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23rd May 2025

A Meeting of Birdsall Parish Council was held on Friday, 23rd May 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at the Estate Office, Birdsall.

Present: Lady Middleton, Ms. J. Donkes, Mr. H. Egerton, Mr. D. Olley, Mr. R. Shipley and Mrs M. Warren (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Mr. T. Lee and Mr. S. McMillan.

Election of Chairperson: It was proposed by Mr. R. Shipley, seconded by Mr. H. Egerton and approved by all Members that Lady Middleton be elected Chairperson. Lady Middleton accepted and took the Chair.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 7th February 2025 having been circulated to all Members were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising: There were no Matters Arising

Risk Management: All Members considered the risk management assessment as set out in the "Governance and Accountability of Local Councils" publication and agreed there were no financial risks.

Accounts: All Members received a copy of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Bank Reconciliation Statement for the year ending 31st March 2025 which were approved and signed.

Local Councils Annual Return: A Certificate of Exemption was completed and signed by the Clerk and the Chairperson, a copy of which should be sent to the External Auditor.

Approval of Annual Governance Statement: Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2025 was approved by all Members and signed by the Clerk and the Chairperson.

Approval of Annual Accounting Statement: Section 2 - The Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2025 was approved by all Members and signed by the Clerk and the Chairperson.

Internal Auditor:

Any Other Business:

Mrs. Dawn Foster was thanked for auditing the Accounts for this financial year and it was agreed she should be asked to act for the coming year 2025/2026.

Transparency Code:

It was agreed the current arrangement with Burythorpe Parish Council should continue at the rate of £50 per annum for the coming year 2025/2026.

North Yorkshire Council - Local Plan:

All Members received a copy of North Yorkshire Council's letter dated 19th May 2025 which contained instructions on how to view the relevant documents and were asked to let the Clerk have any comments in time for her to respond if necessary by the 15th July 2025. The Clerk was asked to write to North Yorkshire Council regarding:

Langton to North Grimston road - the deep potholes in the verges are still causing concern when vehicles have to get into the side of the road when passing on-coming traffic

Woodhouse Farm, North Grimston - report the broken gate at the entrance to the Farm.

Posts left in Verges - why have the posts been left in the verges following relocation of the North Grimston village sign - one at the entrance to the village on the B1248 from Malton (near North Grimston House) and one on the road from Langton to North Grimston (near the bridge)? There being no further business the Meeting closed at 6 p.m. and it was agreed the next Meeting would be held on a date to be agreed in August 2025.

Date of Next Meeting:

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