



Balne Parish Council

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Meeting Minutes No 234

7th January 2025 at the Parish Room, Balne

Clerk: Mrs L Holliday

In attendance: Cllr Andrews, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Kealey, Cllr Faulkner, Mrs Peggy Chandler

1. No apologies for absence
2. No declarations of interest received
3. Minutes of meeting **233 held on 3rd December 2024** confirmed as a true and correct record
4. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:
 - a. **ONGOING** Business bank mandate & deposit card – no correspondence received from the bank, despite forms being posted in December. Cllr Andrews to follow up with HSBC.
 - b. **ONGOING** Website re-development. It was decided, due to cost implications, not to pursue a .gov website domain name at this point in time, and instead focus on updating the current .org website.
 - c. **ONGOING** Quickline fibre broadband is available in part of the village. The rollout for Balne is slow. Availability will increase from 20th March 2025.
 - d. **ONGOING** Parish Council policies – of the 126 Parish Council policies, 30 are statutory requirements. The clerk has emailed a list to all councillors. It was suggested and agreed that the policies are updated 2 or 3 at a time. Cllr Andrews to coordinate.
 - e. **RESOLVED** Government Gateway application for VAT refund – Gateway account opened, and VAT refunds requested. One was received in December, the second is due to be received January. The next VAT refund request is due to be processed following year end.
5. Matters requested by councillors:
 - a. **ONGOING** To consider holding coffee mornings on Saturday 1st March and Saturday 5th April. It was decided to print and distribute a flyer to all households regarding the parish room, advertising it as being available for hire and including a questionnaire asking households if they would be interested in attending coffee mornings, bingo, etc. Cllr Faulkner to arrange for a flyer to be designed.
 - b. **RESOLVED** To renew electricity contract for two years with British Gas, fixed for 2 years
 - c. **RESOLVED** To pay for ILCA and FILCA training and SLCC subscription for the clerk
 - d. **RESOLVED** Not to proceed with website training at this time
 - e. **RESOLVED** To set up a mobile contract with O2 for the clerk's parish phone
6. Correspondence received:

The following items were discussed:

 - a. **RESOLVED** NYCC parish liaison meeting in Selby on Thur 30th Jan – Cllr Andrews to attend
 - b. **RESOLVED** Broadcasting parish council meetings – it was agreed not to at this time
 - c. **ONGOING** Complaint from a resident about the poor state of Toadham Lane – clerk to email Highways Agency.

7. Finance:
 - a. The bank balances were noted
 - b. The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. £234 - defibrillator battery
 - c. The following previously authorised payments were noted:
 - i. Everflow £5.56 – water direct debit
 - ii. IONOS £10.80 – website direct debit
 - iii. Clerk salary Dec24 £175.03
 - d. Other financial matters for consideration:
 - i. **RESOLVED** Allied Westminster – rebuild cover increased following valuation
 - ii. **RESOLVED** Parish Precept – paperwork submitted to NYCC
8. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:
 - a. None this month
9. To receive and note the following planning decisions/information:
 - a. None this month
10. Events:
 - a. **RESOLVED** To advertise VE Day celebrations at Pollington RAF Museum on Thursday 8th May 2025. Balne Parish Council will not stage additional celebrations, as the RAF Museum is in the neighbouring village.
11. To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.
 - a. Dykes & flooding – Cllr Lewis requested that the Parish Council discusses a proactive rather than reactive programme regarding the flooded dykes around Balne.
 - b. Gritting around the village – Balne is not gritted by the Highways Agency. It was requested that the parish council enquire about quotes for a private contract.
12. The date of the next ordinary meeting of the parish council confirmed as **Tuesday 4th February**

Chair thanked everyone for attending. Meeting closed at 9:25pm

Signed: _____ Dated: _____