

BOSTON SPA PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd July 2025 in the Café Area at the Village Hall, Boston Spa at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr A Watts (Vice Chairman) M Heum, D Taylor, and G Bowen.

Apologies: Cllrs E Alderson and S Courts

In Attendance: Deborah Marshall (Clerk)

Guests: None.

There were no members of the public in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Watts.

DRAFT MINUTES

020/25	To accept apologies for absence and approve reasons for absence	
	Apologies had been received from Cllrs Alderson and Courts	
	Resolved: That the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted.	
021/25	To note declarations of interests not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in the business to be transacted at this meeting	
	None	
022/25	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2025	
	Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 th June 2025 be approved as a true and accurate record.	
023/25	Summer Event	
	i.	To receive feedback from Events Committee members
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback from the Rotary Club was very positive. The Rotary games stall raised a net £127 for Rotary Charities. 39 Rotarian hours were expended at the event• The sale of bacon sandwiches by WiSE was low, although all costs were covered• A resident had asked whether more music could take place on the field. It was agreed that a brass or junior band would work well.• It was noted that there was a limited choice of food vendors. It was proposed that High Street food outlets be asked if they wished to hold a stall in 2026• Keeping the car park free was helpful as this gave space for the stall holders' cars and blue badge holders• It was proposed that marshalling of the Classic Cars be improved by having 3 dedicated marshals stood permanently on the entrance and exit route• With the Classic Cars gathering at 9am and the Wimbledon Men's final now taking place at 4pm the event was very long with not much activity between 10am and midday. It was proposed that next year's event commences at midday and that the Classic Cars depart from Church Fields as in previous years.
	ii.	To receive results from the online survey
		Cllr Alderson was absent from the meeting, but she reported that there had been one response to the online survey. This had been positive about the big screen but requested more food vendors. It was noted that wasps had been a big problem on the day.
	iii.	To receive an update on donations received

		Donations received so far total £1,149.11, comprising of £440 from the Classic Cars, £357 from Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream and £322.11 from the collection buckets. All monies will be put into a dedicated reserve for the improvement of the park.
		Resolved: That the donations be gratefully noted
	iv.	To consider a donation to Forget Me Not Children's Hospice
		The entertainment provided by Forget me Not was considered and it was agreed that a donation of £200 would be appropriate.
		Resolved: That a donation of £200 be given to Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.
024/25		To consider any arrangements for the Christmas event.
		It was agreed that it would be too difficult to close the whole of the High Street car park as this would likely have an effect on trade to the High Street shops for the late-night opening. It was agreed that only the High Street entrance would be closed. This will allow safe movement for pedestrians outside SALT. The following activities and tasks were allocated: Cllr Watts: Christmas tree and liaison with High Street shops Cllr Heum: Knitted elf challenge Cllr Bowen: Liaise with local youth groups to identify activities for teenagers and speak to provider of donkeys Cllr Taylor: Liaise with Tempo FM and Leeds United to request a player for the Christmas lights switch on and ask if the Rotary Club will host a roast chestnut stall.
		Resolved: That the above arrangements be agreed.
025/25		To agree a date for the next meeting of the Events Committee
		Resolved: That the next meeting of the Events Committee will take place on Wednesday 27 th August at 7.00pm in the Café area at the Village Hall.
Closure		With no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:33