

# BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL

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An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Old School Room, Bolton Percy on:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 8pm**

## Minutes

**1. PRESENT:** Cllr. Steele (Chairperson), Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Robertson, Cllr. Tucker, Clerk

**2. APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Robinson

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

**4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr. Steele. Proposed by Cllr. Tucker and seconded by Cllr. Nicholls

**5. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1**

### **6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027**

i Election of Chairperson. Cllr Steele was duly elected as Chairperson

ii Election of Vice Chairperson: Cllr Robinson was duly elected as Vice Chairperson

### **6. CLERK'S REPORT: ACTIONS TAKEN FROM LAST MEETING:**

i Yorkshire Water: Cllr Steele and clerk have been scrutinising past minutes and the clerk is collating a comprehensive file of work/projects promised from Yorkshire Water over the years. This will be shared with Appleton Roebuck and Acaster Selby PC in support of their requests to YW. The aim is to contact YW at the highest level, using the evidence found in the minutes; to seek improvement of the water and drainage systems across the local area, this is after many years of promised improvements which have not been actioned. Clerk will also ask the local residents to share any complaints they have made to YW, to add to the dossier.

ii TCV (The Conservation Volunteers): Quotes have been received for clearing the Himalayan balsam in the area across the beck near Pump Alley and to clear the path down to the cricket ground from opposite Doyleys. Councillors considered both quotations and agreed that they were affordable and would be beneficial to the villagers and address the concerns raised by parishioners, both quotes have been approved in principle. (ref: item 10 in 04.2026 Minutes – letters from Parishioners)

Clerk has contacted a representative from the cricket club to seek their opinion/approval and seek offers of support in the clearance of the path – a date of Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> has been proposed for the path clearance. A date of the 14<sup>th</sup> June has been proposed for the initial clearance of the Himalayan Balsam. Once the dates and times have been confirmed the clerk will use social media to seek out additional volunteers from the village and will arrange for the Parish Room to be available for toilets and refreshments.

In addition, Cllr Nicholls asked the clerk to contact Yorkshire Water to remove the bales of straw they had placed at the Pump Alley site as they were now in poor condition and adding to the problems of mud and silt building up on the path

**7. PLANNING: to consider planning policies, decision notifications, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate.**

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Location: Stonebridge Farm, Main Street, Colton, LS24 8EP

Proposal: Erection of detached garage

Cllrs had no objections to the above proposal.

**8. FINANCE: To review and approve items/matters of expenditure:**

i Receipt of Precept payment (April 2026) - £4445.00

ii Renewal of Parish Insurance: Zurich Municipal Insurance initially quoted £680.94, which is an increase of over £160 per annum. however, Cllr Tucker negotiated a lower premium of £636.64 including an increased valuation of both flood pumps. Clerk will seek 2 more comparison quotes then a final decision can be made.

iii Hire of village hall: £198.00 for 11 meetings. Payment agreed

**10. PARISHIONERS ITEMS FOR DISUSSION/ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

i Concerns have been raised by a parishioner that Leeds East Airport is once again posing a problem to the villages with overflying, flying too low and flying outside the permitted area and flying directly over the village. This is contravening the agreement set out by the working party and LEA. Clerk has contacted Mr Rogerson, who leads the working party on behalf of the PC. He will take these concerns to the annual meeting held in June. In the meantime the PC will contact LEA independently and voice the concerns of the parishioners.

ii Hagg Wood: A concerned party has contacted the PC regarding the condition of Hagg Wood on the outskirts of Colton, and the increasing amount building materials and structures being erected in the wood. The matter was discussed by the Councillors. They acknowledged that the wood is private property and has been for many years. There is no right of way into or across the wood which is on private land and not a matter for the PC. Clerk will contact the informant.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 7th at 8pm following APCM at 7.30pm**

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**