

BYLAND WITH WASS AND OLSTEAD ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

11TH May 2026 7.00 pm

1.0 Attendees

Councillor Christine Bradley	Councillor John Williams
Councillor Stephen Cain	Councillor Charles Skeffington
Councillor Peter Williams	Clerk Mike Bradley
Paul Robinson - Resident	

2.0 Apologies

None

3.0 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman: **Cllr Bradley** proposed by Cllr S Cain, seconded by Cllr J Williams— **APPROVED**

Vice Chairman: **Cllr J Williams** proposed by Cllr P Williams, seconded by Cllr Bradley – **APPROVED**

4.0 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 16th March 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

5.0 Matters Arising

5.1 Emergency Planning

Cllr Bradley along with Cllr Cain attended a number of Emergency Planning meetings both online and in person.

Household Emergency Plan leaflets were distributed to residents in Wass via Email and it was also displayed on the Parish Website. Leaflets will be distributed to Oldstead residents at their forthcoming Village meeting.

5.2 Oldstead Grit Spreading machine

Cllr John Williams to report at the next meeting: Action – J Williams

6.0 Finance

6.1 Approval of Accounts

Opening Balance	£6967.08
Income	£2000.00
Expenditure	(£1234.91)
Closing Balance 31 Mar 2024	£7732.17

The accounts were audited 19th April 2026 by Mr M Saurin.

Accounts approved and statement will be posted on the Parish Council website.

The accounts contain an allowance of £200 donated by Ms Hannah Plowman for environmental expenditure in the Parish.

A budget statement was reviewed at the meeting and approved and this will also be posted on the Council website.

6.2 Annual Governance Statement and Certificate of Exemption

Section 1 – Annual Government Statement 2025/26 – Approved by Parish Council

Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 – Approved by Parish Council

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2024/25 Form 2 – Approved. To be submitted to external auditor.

Action: Parish Clerk

6.3 Register of Interests

All Councillors have submitted Register of Interests and these are posted online with North Yorkshire Council. No updates to the ROI are required. North Yorkshire Council to be notified. Action: Parish Clerk.

6.4 Insurance

Parish Council approved the renewal of insurance for Small Parishes with Zurich Municipal - £196.

7.0 Dark Skies initiative

All councillors were in favour of Dark Skies accreditation for our joint parishes. Our community's support is the first stage in achieving it. Plaques will be awarded once accreditation is granted for display in each village.

Councillor Bradley was invited to speak about the Dark Skies initiative at the Oldstead Village meeting.

8.0 Planning

No planning applications.

9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

14th September 2025 at 7.00 pm, Wass Village Hall.

Mike Bradley – Parish Clerk