Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 12th May 2025
The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Louise Mallinson (LM), Sharon Burrows (SB), Dale Holgate (DH), Mike Webster (MW) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:

Richard Nottidge (RN), Robin Weedon (RW).

2. Chairs opening remarks:

NP welcomed everyone to the meeting.
NP informed everyone that Charlotte Martin has resigned from the committee. We would all like to thank Charlotte for the huge amount of time and effort she has given to the society and the Charlestown site over the years. You'll be missed Charlotte.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. **2025 RHS Trip (CB)**
33 people going on the trip. Everyone has paid.
Action: CB to email everyone to confirm the final details of the trip.

II. **Reserve fund (ALL)**
Is there any work at either site that needs doing. Suggestions so far:
TL front fence.
Signage at front of TL site**.**
Insurances
Action: Keep this item on future agendas.

III. **Consider management agreement update (ALL)**
8.11 The Society will maintain in good order all internal fences, walls and ditches, but may trim trees to ease access to the site and may trim hedges which overhang the site.
8.12 The external boundaries are not the responsibility of the Society, nor are any claims arising from these boundaries. These will be inspected, assessed and maintained by the Council.
Action: Keep this item on future agendas.

IV. **Red telephone boxes (RW)**
RW has repaired the door on one of the boxes and purchased seeds. Payment received from BTC.
Action: 2025/26 budget for upkeep to be checked. Keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. **Tree nursery at Thompson Lane (RN)**
Tidying up and maintenance in progress.
Action: Budget allocation TBC – RN to check with Helen Thornton at BTC.
Keep this item on the agenda for next meeting.

VI. **CCTV (MW/RN)**
New drive for TL site has been ordered. £63 ex VAT.
Action: Consider grant application for additional security equipment.

VII. **Water bill and meter readings (DH)**
Action: DH to take meter reading at CT.

4. Member's issues:

Charlestown plot holder – has requested permission to trim a cherry tree on a neighbouring plot, it is overhanging a polytunnel and they want to avoid any damage to the tunnel in future.
Action: NP/DH to take a look and talk to plot holders.

Gate at Charlestown – rule change
If there are 4 or more cars in the car park the gate can be left open.
Action: NP to send an email to members.

5. Reports:

Allotment officers:
Charlestown: 4 on the waiting list for garden plots. No vacant plots. CM has let NP know about 2 plots of concern. 1 on the small holding waiting list plus 2 current tenants who would like a second small holding plot.
Inspection in June at CT site. NP/DH/MW
Thompson Lane: 5 on the waiting list. No vacant plots.
Scrap metal skip arriving 13/5. LM will email members asking for help to load the skip.

Treasurer:
SB shared monthly report. Bank account is healthy. Sponsorship for the show is getting collected. Water bill amount TBC.

Secretary:
Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:
Nothing to report.

Show 2025:
Planning and prep ongoing.

Membership Secretary:
Nothing to report.

6. Any other business:

I. **New committee members from Charlestown (NP/DH)**
Talk to plot holders at Charlestown to see who would be interested in joining the committee. Ongoing over the next few months.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 9th June at The Bull's Head, Baildon.