

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

19TH May 2025 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Stepen Cain

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

2.0 Apologies

Councillor Peter Williams

3.0 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman: **Cllr Bradley** proposed by Cllr J Williams, seconded by Cllr S Cain – **APPROVED**

Vice Chairman: **Cllr J Williams** proposed by Cllr S Cain, seconded by Cllr Bradley – **APPROVED**

4.0 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

5.0 Matters Arising

5.1 Hedges and Verges

Councillor Skeffington reported that all local farmers have been spoken to about timing for hedge and verge cutting and most appreciated the need to delay as much as possible for environmental reasons. He noted that Abbey House was particularly receptive to this.

5.2 Emergency WhatsApp

A recent test of the Emergency WhatsApp system went well with 20 out of 29 participants responding within the first few minutes. All residents are urged to join the group.

The Stapylton Arms and parishioners to be contacted about further Defibrillator training.

WhatsApp for the Parish Council has been set up.

5.3 Parish Liaison Meeting

The last Parish Liaison Meeting requested that Parish Councils provide feedback on a short paper delivered at the last meeting on why attendance at the meetings was so poor. Byland with Wass and Oldstead responded suggesting that meetings should occur twice a year and that they should also consider online attendance via “Teams” etc. Meetings should also be restricted to 1 hour.

5.4 Cold Calling

Councillor J Williams provided details of Neighbourhood Watch contact in Oldstead for potential discussion.

6.0 Finance

6.1 Approval of Accounts

Opening Balance	£6543.55
Income	£2270.00
Expenditure	(£2846.47)
Closing Balance 31 Mar 2024	£6967.08

The accounts were audited 13th April 2024 by Mr M Saurin.

Accounts approved and statement will be posted on the Parish Council website.

6.2 Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption

Section 1 – Annual Government Statement 2024/25 – Approved by Parish Council

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2024/25 – Approved by Parish Council

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/25 Form 2 – Approved. To be submitted to external auditor.

Action: Parish Clerk

6.3 Register of Interests

All Councillors have submitted Register of Interests and these are posted online with North Yorkshire Council. Councillor J Williams requested copy of forms for update. Action: Parish Clerk

6.4 Insurance Website Maintenance Costs

Parish Council approved the renewal of insurance for Small Parishes with Zurich - £196.

Website annual maintenance is expected to be £300-£350.

8.0 Planning

No objections recorded for the following Planning Applications:

NYM/2025/0127 LOW PASTURE HOUSE, BYLAND ABBEY

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9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

15th September 2025 at 7.00 pm, Wass Village Hall.

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk