

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BOWLAND AND LEAGRAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER 2025 @ 7.30PM AT LAUND FARM**

Present: Chair Claire Davies
Councillor Joanne Hampson
Councillor Billie Weld-Blundell
Councillor Andrew Church-Taylor
Councillor John Stott

1. **Apologies for absence:-**

Councillor John Weld-Blundell

2. **Minutes of the last meeting.**

Minutes of meeting held on 30th September 2025

Proposed: Billie Weld-Blundell

Seconded: Andrew Church-Taylor

3. **Matters arising**

None

4. **Conflict of interest /business interests to declare.**

None

5. **Finance**

Approval of the precept for 2026/27 - Precept increase was approved and CD and FR signed the form for submission.

CD to check amount per person for the Christmas Lunch

Parish Clerk invoice from 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 approved and cheque signed.

6. **Parking in Chipping**

Ian Duxbury sent a link with regards to the progress on the parking in Chipping but there is nothing at the minute, CD advised that she queried the location of the speed checks, a reply has been received and that will be circulated.

Action CD to ask for a timescale on the progress on the parking.

7. **Planning Applications**

One planning application has been received recently relating to a property at Dinkley Green for an outbuilding being changed into a 4 bed property and advised that on review this application was nothing to be concerned about. CD reminded everyone of the process whereby applications are initially reviewed by a sub committee which is currently herself and John Weld-Blundell.

CD confirmed that nothing has been received yet in terms of the revised planning application for the wedding venue at the Wild Boar Park. It was discussed that it is currently closed for 3 months for refurbishment.

8. **Village Committees**

a. **Brabins Trust** – Billie Weld-Blundell advised that the trust will no longer be able to donate to CHAOS as it doesn't meet the criteria, there was a discussion about it and the members are going to look further into what can be done. A donation has been made for the boiler in the school.

b. **Village Hall Committee** – It is now in the black, and still being run by a management committee and is currently making a saving of £10k as there is no manager in place. It is currently running well and Paul Hunt is dealing with all the bookings, invoices and routine maintenance work is being done by him and martin Butters wherever possible. This helps to keep costs down. The committee are looking at better marketing. An evening was organised with a singer, Stephen Bailey and another evening has been arranged with a tribute band. The facility needs to continue to be promoted to encourage people to use it.

c. **Community Land Trust** – No update

9. **Noticeboard**

ACT to get back in touch with the supplier who quoted last year, that was at a cost of £1,210.18 plus VAT,

10. **Confidentiality**

11. **AOB**

Plaque for Tree - CD reported that she has suggested to Sandra Silk that we wait until Spring to do the photo.

Rally – Michael Houghton contacted us to discuss the Steve Gornall Car Rally and possible road closures. The police were aware of the rally and Lancashire County Council were also aware and as it's not a race, it didn't meet the threshold for road closures. Michael was informed.

Quiet Lane Signage - CD to action.

Gritting - CD summarised the briefing document received from Lancashire County Council regarding gritting.

Claire thanked John for placing the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday.

12. **Dates of Future Meetings**

10th February 2026 @ 7.30pm