

# MINUTES

## BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr D Spofford (Vice-chair), Cllr A Banks, Cllr P Botes, Cllr M Donoghue, R Dean (Clerk/RFO), County Cllr M Crane, 2x residents

### 012401 Welcome

The vice-chairman welcomed all to the meeting in the absence of the chair.

### 012402 Public Forum

Resident brought to the attention of the council a letter received from Drax Power regarding their property, the council was previously unaware of the details and asked for a copy providing to review.

### 012403 Apologies

The council received apologies and reasons for absence from Cllr Thrall, Cllr Fenteman and Cllr Edmunds.

### 012404 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting as a true and accurate record. The vice-chairman signed the minutes.

### 012405 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – Queried gap in green bin collections between 7<sup>th</sup> December and 18<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr Crane confirmed that the gap will continue.
- b) County Councillor – council tax uplift decision will be made in February. Costs of adult social care and special educational needs are putting a financial strain on North Yorkshire Council. April 2024 will be the second year of council tax equalisation across the new district, Selby will have a larger uplift in council tax as previous rates were lower than others.  
Cllr Banks queried potential A1041 safety measures with Cllr Crane that were discussed at the November meeting. Cllr Crane will follow up.
- c) Burial Authority – Cllr Spofford is temporarily standing in as chairman of the burial authority. An increase has been proposed to the annual precept with the difference in cost to Barlow not material due to lower numbers of electors than previous years. The council resolved no issues with the proposed changes.
- d) Village Hall Committee – Dripping in the lift space was found to be condensation. Loft insulation and flooring quotes to be obtained.
- e) Drax – Cllr Thrall attended Drax Liaison meeting in December, next meeting to be held in March.
- f) YLCA – Next meeting February

### 012406 Planning

- a) To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

#### ZG2023/1282/TPO Ash Spring View, Park Lane

Remove the 90 degree horizontal turn of the trunk to 1 No Ash tree protected by TPO No 11/1985

#### ZG2023/1250/HPA The Old Chapel, Park Road

Erection of a timber shed (retrospective)

The council resolved no objections to the proposed planning.

- b) To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

None

### 012407 Matters requested by councillors:

a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track Drainage has been added to the trampoline. The contractor has been asked to return and replace a section of flooring and repair the trampoline fixings. The council have been asked to provide a roller and driver; there was a previous volunteer offer however the council will look at alternative options if the offer is no longer available.

b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane £5k donation from Cllr Crane has been received. Other donations are being pursued. Seeking volunteer interest to commence works when weather improves.

c) Update on grass cutting contract 2024  
Current contractor has not yet provided a quotation. Clerk is meeting alternative contractor in February.

#### **012408 Correspondence received:**

To receive information on the following new correspondence and decide further action where necessary:

a) Community program – Drax Nature Reserve  
Drax are looking for volunteers to assist with maintenance of the nature reserve.

#### **012409 Financial matters**

To report on closing balances, payments, and other financial/statutory matters

a) The council resolved to accept the RFO report

#### **Barlow Parish Council Financial Report: January 2024**

##### **Savings account:**

Balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 £918.08 Statement 207

##### **Community Account:**

Balance as at 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 £20,125.84 Statement 489

**Total £21,043.92**

##### Income received since last meeting:

None

##### Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges £11.00

##### Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary January £376.52

Ian Smyth Litter Picking £673.00

Autela payroll £57.98

**TOTAL £1,107.50**

##### **Budget position: As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Total Yearly budget 2023/24 *incl. reserves:* £69,733.79 *Increased due to inclusion of VAT reclaim and £7k donation income*

Total spend to date £50,715.47 73%

b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

c) The council resolved to defer the proposed budget decision until grass cutting quotes have been received

#### **012410 Councillors Forum**

To take any points from councillors. For information only, no decisions to be made

#### **012411 Items for the next agenda**

To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

#### **012412 Public forum**

To receive any further comments from members of the public. For information only, no decisions to be made

#### **012413 Confirmation of next meeting**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 7pm

#### **012414 Closure of meeting**

8.12pm

