

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 30th July 2024 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall, Cllr A Bank, Cllr M Donoghue, Cllr O Edmunds, Cllr C Fenteman, R Dean (Clerk/RFO), 6 residents

072401 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

072402 Public Forum

Two residents voiced opinions on the potential restrictions being considered by the Parish Council on bouncy castle use, both opposed to bringing in restrictions.

072403 Apologies

Apologies received from County Cllr Crane, Cllr Spofford and Cllr Boyes.

072404 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 25th June 2024 meeting as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes

072405 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Village Hall Committee – Nursery will be leaving from the end of August.
- b) Drax – The parish council are aware of an upcoming protest by the group “Reclaim the Power”, although have not been contacted directly by Drax or the Police with any details.
The community liaison officer has changed roles, awaiting update from Drax

072406 Planning

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

None

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

ZG2024/0064/HPA Villa Cottage, 7 Park Lane

Retrospective – triple garage and annexe – GRANTED

072407 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area
The drainage is complete and water issue has been resolved. 1 – 2 days maintenance will be required over the year
Bolts on the swings have been changed, football nets have been fixed, the field still needs rolling

- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane
The working group have confirmed that further landscaping work will continue over the next few months. £2,000 donations from Drax is due shortly. Lifebuoy, signage and picnic benches have been ordered.

- c) To discuss use of Park Lane playing field for parties/events/bouncy castles
The council discussed the drafted guidelines and resolved to amend the guidelines to remove the designated area and revise insurance requirements. Cllr Edmunds to progress. The council resolved to accept the new amended guidelines, with the exception of Cllr Banks who voted against the guidelines. To be formally agreed at the September meeting.

- d) To discuss changes to bus timetable
Cllr Crane confirmed that the route is subsidised by North Yorkshire Council and he has written to express disagreement with the changes.
Arriva confirmed that the bus service has been amended as it shared buses with the number 42 service in York and there are delays with traffic in York City Centre.

e) Grass cutting

The contractor has been asked to cut the verges however is busy with harvesting at present. The verges will be cut as soon as possible.

0702408 Heritage Group Request

To discuss request for £550 funding from Barlow Village Heritage Group – the council have asked for more information on the request.

072409 Correspondence received:

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

- Resident objection to external auditor

The parish council are awaiting contact from the external auditor before any further action. To confirm, any investigations are charged at £355 + VAT per hour and will be payable by the parish. The council resolved to publish all correspondence relating to resident’s objection and any conclusions reached by the auditor on the PC’s website. Chairman believes the parish council are justified in refusing correspondence from this individual going forwards, unless through a legal representative. The council unanimously agreed this approach. Clerk to seek advice from YLCA on this matter.

072410 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: July 2024

Savings account:

Balance as at 12 th July 2024	£927.33	Statement 213
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Community Account:

Balance as at 12 th July 2024	£23,997.99	Statement 496
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Total	£27,740.40	
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Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges	£5.00
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Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary July	£376.52
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Autela Payroll – Q1 administration	£81.86
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Vision ICT hosted mailboxes	£151.20
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TOTAL	£609.52
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Budget position: As at 31st July 2024

Total Yearly budget 2024/25:	£24,460
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Total spend to date	£6,669.04	27%
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- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

072411 Councillors Forum

Cllr Fenteman advised due to changes with the Environment Agencies flood risk map, residents may experience higher insurance premiums but these can be disputed with the provider due to no flooding actually occurring.

072412 Items for the next agenda

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

- External Audit

072413 Public forum

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

072414 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2024, 7pm

072415 Closure of meeting