



Balne Parish Council

# Balne Parish Council Meeting Minutes No 232

Date: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7.30pm in the Parish Room

Attendance: Cllr Andrews, Cllr Wood, Cllr Lewis

Apologies: Cllr Kealey, Cllr Faulkner,

1. Minutes from meeting no 231 have been circulated prior to this meeting.  
Approved by Cllr Lewis, Seconded by Cllr Wood
2. Matters Arising – not listed in the main meeting
  - a. New Parish Clerk – Louise has agreed to take on the role. Cllr Andrews will follow up with the paperwork. – To be discussed
  - b. Parish Precept – The Councillors did look at increasing the Precept but as 2 councillors are missing. Proposed to leave a decision until Dec meeting Proposed Cllr Lewis. Seconded by Cllr Wood - Ongoing
  - c. Business deposit card – Onhold. As the mandate also needs to be amended
  - d. Website update – Cllr Faulkner has started to redevelop the website - Ongoing
  - e. Insurance rebuild – Rebuild costs have increased to £181,501. The annual premium will increase to £707.31 from £674.82.
  - f. Quickline meeting – Cllr Andrews has struggled to contact anyone who is able to give an answer when the rest of the village will have fibre. - Ongoing
  - g. Coffee mornings – It was suggested that the Parish Room is opened up when the library is in the car park. It could be open on a Saturday suggested 1<sup>st</sup> March & 5<sup>th</sup> April . A flyer is to be sent out asap. Proposed by Cllr Lewis. Seconded by Cllr Wood
  - h. Water Leak – the stop tap has been replaced and sleeved the pipe, the wall was very wet a dehumidifier has been working since last week and has made a big difference to the room. The % was 87% it is now down to 60%.
  - i. Standing orders. Asset register etc - Ongoing
  - j. Government Gateway application - Ongoing
3. Correspondence: Any received has been forwarded to Councillors for consideration
4. Finance: £5311.80 in the bank. The VAT has not applied for as the Government Gateway needs to be set up, this will be one of the first tasks for the new clerk.
5. Planning:  
Crown Garden Centre – the Parish Council has no objection to this proposal
6. General:
  - a. New Parish Clerk – Adoption of staff policies & contract. Proposed to accept the staff polices (eg Grievance, sickness, etc) and the contract regarding the Clerk. Proposed Cllr Wood. Seconded by Cllr Lewis. It was suggested that the Chairman offers the position to the applicant.

A comment was raised regarding a Parish phone depending which phone she has it may be possible to have a dual sim on her phone.

- b. Balne Girls hired the Parish Room for 3 hours but they did clean the Parish Room and took all the crockery/cutlery in their own dishwasher it was suggested the council only charges them £15 instead of £30. Proposed by Cllr Wood Seconded by Cllr Lewis

7. Events:

- a. VE Day Celebrations Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Suggestion: To have a small celebration in the Parish Room or wait to see if anything is happening locally.

- 8. AOB: Items may be discussed briefly but decisions to be deferred to next meeting, when the item may be discussed in greater detail.

9. Date of next meeting:

- a. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm in the Parish Room

10. The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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