

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL Tuesday 28th May 2024 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr D Spofford, Cllr P Boyes, Cllr O Edmunds, Cllr M Donoghue, Cllr A Banks, R Dean (Clerk/RFO)
County Cllr M Crane, 5x residents

052401 Election of Chairman

- a) The councillors elected Cllr Thrall as chairman
- b) The chairman signed the acceptance of office
- c) The clerk witnessed and signed the chairman's acceptance

052402 Election of Vice-Chairman

- a) The councillors elected Cllr Spofford as vice-chairman
- b) The vice-chairman signed the acceptance of office
- c) The clerk witnessed and signed the vice-chairman's acceptance

052403 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

052404 Public Forum

- o Resident raised concern about bus service being persistently late and many cancellations – County Cllr Crane will raise internally within North Yorkshire Council and the Parish Council will write to North Yorkshire/Arriva about the specific concerns.
- o Resident commented on council funded taxi service for school pupils and the associated cost to the council. Cllr Crane confirmed that a decision will be made shortly following a recent “home to school transport survey”
- o Resident informed the Parish Council that old water pipes are leaking within his garden in the vicinity of the village club/hall, he will keep the parish council informed of progress in repairing the leak.
- o Resident raised concern about residents parking near junctions obstructing road users visibility.

052405 Apologies

No apologies received – Cllr Fenteman not in attendance

052406 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 30th April 2024 meeting as a true and accurate record. The chairman signed the minutes.

052407 Council to appoint representatives to outside bodies

- a) Brayton Burial Authority – Cllr Spofford
- b) Village Hall Committee – Cllr Banks
- c) Drax PLC – Cllr Thrall
- d) YLCA – Cllr Thall

052408 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) County Councillor – Cllr Crane has been appointed to executive within North Yorkshire Council and hopes this will give Selby more of a voice. Bin services have been brought back in house after a period of outsourcing the works; the collection dates and bins collected will not change from the previous schedule although the time of day that the bins are collected may have changed. Cllr Crane apologises for some confusion caused by a software glitch which may have misled residents. Cllr Crane requested permission to display his contact details in the parish, the council confirmed this was acceptable.

Cllr Boyes raised concern about the recent delays in North Yorkshire Council cutting the A1041/Barlow Common Road overgrown verges despite recent RTC at the junction, portal requests were closed out before resolution was made and the first cut was made too late in the year.

Cllr Thrall asked for confirmation on the new mayors responsibilities – Cllr Crane confirmed the mayor is responsible for driving economic development with an annual budget of £25 million. Some details are still to be decided.

- b) Burial Authority – Precept will be reduced by £5.37 per annum for Barlow parish due to reduced number of electors. The cemetery is due to be slightly extended at the back.
- c) Village Hall Committee – Caretaker confirmed there is a manufacturer problem with the new swings at the Park Lane playing field. The working group have submitted a complaint to the contractor.

052409 Planning

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

ZG2024/0417/HPA Mistra, Barlow Common Road

Single storey side extension with additional access and parking spaces – no comments raised

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

2022/1039/FUL Commonsides Farm, Barlow Common Road - GRANTED

Installation of two biomass boilers and associated hoppers

ZG2023/0828/FUL Morello Garth, Park Lane - GRANTED

Construction of new stables, barn and horse arena including use of land for the keeping of horses

052410 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area
Cllr Spofford contacted the grass cutting contractor regarding the lack of strimming at the pump track as agreed under contract. The contractor has confirmed it is still too wet to trim the area and the works will be completed as soon as possible.

- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane
The pond has been dug out and island created in the middle. Next steps will be pricing hardcore for pathways, life buoys and signage. Pond is filling with rainfall, suggestion was made to pump water from nearby dyke. Drax will consider funding request in June.

Digger driver raised concerns about stagnant water in the wooded area, the water may need to be tested. Council to seek advice of Cllr Fenteman before taking next steps.

Resident queried if a pond liner would be installed and it was confirmed that due to the clay in the ground a pond liner was not required.

- c) To discuss use of Park Lane playing field for parties/events/bouncy castles
Bouncy castles are being sited close to garden boundaries and causing noise concerns for nearby residents. Safety concerns were raised following the tipping over of a bouncy castle recently. Cllr Edmunds volunteered to draft some guidelines for the use of bouncy castles for the council to consider

052411 Quickline Donation to the playing field improvements

Cllr Thrall has sight of emails which indicated that an amount of funding was agreed but no confirmation that this has been paid yet – to leave on the agenda until confirmation that the issue is resolved.

052412 Correspondence received:

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

- o Facebook message to Cllr Thrall from heritage group requesting permission to undertake geophysical survey.
The council have no objections to this request. Previous offer of projector was not followed through and may need to be purchased as the group is now fully formed.

052413 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: May 2024

Savings account:

Balance as at 12th May 2024 £922.52 Statement 211

Community Account:

Balance as at 12th May 2024 £26,818.07 Statement 493

Total £20,103.98

Income received since last meeting: _____

Precept £10,282.29

Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges £5.00

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary May £376.72

Chris Phillipson internal audit £100.00

Digger driver fuel (invoice TBA) c. £50.00

Budget position: As at 31st May 2024

Total Yearly budget 2024/25: £24,460

Total spend to date £3,716 15%

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

052414 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

- a) The council noted the internal audit report for 2023/24
- b) The council approved Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24
- c) The council approved Section 2 – Accounting Statements for 2023/24
- d) The council approved publication of the documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Internal audit report, Annual governance statement, Accounting statements, Analysis of variances, Bank reconciliation, Public rights exercise notice

052415 Councillors Forum

Cllr Banks confirmed that signs in the car park rockery will be replaced

Residents have approached Cllr Banks requesting to cut back some overgrowth on the Park Lane playing field. The council have no objections to this

052416 Items for the next agenda

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

052417 Public forum

Resident queried if the gas tank cover that was damaged has been checked; the council confirmed that it was inspected and repaired.

052418 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2024, 7pm

052419 Closure of meeting

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