

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 24th September 2024 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr D Spofford, Cllr O Edmunds, Cllr A Banks, Cllr C Fenteman,
County Cllr M Crane, R Dean (Clerk/RFO), 3x residents

092401 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

092402 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – none raised

092403 Apologies

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr P Boyes and Cllr M Donoghue

092404 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 30th July 2024 meeting as a true and accurate record

The chairman signed the minutes

092405 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – Attended Kier Mather meeting regarding the Helios Solar Farm and has provided feedback via email which will be included in the response to the application. Cllrs suggested to contact applicant to request community funding.
Chairman attended meeting with play area contractors to agree final actions for completion of the Park Lane play area equipment.
- b) County Councillor – Cllr Crane confirmed the closure of Holy Family school in Carlton was an academy decision due to falling pupil numbers.
Consultation on bins has completed with the resolution still to be agreed, it is likely that the 4x bin arrangement will remain.
Local plan is moving forward, there have been proposals to increase the number of new dwellings from 1500 to 4300. This may impact on building within smaller villages.
Selby Leisure Centre is now being run by North Yorkshire Council, members will be able to use other North Yorkshire Council run pools.
Cllr Spofford queried the bus service with Cllr Crane, it was confirmed that the bus service is subsidised but the subsidy is used across three bus routes. It appears that the subsidy has been re-distributed due to lack of use on the Barlow bus. Cllr Crane was not consulted prior to the change and has raised concerns with Arriva about this as well as passing on the concerns of the village residents who are affected by the timetable change. At the next timetable review, Cllr Crane has requested to be consulted.
- c) Village Hall Committee – Renovations are required following the departure of the nursery. Funds are limited and grants will be investigated. There is a new dance class starting on a Tuesday evening.

092406 Planning

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

ZG2024/0908/FULM Drax Power Station

Demolition of existing flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) and coal handling systems
Council has no objections

ZG2023/0720/FULM Holme Farm, Barlow Road

Erection of battery energy storage system (resubmission of 2022/1257/FULM)
Council has the same objections as the prior application

To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

The council noted that the property at Barlow Hall Farm has multiple scrap vehicles on the plot.

092407 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area – some work may be undertaken in the next couple of weeks as one of the working group has some plant in the village
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – Lifebuoy and signage has arrived
The working group is struggling for volunteers and is looking for extra people to get involved
There is a possibility that some clay will be required to line the pond as it is not holding water
Some picnic benches have been supplied
Next steps are to source some new plants
- c) To discuss use of Park Lane playing field for parties/events/bouncy castles – It was resolved that the new amended bouncy castle guidelines were approved. The vote was 4/1 with Cllr Banks voting against.
- d) Tree damaged by recent weather at Park Road play area. Clerk to instruct trimming

0902408 Heritage Group Request

To discuss request for £550 funding from Barlow Village Heritage Group – the council resolved to consider the heritage group request at presentation of further information. The request is for funding towards a booklet however no costs or specific details about the booklet were provided in the initial request.

092409 Correspondence received:

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

- North Yorkshire Council - Let's Talk Active informal survey on physical activity levels, Monday 9 September until Monday 4 November www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk
To be shared on Parish Council Facebook page.
- ROSPA Playsafety Inspection Reports – Clerk to review the issues raised, potentially utilise village caretaker for minor issues.
- Citizens Advice donation request – 10 Barlow residents assisted over the past twelve months – The council resolved no donation.
- Helios Renewable Energy Project – application has been formally accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. Deadline for submitting written representations 30th September 2024.

092410 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: September 2024

Savings account:

Balance as at 12th September 2024 £927.33 Statement 216

Community Account:

Balance as at 12th September 2024 £23,378.41 Statement 499

Total **£24,305.74**

Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges £5.00

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary September £376.72

HMRC income tax £263.00

Vision ICT – website hosting £204.00

TOTAL **£843.62**

Budget position: As at 30th September 2024

Total Yearly budget 2024/25: £24,460

Total spend to date £8,125.08 33%

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
- c) The external auditor has completed their review but has not fully certified the accounts due to an objection raised by a resident. The Barlow objection is number 19 in the queue and the clerk is awaiting further contact once the auditor has reviewed the objection for eligibility. The council noted the update and the documents will be published on the website.

092411 Councillors Forum

To take any points from councillors. For information only, no decisions to be made
Cllr Boyes raised via email – the frequency of grass cutting at the A1041 junction by North Yorkshire Highways is not frequent enough. Clerk to make contact with Highways to ensure the schedule is acceptable.

092412 Items for the next agenda

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

092413 Public forum

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

092414 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 29th October 2024, 7pm

092415 Closure of meeting