Baildon Horticultural Society
Minutes of the meeting dated 13th April 2026
The Bull's Head

PRESENT: Neal Parry (NP), Louise Mallinson (LM), Mandy Glover (MG), Sharon Burrows (SB), Mike Webster (MW), Richard Nottidge (RN), Dale Holgate (DH), Clive Hall (CH) and Claire Bray (CB).

1. Apologies for absence:

Robin Weedon (RW)

2. Chairs opening remarks:

NP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. BHS Show 2026 (NP/CH)

Most of the judges are confirmed and booked. CH finalising the last few. Organisation of the tombola has been agreed. Sponsors to be contacted. DH is admin on FB Show page. Agreed it would be free for stall holders to have a stall at the show, a donation to BHS is encouraged.

Action: NP to send an email to members about class sponsorship. CH/NP to discuss printed schedules quantity with RW. Advertise on social media for stall holders.

II. Management Agreement Amendments (NP/LM/RN)

Request that legal advice is taken for the agreement to be updated for 2027.

Action: NP and CB signing the agreement as it stands on Thursday 30th April at 5.15pm.

III. Beavers Group Discovery Sessions (NP/CD/CB)

Monday 20th April, 5.45 – 6.45pm.

Action: Neal, Chris and Dale will be at the Charlestown site to meet the group.

IV. 2026 RHS Trip (CB)

Not enough interest to run the trip this year.

Action: CB to contact members to let them know.

V. TL Front Fence (LM/MW)

This work is complete.

VI. School visit to TL (RN)

24th April. Year 1 visit. 5 volunteers from TL to help.

Action: RN and volunteers to finalise plan and activity.

4. Member's issues:

Rats have been reported at TL. Mike continues to set and bait traps. Members are asked to ensure bird feed etc is stored well eg. Airtight container in a building.

5. Reports:

Allotment officers:

Charlestown: 2 on the waiting list. 2 current tenants waiting for a second plot. 3 current tenants on the waiting list for a small holding plot.

Thompson Lane: 4 on the waiting list. No vacant plots.

Treasurer:

Shop sales for March £1069

SB has transferred some cash into the savings account

Old Barclay bank account – SB is working on closing that down.

POS System- transaction fees would be too high for this to be worthwhile when the shops only open for 1 hour per week. Continue to ask for cash in the sales huts.

Secretary:

Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:

NP/DH. Reminder email to members at CT site asking that children be supervised while at the site.

Show 2025:

Covered earlier in the minutes.

Membership Secretary:

30 non plot members.

6. Any other business:

Use of weedkiller at the Charlestown Site

Formal complaint received.

It is unclear exactly when the weedkiller was used or who applied it.

The committee continue to discourage the use of weedkiller at both allotment sites. Please report any use of weedkiller in communal areas, leaching onto your plot etc.

Defibrillator in telephone box at The Junction (RW)

All agreed it is a good idea to look into this to see if it's a good location for an additional defib to the Baildon area.

Thompson Lane – new parking area (MW/LM)

Thank you to the fantastic volunteers who helped to clear the site on Good Friday. MW is working on a plan for the space.

2026 Allotment Competition (LM)
Last years winners to judge – May/June time.
Winning voucher prize – add a use by date of one year for redemption in the sales huts.

Removal of unsafe structure at the Charlestown Site (NP/DH/CM)
Approx 3mx4m shed/greenhouse in a poor state of repair. It has been agreed that the structure is unsafe and needs to be taken down.
Allotment Rules - Rule 13. To be discussed with plot holder, allotment officer, health and safety and chair.

Terracotta plates (CB)
Committee members agreed these products would not be suitable for our sales huts. They are very welcome to have a stall at the BHS show in September to sell these items.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 11th May at The Bull's Head, Baildon.