

Pateley Bridge Millennium Green Trust

The Council Chamber, King Street, Pateley Bridge HG3 5LE

Charity Registration N° 1077410

Minutes of a meeting of the Millennium Green Trust held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 6.50pm in the Council Chamber.

Present: Cllr. C. Thompson (Chair), Cllr. Brackley, Cllr. Critchley, Cllr. Holt, Cllr. Leggett, Cllr. Lumley, Cllr. Ward, Cllr. Wright

Suzanne Smith, Clerk to Pateley Bridge Town Council

1) Apologies for absence

Cllr. Neil Thompson

2) Minutes

Resolved: that minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2025 are approved as a correct record.

3) Banking Arrangements

The Clerk explained that a previous resolution to open an account with Lloyds was not possible as the bank did not accept trusts as customers. Furthermore, her research suggested that this is a policy most banks have. Unity Trust Bank does accept trust accounts but charges and expects a certain turnover.

Resolved: that a new charity bank account with Unity is opened and that the charity will continue to review whether this is the most suitable option going forward.

4) Tree Survey

The Clerk informed members that the cost for the tree survey by the preferred contractor Tree Plan had increased by £50 due to the extension of the scope of works.

Resolved: that the additional cost is acceptable.

5) Accessible Picnic Bench

No further information was available at this time.

6) Pond Restoration

Cllr. Holt tabled photos of the pond which showed that it used to be a lot bigger before the leak. Previous quotes to restore the pond had been prohibitive.

To improve its appearance, Cllr. Holt suggested that the caretaker could quote to put in some decking and a handrail on one side, with some extra shrubs on the other. Nidderdale National Landscape was happy for work to be carried out providing any vegetation pulled out is left on the side for a couple of days to allow any animals or wildlife to find their way back into the pond.

In addition, he observed that there are hundreds of molehills at the Millennium Green and he feels that a contractor should be brought in to sort out that situation.

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Not all members were in favour of the charity paying for landscaping, with one agreeing only with the idea of the extra shrubs and another thinking the pond was fine as it is.

Given time was short, it was agreed to bring this back to a future meeting as a specific agenda item.

Generally, the idea of clearing and controlling the molehills was well received and this will come back to the next meeting too. The clerk will ask for some quotes.

7) Willow Weaving

Cllr. Holt informed the meeting that the willow maze was created 2 years ago. It is now in need of some attention to restore it. Menwith Hill has put 2 days aside in 2025 to do some volunteer work at the Millennium Green and would be happy to tidy up and do willow weaving again.

He also mentioned that Menwith Hill has offered do another volunteering day in 2025 elsewhere in the parish and said he would welcome ideas as to what they could do.