



BOSTON SPA PARISH COUNCIL

BOSTON SPA ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting of the Parish electorate. It is not a Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council Chairman calls the meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held between March 1st and June 1st (LGA 1972, schedule 12, paragraph 14). There is no prescribed format for this meeting and its recommendations are not binding on the Parish Council.

Draft Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 7.00pm at Boston Spa Village Hall

PRESENT: Parish Councillors K Blake (Chairman), G Bowen (Vice Chairman), K Alderson, A Watts, P Stables, P Hunt, S Courts.

APOLOGIES: Parish Councillors M Heum, D Taylor, A Brown. Ward Councillor N Harrington.

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Marshall (Clerk to the Parish Council),

GUESTS: Ward Councillor Alan Lamb.

Cllr Keith Blake, Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.	Apologies
	Apologies had been received from Cllrs M Heum, D Taylor and A Brown.
2.	Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th May 2025
	Resolved: That the minutes from the 2025 APM be accepted.
3.	Presentation from Alan Black at Crimestoppers
	Alan Black gave a detailed presentation on the history of Crimestoppers which was formed in 1988 to give people a way to pass on information about crime whilst remaining completely anonymous and without speaking to the police. Alan provided some examples of how information passed to Crimestoppers had assisted in the solving of some major cases. Crimes can be reported to Crimestoppers using the anonymous phone line on 0800 555 111 or by using the online form at https://crimestoppers-uk.org .
4.	Update on the Emergency and Resilience Plan
	Cllr Watts provided an update from the Emergency & Resilience Team. A 3-point plan has been created, and the team held a stand at Party in the Park in 2025 to advise residents what they can do to prepare in an emergency. A questionnaire was circulated to everyone in the village, which resulted in further volunteers coming forward to offer their assistance in the event of an emergency. The Village Hall is now a designated emergency rest centre

	and the churches can offer pastoral care and shelter in extreme weather conditions. The group is currently preparing a leaflet to be distributed and mounted in shop windows in the event of an emergency.
5.	Update on Leeds Local Plan and NPPF
	Ward Councillor Alan Lamb provided an update. The last Leeds Local Plan was completed in 2019. The National Planning Policy Framework is currently being rewritten by central government. A new call for sites is expected to take place for Leeds and there will be a new draft plan available for consultation next year.
6.	Update of Leeds Local Plan and local issues
	Cllr Stables provided an update. The Ward Councillors are very concerned about proposed developments on land in North Yorkshire on the Wetherby boundary as North Yorkshire Council has a very high new housing target. Any council tax or S106 monies from the new developments will go to North Yorkshire. The Ward Councillors have held discussions with senior managers in LCC who are now speaking NY Council's Chief Planning Officer to discuss these concerns.
7.	Ward Councillor Update and Q&A's
	Cllr Norma Harrington was re-elected as Conservative Ward Councillor for Wetherby at the elections on 7 th May. Leeds City Council is no longer Labour dominated following Labour's loss of 8 seats at the election. Reform UK and The Green Party saw the biggest increase in votes. The political makeup of LCC is now broadly spread.
8.	Chairman's Report
	Cllr Blake provided a synopsis of his annual report from the 2026 Annual Parish Newsletter. This included an update on improvements to Stables Lane Park, the success of the one-day Party in the Park and festive lights switch-on event and the work of the Neighbourhood Planning and Emergency and Resilience Groups.
9.	Financial Statement
	The Clerk gave an overview of the PC's finances. There was excess income of £6,414 over expenditure in 2025-26. This was largely due to the additional interest generated on the invested Church Fields S106 monies. The PC's biggest outgoings in 2025-26 were investment in Stables Lane Park (£10,170), Christmas lights (£8,532) and essential tree works at Jackdaw Crag and the riverside (£6,300). The 2026-27 precept is £81,938.00.
10.	Invitation to Boston Spa residents to raise any matters of interest
	No issues were raised.
	The meeting was closed at 20:13

Signed _____ Date _____