

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BOWLAND AND LEAGRAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025 @ 7.30PM AT LAUND FARM**

Present: Chair Claire Davies
Councillor Joanne Hampson
Councillor Billie Weld-Blundell
Councillor Andrew Church-Taylor
Councillor Simon Howe

1. Apologies for absence:-

Councillor John Weld-Blundell
Councillor John Stott

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of meeting held on 20th May 2025, Extraordinary Meeting on 16th July 2025, Open Meeting with Wild Boar Park on 27th August 2025.

Proposed: Joanne Hampson
Seconded: Andrew Church-Taylor

3. Matters arising

None

4. Conflict of interest /business interests to declare.

None

5. Finance

The old account bank account has now been closed and monies have been transferred to the new account. Joanne Hampson to be set up as a 3rd signatory, £250 limit to be set up for a second signatory.

6. Parking in Chipping: moving forward

CD has contacted Ian Duxbury with the report and the proposal B, he has had a response back from Highways who say at the present time the average speed limit is 15.8mph. CD to check where the speed check point was set up. Ian said he had driven through Chipping and the lines had been painted and thought that would solve the problem. Highways are going to progress the extension of the yellow lines and they will post their intentions on the Lancashire County Council Traffic website so we will have to actively look for progress, we don't qualify for the residents parking scheme. Simon stated that the criteria is they need so many people to be unable to park their cars on their own land. Highways advised that residents can contact the police if vehicles are causing an obstruction.

7. **Planning applications including an update on the application made by the Wild Boar Park for a wedding venue**

CD stated that since the last time we met we had had the Open Meeting at the Village Hall and a visit to site where we were shown around. The planning application hasn't yet gone through the formal process.

Claire asked are there any views following the trip?

Surprise was expressed at how sympathetically area has been developed. The noise the previous Saturday had been loud. This could have been due to the rain. The noise could not be heard in the house. The issues are the traffic and the noise. It sounds as though the Wild Boar Park isn't a viable business and that may take away some of the traffic. The owners appear to be willing to talk to people and they are trying to co-operate. They are a business and the reason we objected is still a concern and we are concerned about their business plan and that they are advertising 3 weddings per week.

There is a precedent for these venues in the area so what is different about the Wild Boar Park? We need to be more objective.

Simon said he had spoken to the planners. The new application has been submitted but it is not valid yet due to documents being missing. Last Saturday was noisy and a data sheet was being completed, Simon had been in touch with Environmental Health who had been out to do an assessment of the site. Noise isn't a planning issue however, depending on what the results are from Environment Health, that could be a condition attached re noise levels. The noise management plan submitted last year quotes WHO decibels. These are designed for brick buildings not tipis in the countryside and the manager appreciates that. The Environmental Officer was quite happy when he went out and set the levels and did the checks. The noise issue would be secondary in Simon's opinion; if it is a viability issue then planners have to consider developing tourism and from that point of view they are in a difficult position to refuse the location because of the noise because of the existence of other venues.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the main objection is the Highways.

8. **Village Committees**

a) **Brabins Trust** - Meeting on Thursday, busy with the properties but it is a great trust that is run well.

b) **Village Hall Committee** – still being managed by a small group of trustees. Re finance- should break even or possibly make a profit this year, fliers have gone out for constructive feedback, Damian, who is the cleaner suggested all users should put on an event to raise money for the hall and he

organised a quiz that was very successful. The process of making it a charitable trust is ongoing.

c) **Community Land Trust** – No information.

9. Confidentiality.

10 **AOB**

2024/25 Finance – signed off by Chair.

Diamond Landmark Tree – Sandra Silk now has the plaque and would like to drop it off and take a photo. CD to contact Sandra and arrange a convenient time for Andrew Church-Taylor and John Stott to attend.

Quiet Lane – Andrew to speak to Sandra Silk regarding these.

Ian Duxbury to be invited to our December meeting.

Notice Board – Andrew to order, colour agreed to be black with single door.

War Memorial - Simon said there have been comments about a dead tree, that is going to be removed, we will share the costs.

Mill Pond – There is no water in it, the feed has been blocked with concrete so the level is very low.

Food Waste Collection is coming in from April 2026 – every household has to leave food waste out for collection.

Local Government Reorganisation – CD stated that she completed the questionnaire personally. Simon said the option Ribble Valley are opting for is Lancaster and Preston. On the basis that Preston and Lancaster already share services, there is synergy between Ribble Valley and Preston and Lancaster. Preston and Lancaster are two university towns there is the West Coast rail link so there are some logical links.

11. **Dates for future meetings**
9th December 2025

Meeting Closed at 20:50

Kind regards,
Claire Davies
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