



Balne Parish Council

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## Extraordinary Meeting Minutes 242

7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Balne  
Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer - Mrs L Holliday

### In Attendance: Cllr Wood, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Kealey

1. To **receive** apologies for absence and record these in the minutes  
Cllr Firth and Cllr Faulkner were absent
  - a. To **consider** approval of reasons for absence given by councillors **APPROVED**
2. To **receive** any declarations of interest councillors may have in the business **RESOLVED**  
(if not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Interests)
3. To **confirm** the minutes of meeting **241 held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025** as a true and **APPROVED**
4. To **receive** information on the following ongoing issues and **decide** further action where necessary:
  - a. Quickline fibre broadband – deferred until Jan **DEFERRED**
  - b. Parish Council policies **DEFERRED**
  - c. Consider installing two electric extractor fans to relieve damp issue in The Parish Room at an estimated cost of £250-500. **ONGOING**  
**Action:** Fully cost and get an estimate – Cllr Woods and Cllr Firth  
**Action:** Look into available funding schemes for Village Halls
  - d. Replacement defibrillator – British Heart Foundation – agreed to purchase a replacement at a cost of £1000 plus VAT, and fundraise to cover outlay **RESOLVED**  
It was also agreed to purchase a plaque to celebrate that it has been donated by the people of the village. Business names can also be added if they choose to donate.  
The fundraiser can be advertised on the website, Facebook, flyer, asking local businesses
5. Matters requested by councillors:
  - a. To **agree** a future fundraising plan (*with consideration given to the time of year of the event, the cost, the spaced-out nature of the village, and the size of the Parish Room*)  
Possible fundraising events: Halloween, Christmas, Easter, Summer **RESOLVED**  
It was agreed to have a Christmas lights switch on event on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 4pm.  
This can be coupled with tea, coffee, mulled wine, pork pies, sausage rolls, etc, and some fundraising games such as 'Guess the weight of the cake', how many sweets / chocolates in a jar, and a lucky dip for children.  
The same fundraising games can be used at the library coffee morning on 16<sup>th</sup> December.
  - b. To **consider** promoting The Parish Room as an event venue for hire by increasing its presence in the village and bringing attention to it. Give passers by something to look at and admire, and promote by posting photos online. **RESOLVED**  
**Action:** Cllr Kealey to enquire about a 'Room For Hire' sign, A2 size, for the external wall.
  - c. To consider re-painting The Parish Room. **DEFERRED**  
Revisit after Christmas fundraising
  - d. To consider purchasing a fridge for the Parish Room **RESOLVED**  
**Action:** Cllr Woods to enquire locally for a reasonably priced fridge

6. Finance:
- a. To **receive and note** the current bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 **£5,027.07**
  - b. To **receive and note** the bank reconciliation **RECEIVED**
  - c. To **receive and note** the budget **RECEIVED**
  - d. To **approve** the following accounts for payment:
    - i. British Heart Foundation £1200.01 Defibrillator **APPROVED**
  - e. To **note** the following payments previously authorised: **NOTED**
    - i. Everflow £5.56 – water direct debit
    - ii. IONOS £10.80 – website direct debit
    - iii. Clerk salary Sep25 £174.33
    - iv. HMRC Q2 £7.60
    - v. EDF Energy £24.98 – electricity
    - vi. British Gas **£573.97** – electricity (NOT CORRECT AMOUNT – OVERCHARGED)
    - vii. Bank charges £8 August & £8 September
    - viii. Ionos £10.80 – website DD
    - ix. Smarty £6.00 – Clerk’s mobile phone – Sep
    - x. Everflow £5.70 – Water DD
  - f. To **note** the following payments received:
    - i. None
7. To **consider and decide** upon the following planning applications:
- a. ZG2025/0890/COU – Balne Moor Coarse Fishery – Change of use of land (including existing caravan) for residential purposes (C3 Use) **NO OBJECTION**
8. To **receive and note** the following planning decisions/information: **NOTED**
- a. ZG2025/0588/COU – land adjacent to Wentdale, South End Lane, Balne – REFUSED  
Change of use of land for siting of a mobile home annexe
9. To **notify** the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting
10. To **confirm** the dates of the next meeting as **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 21:11