000. An Adapt bus service currently funded by the Wind Farm is due to start at Otterburn and visit Kirkwhelpington and Scots Gap on a weekly basis, further to a second bus service no longer running to the parishes. The date for commencement of the service to be confirmed. The Fund could purchase an electric vehicle for groups to use, however driver availability would prove to be difficult.

2025/06 To receive update on B4RN/B4NTR Broadband matters

B4RN superfast broadband service now available in the parish.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to give thanks to L Rawles who had been heavily involved in the B4RN project.

2025/07 Finance

2025/07/01 To approve payments

- C Miller – annual salary - £657.20; annual expenses - £102.38

RESOLVED:

Members approved the payments.

2025/07/02 To receive acknowledgement of grant from Great North Air Ambulance, Tynedale Hospice at Home and Thockrington Church

Members noted the acknowledgement of grants received.

2025/08 Planning

2025/08/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2025/08/02 Approval of Planning Application received

- 24/03685/FUL: The Barn, Bavington Hill Head – proposed conversion of existing farm building utilising the existing structure to create a single dwelling house and new garage and plant building associated parking and landscape
- 24/03946/FUL: Land South East of Bavington Hall – 1 No dwelling as replacement for barn with extant Class Q residential

2025/08/03 Divet Hill Liaison Committee

Committee meeting held 5/2/25. The quarry to blast towards Newonstead, therefore blasting consequences would be dissipated. Quarry currently debating how much topsoil to be removed in upper part of field, with an issue related to archaeology. More than a third of the rock had been excavated. The next identified area is towards Little Bavington. Road sweeping in the parish scheduled.

2025/08/04 Kirkheaton Wind Farm lighting

Capheaton Parish Council had forwarded the following response from EDF Renewables regarding concerns with wind farm lighting. "The lights in question are a legal requirement under health and safety regulations to ensure safe access and egress to the site in the event of an emergency. During the annual statutory inspections, it was noted that the previous lights had started to fail, necessitating their replacement. The new lights are near like-for-like replacements using 5W LED bulbs, which are energy-efficient and not excessively bright by design. However, as the older bulbs were much older and dimmer due to their age, the change may seem more noticeable. While the lights must remain operational, we propose applying a smoked foil covering to the light fittings. This measure should help reduce the perceived brightness without compromising their effectiveness."

2025/09 To consider issues with path to Church

Item to be removed from agenda.

2025/10 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Right of Way, Informal pre-order consultation, Bridleway No 40

Parish Council comments had been submitted stating the route would not be navigable. No further information had been received.

2025/11 Review of internal auditor

The Clerk advised that M Ackroyd was willing to carry out the internal audit year ending 31/3/25.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed to re-engage M Ackroyd at the cost of £25/hour.

2025/12 Review of internal controls

Members considered the Statement of internal control

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the current internal controls were adequate for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2025/13 Review of risk assessment

Members considered the risk assessment document.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the risk assessment was adequate for the present needs of the Parish Council.

2025/14 Review of asset register

Members considered the asset register.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the asset register was a true record.

2025/15 Review of insurance policy

Members considered the insurance policy.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed the current insurance policy was sufficient for the present needs of the Parish Council. Public liability currently £10million and other insurance values included in Risk Assessment.

2025/16 Any other Urgent Business/Items for Next Meeting

The Clerk advised election papers would be forwarded to all Cllrs once received from County Council.

2025/17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bavington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 commencing 7pm in Great Bavington URC meeting room.



The meeting closed at 810pm

Claire Miller, Parish Clerk