**BYRAM-CUM-SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on **Thursday, 11th September 2025** at Anne Sharpe Centre, St Edward’s Close, Byram

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors** Mitchell (Chair)**,** Nicklin (Vice-Chair), A Nicklin, Wharton, Milner, Fitzsimmons & Lightowler

**District Councillor**

**County Councillor** Grogan

**Public**

**Police**

**12.440 PUBLIC REQUESTS, CONCERNS & DISCUSSIONS**

There were no concerns or issues raised by the public.

**12.441**  **APOLOGIES**

No apologies and everyone attended the Parish Council Meeting.

**12.442** **MINUTES**

Parish Councillor Mitchell asked if everyone agreed with the Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Council agreed and accordingly Parish Councillor Mitchell signed & dated each page thereafter.

**12.443 FINANCES**

(a) S Lifsey – Clerk - £876.04

(c) HMRC – NI & tax - £164.60

(c) S G Parkin (gardener) - £250.00

(d) Sutcliffe Play - £360.00 & £212.90

(e) The Sign Shed - £109.25

(f) Mrs E Crother (Accountant) - £50.00

(g) DCG Tree Surgery Limited - £2,900.00

(h) Osgoldcross Form (Website) - £301.04

**Total - £5,223.83**

All cheques & stubs were accordingly signed & initialled by Parish Councillors Mitchell & Nicklin

**12.444 CLERKS REPORT**

**Accounts -** LittleJohns, the Auditor has been in touch with the Clerk to say that as the Parish Council’s annual gross expenditure is less than £25,000.00 a Certificate of Exemption can be submitted. The Chair & Clerk therefore duly signed and dated the form. Clerk to email the same back to Littlejohns for their records.

**Parish Council Website** – The Clerk wanted to thank Parish Councillor Lightowler for all the hard work he has put in to updating the website and also creating a Face Book page for the Parish Council. The Parish Council all thanks him and for all his efforts.

**12.445 GENERAL MATTERS**

**Grass Cutting**  - **Brotherton Parish Church** The grass in the Cemetery has now been cut. Parish Councillor Nicklin to arrange when second cut to be undertaken.

**Play Area (Oak Tree)** Parish Councillor Nicklin informed the Parish Council that the 6 large mature trees at the park have now been reduced in size to what is appropriate for the particular species of tree.

**Bus Transport** – County Councillor Grogan said that he was disappointed at the outcome of the decision regarding the transport for the children going to Sherman. Majority of the children have gone to Knottingley Hugh School.

**Boundaries** – All the boundaries surround Byram and Brotherton are changing. Consultation in February 2026. Byram, Brotherton and Beal are going to become part of Kellington & Kellingley Ward.

**Play Equipment – Byram Park Road** The compression spring has now been replaced, and the Play Area is now back open to the public and children.

**New Signs** – The new signs have arrived. Clerk informed the Parish Council that she was very impressed with the Company that the signs were obtained from, The Sign Shed in Allerton Bywater. Parish Council Nicklin said the signs were very sturdy and good quality.

**12.446 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th October 2025 at 6.30pm, Anne Sharpe Centre, St Edwards Close, Byram.