

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

16th March 2026 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley

Councillor Charles Skeffington

Councillor John Williams

Councillor Peter Williams

Councillor Stephen Cain

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 15th Dec 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 North York Moors – Parish Training

Councillor Bradley attended a presentation by Paul Fellows Head of Strategic Policy for NYMNP. Update on the Local Plan and Second Homes Policy were also reviewed. Costs for Planning Applications are also set to rise.

3.2 Emergency Planning

Councillor Bradley has been notified that Grace Lawes is the new North Yorkshire Council Team Leader for Thirsk and Malton Resilience and Emergencies Team. The Parish Council will forward emergency pamphlets to residents. **Action: Councillor Bradley/Parish Clerk**

3.3 Potential involvement of PC in Purchase of Local Land

Parish Council will not be involved in any Land Purchase.

3.4 Oldstead Grit Spreading Machine

The main issue regarding grit spreading surrounds storage of the grit and loading of the spreading machine. The road in Oldstead is very steep and it was thought that a manually operated machine might not be adequate. Councillor John Williams considered that a grit spreader attached to a tractor might be more suitable. **Action: Councillor Williams to investigate further.**

4.0 Finance

4.1 Balance of Accounts and Upcoming expenditure

The accounts were reconciled with the Bank Statement dated 4th February 2026. As of the 16th March, the Parish Council have £7732.17 in the account following payment of “No Parking” sign for Oldstead. No additional expenditure for the year is anticipated.

5.0 Highways

5.1 Grass Cutting Programme 2026/27

Highways have asked whether the Parish Council would like to takeover grass cutting in the parish. Highways have offered £99.67 for Oldstead and £47.86 for Byland with Wass for this service. The Council rejected the offer from Highways who will continue to provide the 4 times annual grass cutting service.

5.2 Flooding at Byland Abbey

The flooding at Byland Abbey has been resolved. Highways have removed roots and debris from the drains allowing the flood water to recede. A camera survey is planned to allow Highways to consider options prior to road dressing later in the year.

5.3 Parking in Main Street Oldstead

The No Parking Sign has been erected in the layby in Oldstead to deter visitors from parking in it and to allow vehicles to make deliveries to households in Oldstead.

6.0 Damaged Stile in field above Hambleton Lane

A stile on a Public right of way was reported damaged. A Park Ranger has undertaken temporary repairs but a more permanent repair is required and the National Park is liaising with the landowner.

7.0 Fixed Speed Camera Campaign

North Yorkshire Council is considering installation of a small number of Fixed Speed Cameras in North Yorkshire. Councillor Bradley was contacted by Campaigner Gillian Taylor requesting support for the measure. Offer declined as the cameras will not impact our Parish.

8.0 Planning

No objections recorded for the following Planning Application.

NYM/2026/0075 Low Pasture House, Byland Abbey – Support got Air Source Heating Compressor and installation of rooflights.

9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

11th May 2026 at 7.00 pm, Wass Village Hall. Byland with Wass Village meeting will take place following the meeting at approximately 7.30pm.

Oldstead Village meeting will take place either on 27th May 2026 or on 11th May 2026 at Wass Village Hall. If the meeting takes place on 11th May Oldstead and Byland with Wass Village meetings will take place one after the other.

Remaining Parish Council dates for 2026 as follows:

14th September

14th December

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk