Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 9th February 2026
The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Robin Weedon (RW), Louise Mallinson (LM), Mandy Glover (MG), Richard Nottidge (RN), Dale Holgate (DH), Chris Dearnley (CD), Clive Hall (CH) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:

Sharon Burrows (SB), Mike Webster (MW)

2. Chairs opening remarks:

NP welcomed everyone to the meeting. NP welcomed Chris Dearnley to his first committee meeting since becoming President of BHS. NP welcomed Clive Hall to the meeting, Clive has volunteered to help with the organisation of the 2026 BHS Show.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. **From AGM: BHS Show 2026 (LM)**
Clive Hall has volunteered to help with the show preparation. LM sent an email to all members asking for volunteers to help with show preparation, no other volunteers yet. Please get in touch with a member of the committee, ask in one of the sales huts on a Sunday morning or email secretary@baildonhort.co.uk if you can spare some time to help with the organisation of the show.
Action: CB to send preparation notes to CH, NP and RW. NP to confirm the date with the school, caretaker and Baildon Town Council. Once the date is confirmed CH to start getting in touch with the judges.

II. **From AGM: Rule updates (LM/NP/RW)**
NP and LM have amended the document.
Action: RW to update the rules on the website.

III. **From AGM: Publish BHS Accounts (NP)**
Action: This matter is complete.

IV. **From AGM: Management Agreement Amendments (NP/LM/RN)**
The changes discussed at the AGM have been documented and BTC now has that information.
Action: Waiting to hear back from BTC to (a) arrange a meeting to discuss this matter further or (B) whether the changes can be written into the agreement and a meeting for signing the amended agreement arranged.

V. **2026 Rent Payments (LM/CB/SB/CM)**
TL rent payments complete.
Action: SB to check payments that have gone into the Santander account. Other outstanding rent payments to be followed up by CM.

VI. **Beavers Group Discovery Sessions (CB)**
CD kindly offered to volunteer to help if available on the dates.
Action: CB to confirm dates and ask for more volunteers.

VII. **2026 RHS Trip (CB)**
£120 profit from 2025 trip will be used as part payment towards the coach for the 2026 trip.
Action: CB to check dates, get quotes and advertise to members.

VIII. **Stock in the shops (NP/MW)**
Both of the shops are well stocked for the season ahead. NP tested an evening opening for purchases at the Charlestown site, no members came to that.
Action: NP will try another evening opening once the clocks change and the evenings are lighter.

IX. **2026 Membership Cards (RW)**
Printed and available in both shops.
With thanks to Nikki at Nikkinakka for the printing.

X. **TL Front Fence (LM/MW)**
No further update yet.

4. Member's issues:

Confirmed that membership applications can be made online or in the sales huts.
Action: NP/LM to check that both sales huts have printed copies of the membership form.

5. Reports:

Allotment officers:
Charlestown: TBC.
Thompson Lane: 3 people on the waiting list.
There is a roadside plot with its own gate at the TL site. The tenant arrived at their plot one day recently to find that a lock had been added to their gate and they could not gain access to their plot. MW assisted with the removal of the lock. We think this is a one-off incident and someone was messing about. If any plot holders have any trouble at the site please do report it.

Treasurer:
Nothing to report.

Secretary:
Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:
Nothing to report.

Show 2025:
Show secretary vacancy. Actions for NP and CH noted earlier in the minutes.

Membership Secretary:
Non plot membership numbers have dropped year on year. Discuss an incentive for joining that can be advertised at the show in September. MG mentioned that in previous years there was a BHS stand at the Baildon Carnival advertising the society and how to become a member.
Action: Keep this item on future agendas.

6. Any other business:

I. **Environment Committee Meeting 12th February (NP)**
NP is attending this meeting.
Action: Send any actions or updates needed for next committee meeting to LM/CB.

II. **School visit to TL (RN)**
w/c 23rd March.
Action: Further details to be arranged.

III. **Charlestown Security (NP/DH/CH)**
Once the weather improves look at the current system setup to see how well it is working and if it needs any adjustments/improvements/upgrades.
Security lights to be checked.
All agreed the setup on DH plot is excellent. The monitoring options, ability to set perimeter etc.
Action: Keep this item on future agendas.

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