

Bamburgh Parish Council

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Minutes of Bamburgh Parish Council Meeting

DATE 16th September 2026 at Pavilion Bamburgh

PRESENT COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Kate Morton (Chair) (KM), Councillor John Mackey (JM), Councillor Kirsty Dobson (KD), Councillor Ralph Baker-Cresswell (RBC)

ALSO PRESENT:

Joan Mitchell Parish Clerk (JMC)
Public x 4

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of meeting of 22nd July 2026 were accepted and signed as a record by KM and KD.

4. NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

Notice of resignations have been received and accepted from Sue Aldred and Nicole Taylorson. Appreciation and thanks were given to both.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Wynding – KM new streetscape traffic calming works continuing, issues with crossing at Grace Darling Museum now rectified and works to crossing at the Green now underway. Works to crossing close to Bamburgh Castle have been placed on hold due to a safety concern. Consultation on the installation of flat-top humps now agreed and will go ahead.

The trial 28-day parking at Moorfield was available during August, results of feedback received was not full uptake (slow). If this was to be repeated in 2027 then more advertising and signage would be required.

Beach Pathway – KM confirmed agreement has now been signed between Castle Estates and the Parish Council for a £1.00 p.a. land rental agreement. The necessary gradient was discussed and agreed together with the confirmation of the correct construction.

Wheelchair Beach Access – KD advised again very busy, and volunteers to assist with meeting users are **desperately** needed, a suggestion of posters to advertise was made and KD to investigate these.

Village Parking – JM advised ongoing.

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Play Park – JM Warden now completing ongoing weekly inspection checks. Recent damage to Perspex glass screen on tractor, screen removed and replaced with new.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

An email was received from a village hotel advising leaflets had been placed on their patron's vehicles regarding parking. Hotel staff attended the meeting, and it was confirmed that Bamburgh Parish Council were not involved and had been unaware of the issue. The council did not approve of this and would prefer more collaborative approach.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

No updates.

Follow up with previous request at last meeting for the path from Bamburgh to Budle to be maintained

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clerk advised: Up to date @ 16/09/26 – Current A/C £504.47 Saver A/C £41,277.05 (includes £7,975.66 lights fund)

9. Planning Application 26/00311/FUL & 26/03012/LBC – 11 Front Street, Bamburgh

Parish Council had no objection to this application.

10. PC STORE

RBC to look at costs for either a ready-made structure or building of small roof covering for the parish equipment.

11. BEACH TOILETS

The option of a beach toilet was initially researched in 2023; the P.C. believe this project needs revisiting and KM plans to take forward, costings etc. RBC to find costs of temporary Portaloos.

12. POTENTIAL FUNDING REQUEST

Email enquiry received with an offer of village potential funding, clerk to respond with suggestions.

13. WEBSITE UPDATE

Clerk advised website to go live 1st October.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at Pavilion