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

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

1. Apologies for absence:
Clive Hall, Richard Nottidge, Dale Holgate and Mandy Glover

2. Chairs opening remarks:
NP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Actions from previous meetings:

I. BHS Show 2026 (NP/CH/RW)

£575 sponsorship received so far. NP sent email reminder on 11/7. RW requires final numbers so that schedule can be sent to print. Class sponsors to be included – money is still getting collected.

Judges required for baking and preserves. TBA for baking. Pat Short for preserves TBC.

Action: RW, NP and CH to arrange a meeting. LM will send an email to members about class sponsorship. RW will finalist schedule. Social media and emails TBC in run up to the show.

II. Management Agreement Amendments (NP)

NP has spoken to new BTC Clerk.
Action: Meeting to be arranged.

III. Removal of unsafe structure on plot at CT (NP/DH/CM)

Plot holders are aware structural repairs are required.
Action: No update at this time, add to agenda for next meeting.

IV. Loose gatepost at the front of the CT site (NP/DH)

Action: Quote received. Date for work TBC.

V. Water meter readings (MW/DH/SB)

Action: Mike and Dale will get these for Sharon.

VI. Telephone Box at The Junction - Defib (RW)

RW has spoken to Deputy Clerk at BTC.
Action: Waiting for a response from North Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

4. Member's issues:

Charlestown site – woodchip deliveries.
Now that the large reserve of woodchip has been cleared deliveries to the site can be started again.
Action: NP will arrange.

5. Reports:

Allotment officers:
Charlestown: 15 people on the list for garden plots. 2 plots available. Improvements required on some plots.

Small holding plots have 2 people on the waiting list.

Thompson Lane: 8 people on the waiting list. No plots available. 1 improvement letter sent out. Watering – reminders issued, plot holders spoken to.
4 taps on site, approx. 5 hoses per tap – labels with plot number to be attached to hoses.

Treasurer:
Shop sales for March £172 at TL and £132 at CT. Lower sales to be expected at this time of year.
Mower for TL has been purchased.

Secretary:
Nothing to report.

Health and Safety:
Nothing to report.

Show 2025:
Covered earlier in the meeting.

Membership Secretary:
Nothing to report.

6. Any other business:

Allotment Competition (LM/RW)
Smallholdings are to be included in the allotment competition.
RW will take pictures of the winning plots.
Winners will be announced at the show on 6th Sept.
Vouchers for the winners – must be used within 12 months.

Noise Complaint (NP)
Charlestown Site, made by a residential neighbour. Request support from BTC.

Forged bank notes
Forgeries of £10 and £20 notes – when taking money in the sales huts please be aware that these notes have been reported around Baildon.

Additional parking for plots at top of TL site (MW)
Space for 4 cars would be created.
Digging out and clearing the area is a big job.
Costs for hardcore/filling.

BHS Committee Members (LM)
Vacancy: Secretary from December 2026
Call for members to join the committee. Secretary role, general committee members and show organisation. Please get in touch if you would like more information.

Date of the next meeting is 7pm Monday 10th August at The Bull's Head, Baildon.