

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 26th November 2024 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr D Spofford (Vice-chairman), Cllr O Edmunds, Cllr P Boyes, Cllr C Fenteman, Cllr M Donoghue, Cllr A Banks, County Cllr M Crane, R Dean (clerk/RFO), Drax representative.

112401 Welcome

The vice-chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

112402 Skylark events – parking issues

Lengthy discussion between the parish council and Drax representative regarding parking issues at Skylark events. Drax apologised for any disruption caused and wish to work with the parish council to minimise any future disruption. Suggestions were improved communication of events, increased steward presence and specific customer time slots. Drax will discuss and provide a response within a week.

112403 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – none present

112404 Apologies

Apologies and reasons for absence received from Cllr Thrall (Chairman)

112405 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 29th October 2024 meeting as a true and accurate record
The vice-chairman signed the minutes of the September & October meetings

112406 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – not present
- b) County Councillor – Arriva have communicated some bus changes in the Selby area, Cllr Crane has responded querying why there is no change to Barlow. Cllr Crane is leading on the new local plan, there is a concern about the level of new housing that is proposed by government and how this will affect smaller villages.
Cllr Banks raised a query regarding business rate relief changes, Cllr Crane will investigate and feedback
- c) Burial Authority – no meeting
- d) Village Hall Committee – no update
- e) Drax – no update
- f) YLCA – no update

112407 Planning

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

ZG2024/1163/HPA 49 Park Road

Erection of a single storey rear family annexe extension to existing detached dwelling to create additional living accommodation – no objections

EN0110012 - Light Valley Solar - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation

The Applicant intends to make an application for Development Consent under the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant has sought a Scoping Opinion from the Planning Inspectorate. Invitation to submit comments by **9 December 2024**. This application does not directly affect Barlow - No comments to make

To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

None

112408 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area – resident has made contact asking about trees/shrubs around the track. Clerk to respond confirming many plants were planted however did not survive, some new trees have recently been planted.
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – Bulbs have been planted, water levels are being monitored, path works will resume in spring, litter bin to install following confirmation that the village orderly will empty it periodically, all North Yorkshire funding has now been spent, resident is making a hedgehog/bug house, new signage has been installed.
- c) Christmas Tree – expected to be delivered this weekend. Council to arrange lights installation, Cllr Fenteman & Cllr Donoghue to investigate and advise if they have contacts who could assist. The council resolved a spend of upto £100 for the installation costs.
- d) Grit bin replenishment – The council resolved to purchase a pallet of rock salt bags to replenish the bins

112409 Mole Hills

Grass contractor concerns about mole hills damaging machinery, to consider £200 quote for both fields/ one visit
The council resolved to accept the quote

112410 Heritage Group Request

Clerk to make contact with heritage group to pay the £50 donation towards website setup costs as agreed in minute 092210 (September 2022 meeting)

112411 Correspondence received:

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

- NJC Payscale April 2024 cost of living increase – the council noted the increase and vice chairman signed the salary changes form.

112412 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: November 2024

Savings account:

Balance as at 12th November 2024 £931.82 Statement 218

Community Account:

Balance as at 12th November 2024 £31,678.17 Statement 501

Total £33,141.48

Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges £5.00

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary September £376.52

Clerk expenses – printer ink & paper £40.83

Clerk expenses – dog signs for bins £7.86

Autela payroll Q3 charges £81.86

Ark grass cutting 24/25 £3,234

Martin Richardson verge cutting £480

TOTAL £4,221.07

Budget position: As at 30th November 2024

Total Yearly budget 2024/25: £24,460

Total spend to date £12,882.64 53%

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
- c) External audit update – The objection has been deemed eligible and the objectors electoral status has been confirmed, the council now await confirmation of the auditors acceptance of the objection. No costs have been incurred to date. The expected timescale for next correspondence is three weeks.
- d) The council resolved to approve the 2025-26 budget
- e) The council resolved to agree precept requirement for 2025-26 financial year of £21,182

112413 Councillors Forum

To take any points from councillors. For information only, no decisions to be made
Cllr Spofford queried the process for removing a dead tree with a TPO. Clerk to investigate

112414 Items for the next agenda

To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting
Cllr Banks – Business rates

112415 Public forum

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

112416 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 28th January 2025, 7pm

112417 Closure of meeting

8.20pm