

18th May 2026

A Meeting of Birdsall Parish Council was held on Monday, 18th May 2026 at 5.30 p.m. at the Estate Office, Birdsall.

Present: All Members were present, namely Lady Middleton, Mrs. Y. Dowkes, Mr. H. Egerton, Mr. T. Lee, Mr. S. McMillan, Mr. D. Olley, Mr. R. Shipley and Mrs. M. Warren (Clerk)

Election of Chairperson: It was proposed by Mr. H. Egerton and seconded by Mr. D. Olley 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 23rd February 2026 having been circulated to all Members were signed as a true record.

Arising: There were no matters arising.

Roads/ Footpaths: ① The Clerk was asked to write to North Yorkshire Council regarding the overgrown verges of the footpaths in Birdsall and North Grimston being a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially people with pushchairs etc.

② She was also asked to thank North Yorkshire Council for re-surfacing the stretch of road near Grimston Fields Farm and bring to their attention the potholes still remaining in the verges on the North Grimston / Langton road, and on the Grange road and Church Lane at Birdsall.

③ There is still some fly-tipping taking place on the gravel tip near Grimston Fields and the Clerk was asked to bring this to North Yorkshire Council's attention and also the rubbish removed from the blocked drains.

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 2026 which were approved and signed.

Local
Council's
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 2026 was approved by all Members and signed by the Clerk and Chairperson.

Approval of Annual Accounting Statement:

Section 2 - The Accounting Statement for the year ending 31st March 2026 was approved by all Members and signed by the Clerk and the Chairperson.

Internal Audit :

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 2026/2027.

Any other
Business:

Mr. Toby Lee kindly agreed to set up a website for Birdsan Parish Council in order to comply with the rules set out in Assesession 10 of the Practitioners' Guide 2025.

Date of
next
Meeting:

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 6. p.m. and it was agreed the next Meeting would be held on a suitable date in August 2026.