Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 13th January 2025
The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Mike Webster (MW), Richard Nottidge (RN), Robin Weedon (RW), Dale Holgate (DH), Charlotte Martin (CM) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:

Louise Mallinson (LM), Sharon Burrows (SB), Peter Laws (PL),

2. Chairs opening remarks:

NP wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. **Baildon Town Council (NP/RN)**
Action: Meeting on Wednesday 15th January at 2pm with Councillor John Turner and Clerk Helen Thornton.

II. **Management Agreement 2025 (NP/CB)**
Action: Signing on Wednesday January 22nd at 5.30pm, Baildon Town Council Offices.

III. **GDPR (CB)**
The council would like our assurances that our allotment tenants information is up to date, we are not holding out of date personal contact details, the information we do hold is secure (electronically and paper copies) and only used for the purpose it was collected for and that we have a Subject Access Request process should an individual contact us for their data.
Action: All agreed we can confirm this to BTC.

IV. **Plot holder at Charlestown change of address**
The tenant has left the plot. It must be noted that in our end of tenancy letter we stated 'If you do move back to Baildon you are welcome to add your name to the waiting list for a new plot.' This no longer applies. The tenant left chickens on their plot, posted their key in the letter box at the Charlestown site and did not let a member of the committee know that they were leaving that day or that they had left animals at the site. Committee members realised what had happened and were able to rehome the chickens at Charlestown.
Action: Completed. The plot has a new tenant.

V. **Tree Surgery at Charlestown (NP)**
Willow, cherry, side along business car park and plot 50A/51/57
Action: Ongoing. Bad weather has meant the appointment with tree surgeons has been delayed. New date TBC.

VI. **Charlestown resident (neighbour to allotments), emails regarding tree surgery along boundary (NP/CM)**
Agreed the neighbour can go ahead with the work from his side of the fence. Check timings for tree surgery – protect nesting birds.
Action: NP to respond to email.

VII. **New plot holders deposit £20 (All)**
Action: Agreed this does not need to change. A deposit applies to all plots at Charlestown to cover the keys for the main gate. At Thompson Lane it is decided on a plot by plot basis dependant on structures on a plot, amount of maintenance etc.

VIII. **BHS Blog (RW)**
RW is populating the blog. Plan to launch nearer to Spring, once people are back in the mood for gardening! Email will be sent out, members will be able to visit the site or download an app to view content. There will be an option to subscribe to updates. RW will be able to monitor views to allow us to gauge interest going forward.
Action: Ongoing. RW is working on content.

IX. **2025 RHS Trip (CB)**
Currently getting quotes.
Action: Aiming to send email and post details before next committee meeting.

X. **BHS Show 2025**
Dawn has proposed that the show is held on Sunday 31st August 2025.
Action: All agreed date. Sandals School to be booked Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st. Dawn and Robin will lease regarding the show.

4. Member's issues:
None.

5. Reports:
Allotment officers:
Charlestown: 2 on the waiting list.
Thompson Lane: 2 on the waiting list.

Treasurer:
Nothing to report.

Secretary:
Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:
Grit bin at Charlestown car park to be refilled.

Show 2025:
Nothing to report.

Membership Secretary:
RN arranging renewals for non plot holders.
2025 Membership Cards now available.
These were printed free of charge by Print at Nikkinakka, Nikki is a plot holder at Charlestown. Thank you Nikki!

6. Any other business:

I. **Working party at Thompson Lane Sunday 16th February (RN)**
To clear undergrowth and small trees before the contractors begin work on the fence in March. RN has sent an email asking for volunteers, 9 volunteers so far.

II. **Council boundaries (NP)**
Neal noted that Council boundaries have changed and the Baildon Town Council area no longer includes Thompson Lane Allotments.
Action: To be discussed at the meeting with BTC on 15th January.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 10th February at The Bull's Head, Baildon.