

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

15th Sept 2025 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Stephen Cain

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Councillor Peter Williams

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 19th May 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Certificate of Exemption

Certificate of Exemption was forwarded to PKF Littlejohn, the Council auditor, and acknowledgement received.

3.2 Register of Interests

Minor changes to Councillor John Williams Register of Interest. All other Councillors no change.

4.0 Finance

4.1 Balance of Accounts and Upcoming expenditure

The accounts were reconciled with the Bank Statement dated 4th August. As of the 10th September, the Parish Council have £8095.67 in the account. Reconciliation attached in Appendix 1.

Majority of the year's anticipated expenditure has been spent. The main outstanding items apart from unforeseen expenditure are Parish Clerk Annual Honorarium (£200), Training expenses for CPR Training (£50) and remaining Bank Fees (£64).

Councillor John Williams proposed that the Parish Clerk Honorarium was increased from £200 to £300 in part to reflect the substantial cost the Parish would incur were they to employ a part time professional clerk as many other Parish Councils do. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Peter Williams and unanimously approved.

As of 1st September 2025, HSBC Bank will no longer charge fees for maintaining the Parish Council's account saving £96 annually.

4.2 Precept 2026-27

The proposal for Byland with Wass and Oldstead Precept for 2026-27 is attached in Appendix 2.

Councillor Bradley stated that earlier meetings with County Councillors had indicated that the North Yorks Council's budget would be reduced by many millions of pounds as a result of Government cuts. Consequently, further additional charges might be placed on Local Districts and Parishes.

The recommendation of the Parish Council is that the Precept remains unchanged at £2000 for 2026-27. The proposal was unanimously approved.

5.0 Proposed Boundary Commission changes

The Boundary Commission review of North Yorks Council was a result of the move to a Mayoral Authority with York. The review aims to ensure each district has similar numbers of members on the electoral role and to organise/match parishes with common features i.e. urban/rural etc.

A public consultation on the initial proposals from the Boundary Commission has been issued and all residents are urged to "have their say" online.

The Parish Council noted that no changes to the parish are anticipated. Byland with Wass and Oldstead will form part of a new district called Hillside which includes similar rural parishes from Kewick in the North to Sutton on the Forest in the South.

6.0 CPR Training

A further CPR training course done by the Red Cross will take place at 18.30 on 30th October 2025 in Wass Village Hall. The training session will be held in conjunction with Wass WI as the WI National campaign this year is "BYSTANDERS CAN BE LIFESAVERS". Come along and bring your family and friends. Further information will be provided closer to the event. **Action: Councillor Bradley.**

7.0 Planning

No objections recorded for the following Planning Applications.

NYM/2025/0369 Stanbrook Abbey – Replacement Reception/Archive

NYM/2025/0488 Virginia Lodge, Wass – Replacement Conservatory

8.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

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

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

Appendix 1 Balance of Accounts April-September 2025

Income £

Balance 5th April 6967.08

Income precept 2000.00

Subtotal 8967.08

Bank account reconciliation

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Expenditure to date Bank Statement 4th Aug 8395.67

10th Sept 871.41 Cheque not presented 300.00

Balance 10th Sept 8095.67 8095.67

Anticipated Expenditure

Honorarium 200.00

Defib Training 50.00

Fees 64.00

Contingency 500.00

Forecast 31st March 2026 **7281.67**

Appendix 2**Precept Proposal 2026-2027****Income 2025-26****GBP**

NY Council 2000.00

Total Income 2000.00**Expenditure 2025-26**

Insurance 196.00
Lighting 26.42
Defibrillator Pads 42.79
Website annual maintenance 271.20
Grass cutting 300.00
Fees 35.00

Current expenditure 871.41

Forecast expenditure
Defibrillator training 50.00
Honorarium 200.00
Fees 64.00
Contingency 500.00

Total forecast 814.00

Total Forecast Expenditure 2025/26 1685.41**Forecast annual surplus 24/25 314.59****Expenditure 2026/27****GBP**

Forecast Expenditure 1685.41
Inflation @4% 67.42

Total Forecast expenditure 2026/27 1752.83

Surplus Forecast income 2026/27 Precept 2000 GBP **247.17****Recommendation: retain Precept @ 2000 GBP****Extra charges from NYCC remain unknown at present**