Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 8th September 2025
The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Sharon Burrows (SB), Mike Webster (MW), Richard Nottidge (RN), Louise Mallinson (LM), Robin Weedon (RW) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:

Dale Holgate (DH)

2. Chairs opening remarks:

NP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. 2025 BHS Show

A huge congratulations to Dawn and the team for the fabulous show! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help over the weekend and on the day. The atmosphere was fantastic and there has been lots of great feedback.
A big thank you to Robin Weedon for all of your support with the show… designing the programme and poster, arranging the certificates, helping with promotion, taking photos of all of the winning plots and all of your technical support on the day.
Action: Final figures to follow from DT and SB.
Invite DT to an earlier committee meeting in 2026.

II. Bank account (SB)

Due to new excessive bank charges being issued on our Santander bank accounts BHS have agreed to look for a bank offering all Santander services at a reduced cost.

After extensive investigations Metro Bank is the preferred bank.

All Committee members have agreed and approved opening a new bank account with Metro Bank in the name of Baildon Horticultural Society.

With the following requirements.

1 - Only one signature is required to approve payment transactions
By either
Sharon Burrows (Treasurer)
Claire Bray (Secretary)
2 - Online Bank Administrators
Sharon Burrows
Claire Bray
3 - Debit Cards to be issued to
Sharon Burrows
Claire Bray

4 - Nominated post office is Shipley, cash deposit cards to be issued to
Clive Hall
Sharon Burrows

An appointment has been arranged with Metro Bank Friday 3rd October at 10.00am
To be attended by
Sharon Burrows
Claire Bray

III. **Excessive use of weedkiller at Charlestown (NP)**
This matter has been dealt with, remove from future agendas.

IV. **New committee members from Charlestown (NP)**
Action: Ongoing. NP will talk to potential committee members.

V. **Fence in parking area at CT safety concern (NP/DH)**
The posts are slightly wobbly – no current safety concern. The plot holder is planning to remove the fence posts and replace with a hedge. Remove from future agendas.

VI. **Raising awareness of the sales huts within the community (All)**
Email to members – is there anything not currently stocked they would like to see in the sales huts? Potential of one evening per week opening through the growing season.
Action: Stock list and prices to RW to update the website.

4. Member's issues:

None.

5. Reports:

Allotment officers:
Charlestown: 4 on the waiting list (3 of these also on TL list). 3 on waiting list for small holding plot. Currently no vacant plots.
Actions: Some improvement letters required. NP to look at the plots. Woodchip piles – NP. Leaf mould bins – NP. Scap metal – NP.
Thompson Lane: 4 on the waiting list, no vacant plots.

Treasurer:
SB shared monthly report. £175 August sales from TL and CT huts.
Metro Bank – details covered in point II. Earlier in the minutes.

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:

I. **Environment Committee Meeting Thursday 4th September (RN)**
Very happy with the report from RN/LM. Helen and Dave are going to visit TL to look at the front fence. Passed on their thanks and congratulations for the success of the BHS show.

II. **Committee for 2026 (All)**
Everyone happy to keep their roles for 2026.
If any members are interested in joining the committee please do let us know.

III. **Beavers group discovery session (CB)**
Action: CB to contact them to find out more about the requirements of the sessions and how many times per year etc. Then we can put a plan together for the next session

IV. **Stock takes on both shops (LM/NP)**
Action: To be completed end of October.

V. **Both of the shops will be closed through December**
Action: 2026 calendar for rota at TL.

VI. **Cherry Tree Pruning at CT (NP)**
The standard of work carried out did not meet the expectations of the plot holder. A complaint has been made. NP has spoken to all involved, passed on apologies and has been assured that this will not happen again.
Action: No further action is required.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 13th October at The Bull's Head, Baildon.

Signed:

Neal Parry (Chair)

Louise (Vice Chair)