Baildon Horticultural Society Minutes of the meeting dated 11th August 2025 The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Sharon Burrows (SB), Mike Webster (MW), Dale Holgate (DH), Richard Nottidge (RN), Charlotte Martin (CM), Dawn Tinsley (DT) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. **Apologies for absence:**
   Louise Mallinson (LM), Robin Weedon (RW)

2. **Chairs opening remarks:**
   NP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Dawn and Charlotte for attending the meeting this month to discuss the upcoming show.

3. **Actions from previous meetings:**
4. **2025 BHS Show (DT)**
   DT went through the financials from the 2024 show. Numbers through the door were very good and the café was a huge success.

DT has distributed the schedule.
Posters have been printed and distributed around Baildon/Saltaire.
Tombola donations have increased, should be enough by the date of the show. Not running a separate alcohol tombola this year, mixture of prizes in the one tombola.
DT to produce poster to ask for baking for the café/cake stall.
There will not be a raffle this year.
There is going to be more advertising to let people know they can make donations at the end of the show for produce that has been left from the class entries. Bags will be provided to make this a bit easier for people to get the produce home.
RW has photographed the winning plots and is working on a slideshow that can run on the stage during the show.
Certificates and winning vouchers have been printed.
Action: Look at possibility of having schedule finalised and printed in May for 2026 Show. Circulate poster for baking donations.

1. **Charlestown plot holder permission to trim cherry tree (DH/NP)**
   Plot holder is concerned the tree (on neighbouring plot) may cause damage to polytunnel. Winter would be the ideal time for pruning.
   Action: NP/DH will let plot holder know that they can go ahead with this.

- **Bank account (SB)**
  Yorkshire Bank and Co-Op accounts are not suitable. SB has looked into accounts with many different providers and will get more detail on Bank of Scotland and Lloyds, at the moment it looks like they do have accounts which could work well for BHS.
  Action: Enquiries ongoing.

1. **New committee members from Charlestown (NP/DH)**.
   Action: Ongoing. Keep on agenda.

2. **Excessive use of weedkiller at Charlestown (NP)**
   Action: NP to discuss with plot holders.

3. **2 Baildon Red Telephone Boxes (RW)**
   At Station Road Post Office and The Junction Pub. Both telephone boxes have been upgraded as agreed with the council. While working on the Box at the junction RW had a chat with the landlady of the pub and highlighted the councils funding of the boxes which gives us scope to give the area around the box some planting with all year round interest. She was grateful for our input. This is quite a prominent position and should help with raising the profile of BHS.

4. **Member's issues:**

None.

5. **Reports:**

Allotment officers:
Charlestown: 6 on the waiting list for garden plots (2 also on TL list).
3 on the small holding waiting list. No vacant plots.
Thompson Lane: 4 on the waiting list.

Treasurer:
SB shared monthly report. £193.75 July sales from TL and CT huts.
Water bill – amount owed since meter reading submitted has been paid.

Secretary:
Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:
Nothing to report.

Show 2025:
Covered earlier in the minutes '2025 BHS Show'

Membership Secretary:
Nothing to report.

6. **Any other business:**

7. **Fence in the parking area at CT (NP/DH)**
   In bad condition, DH raised a safety concern, may come down in the near future and is in a busy people/car area of the site.
   Action: NP and DH to take a look at the fence and arrange for it to be taken down if required.

8. **Acorn compost supplies (MW)**
   Acorn have offered 60L Clover multi-purpose bags as an option that can be included in future orders.
   Action: Mike to look into this when the next order of compost is needed.

- **Shop at CT (NP)**
  Clive, a member at Charlestown, has very kindly offered to help with the ordering and running of the sales hut.

Action: NP supporting with this over the coming months. Additional volunteers very welcome. Future agenda point… How to raise awareness of both sales huts in the local community.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 8th September at The Bull's Head, Baildon.