Bamburgh Parish Council

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Minutes of Bamburgh Parish Council Meeting

DATE 21st October 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 2

1. **APOLOGIES**
   Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**
   None

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
   Minutes of meeting of 16th September 2026 were accepted with amendment and signed as a record by KM.

4. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR**
   The vacancy was duly advertised and NCC confirmed no by-election was requested. Application from eligible candidates considered, it was Resolved with an absolute majority vote to co-opt Stephen Cole onto Bamburgh Parish Council. Stephen Cole signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the clerk, took his seat and joined the meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING**
   Highways Update/Traffic Calming/Wynding – KM noted DYL now on Lucker Road, clerk to contact Highways regarding poor areas inside lines, pooling water need for further works. Works to crossing at Green now complete. Bus stops have been removed and clerk to follow up with Richard McKenzie regarding monitoring this change with Arriva etc.

   Beach Pathway – KM confirmed topographical survey had been carried out and awaiting results from architect. The plan is to complete works as originally planned in early December.

   Wheelchair Beach Access – KD advised as now a quiet period for beach wheelchair access the request for new volunteers to assist with meeting users will be delayed until the new pathway is complete. Key lock entry box to wheelchair shed had been damaged/tampered with, warden has now replaced with new.

   Village Parking – JM advised no further updates, ongoing.

Play Park – JM Warden continuing weekly inspection checks, minor repairs necessary and JM to place order for parts (screw caps) from Playscheme.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Correspondence received from WI advising of the removal, due to damage, of a bench at Walled Garden. Replacement cost is £550.00 and request for 50% support from Parish Council. Council resolved to support with donation to WI of £275.00.
Comments also received regarding safety of new crossing at Green, Council agreed and supported by NCC, that as this is an uncontrolled crossing point and therefore there are no road markings, pedestrians do not have right of way, and must only cross when safe to do so.

7. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

No updates.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clerk advised: Up to date @ 21/10/26 – Current A/C £452.87 Saver A/C £38,277.05 (includes £5,963.77 lights fund)

9. PC STORE

RBC has looked at costs for building of roof covering/structure for the parish equipment store, hoping to have costs to come in below £300.00, will update next meeting.

10. BEACH TOILETS

RBC had obtained costs of temporary Portaloos, cost would be approx. £60.00 per week for two loos, council agreed that a two-month trial of Portaloos during July and August 2027 was necessary to prove a requirement for permanent toilet structure to be planned.

11. Clerk's salary annual review 2026/27

Council agreed to the .49p per hour increase to clerk salary as per the local government services pay agreement 2026/27 dated 25/08/26, back dated to 01/04/26.

12. WEBSITE UPDATE

Clerk advised of previous delay and new website will now go live on 5th November.

13. CRICKET CLUB MOWER

Correspondence received from Bamburgh Cricket Club Chair advising of requirement to purchase a new mower. Council resolved to support the request with a £750.00 donation for the purchase.

14. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

KD to follow up on wreath purchase and JM to confirm. KM noted very pleased with the regular works carried out, and memorial now looking well maintained.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at Pavilion.