

# BONBY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, at the Village Hall, Bonby.

**Present:** Chair – Cllr Sarah Harriman.  
Cllr Alex Haslett, Cllr Andy Martin  
Clerk – Holly Hanson  
  
Ward Cllrs – Cllr Carl Sherwood and Cllr Nigel Sherwood  
  
No members of the public attended

### **Public Participation**

No members of the public attended

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#### **25/26 – 0201                      Apologies**

- a) Reasons for apologies were accepted from Cllr Andy Trafford

#### **25/26 – 0202                      Declaration of Interest**

- a) There were no declarations of interest in respect of any agenda items.  
b) No dispensations granted

#### **25/26 – 0203                      Minutes of Previous meeting**

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

#### **25/26 – 0204                      Report from Ward Councillors**

Ward Councillors gave an update, stating that the new Burgundy Bins for recycling were being delivered, and anyone who had not received theirs yet should contact their Ward Councillor. The next phase of Free Air Fryers for over 65's is being rolled out with demonstrations available for those that want.

The Planning Application for a Lorry Park at Barnetby Top has been passed at appeal.

Updating on highways issues, Ward Councillors stated that there were currently 2 teams working in reactive issues and 3 teams working on planned maintenance.

Bonby Lane is on the list to be done, however there are no timeframes for this – Councillors raised concerns over the state of Bonby Lane, and the length of time it has taken for any remedial work to be done, and also highlighted the quality of severe potholes on other roads in the area.

Updating on the drainage works at the Saxby end of the Village, again there were no timeframes for completion of these works, however Councillors had been assured that these latest works would result in a permanent solution.

The Data Centre at Elsham Wold is likely to be heard at the March Planning Committee meeting.

Councillors raised the timings of gritting applications in cold weather, as it had been noted that any treatment had been washed away, or refrozen before the morning school and work traffic started leaving several roads like skating rinks.

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The Clerk raised the ongoing concerns with the Town and Parish Liaison meetings, that have moved to in person for Councillors only, effectively severing any meaningful communication with Town and Parish Councils.

## **25/26 - 0205      Highways / Neighbourhood Services & NLC issues**

- a) There were no updates on any highways matters:
  - i) Gulleys blocked on Hill – NLC to identify and mark gulleys for regular clearing – No update
  - ii) Road sweeper not sweeping to sides of road on the Hill – Road sweeper has attended, but drains remain blocked – See above update
  - iii) Dropped Kerbs on Hall Meadow – No update
  - iv) Blocked Gully opposite Fussey Gardens – No Update
  - v) Road surface issues and potholes on Bonby Lane – See above update
- b) Councillors raised poor condition of Southwold Road and several others in the area – see above.

## **25/26 - 0206      Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

- a) There was no update on police matters.
- b) There were no NATs matters.
- c) The Neighbourhood Watch Group remains inactive.

## **25/26 - 0207      Planning**

- a) No Planning Applications received.
- b) No Planning Decisions received.
- c) There were no other Planning Matters discussed.

## **25/26 - 0208      Risk Assessments and Safety Reports**

- a) Councillors received the following risk assessments and safety reports for play and public areas owned or managed by Bonby Parish Council and resolve any action:
  - i) Gilman Trail, benches, bins and fences – Cllrs Haslet and Trafford – No issues
  - ii) Playing Field, Equipment and barrier – Cllr Martin – No issues
  - iii) Telephone Box – Cllr Haslett – No issues
  - iv) Carr Lane litter bin and benches – Cllr Harriman – No issues.
  - v) Bus Shelter – Cllr Haslett – No Issues
  - vi) Telephone Box – Cllr Haslett – No issues
  - vii) Noticeboards – Cllr Haslett – No issues
  - vii) Salt Bins – Cllr Haslett – Salt Bin at Fussey Gardens requires replacement, and salt bin at Village Hall requires refilling – both have been reported to NLC
  - viii) Village planters – Cllr Harriman – No issues

## **25/26 - 0209      Village Environment**

- a) Councillors discussed the planters and flowerbeds around the Village Resolved – To continue with contract planting in Spring and Autumn, and to refresh the wildflower areas for the forthcoming season.
- b) Councillors discussed the Meadow with the Clerk highlighting that the brambles were becoming an issue – Clerk to seek a solution to this. Cllr Haslett requested a circular path around the meadow – The Clerk highlighted that some sections became very wet during the year, but new paths would be investigated as the meadow dries out.
- c) Councillors discussed the Gilman Trail.
- d) Councillors discussed the Playing Field Noting that the trees around the edge need crown lifting to enable grass gutting underneath. The Clerk also stated that she had reported the

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issue with the moles, and that the barrier had now been repaired and extended around the car park.

## 25/26 – 0210 Verge and PROW Cutting

- a) Councillors reviewed the verge and PROW cutting provision during the 2025/26 season, the revised offer and additional duties detailed by NLC.

Resolved – To continue with the current contractor for verges and PROW, and extend the contract to cover weed spraying.

## 25/26 – 0211 Clerk’s Report

- a) Clerk updated Parish Council on any items requiring attention since the November meeting on any subject not separately on the agenda, stating that a grant had become available from the PCC for speed signs – Councillors requested that an application be made for a speed sign for Bonby. The Clerk also reported that the Low Villages Gardening Club had now ceased, and that they had made a donation to each of the Parish Councils to spend on Flowers in the Villages – A letter of thanks to be sent.

## 25/26 – 0212 Accounts

- a) Councillors noted and agreed the current financial position which was signed by Cllr Harriman.
- b) Councillors reviewed and noted the bank statements which were signed by Cllr Harriman. Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:
- c) 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Sissons Gardening Services – Verge Cutting – £424.74 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
- d) 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Sissons Gardening Services – Verge Cutting – £558.08 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
- e) 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – HMRC – P32 - £23.45 (Local Government Act 1972, s112)
- f) 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Sissons Gardening Services – Playing Field – £374.86 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
- g) No other payments were presented

## 25/26 – 0213 Minor Items

- a) There were no points from members or items of interest.
- b) Councillors noted correspondence from NLC.
- c) No Correspondence had arrived since agenda was posted.
- d) No items were put forward for the November agenda

## 25/26 – 0214 Date and time of the next meeting

- a) The next meeting of Bonby Parish Council will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026, commencing at 7pm, in the Village Hall, Bonby.

## 25/26 – 0215 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

- a) To authorise payment of Clerk’s Salary and expenses.

Resolved – To pay Clerk’s salary and expenses (Local Government Act 1972, s112)