

MINUTES

BARLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 30th April, 6.30pm
Barlow Village Club

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042401 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

042403 Apologies

No apologies received

042404 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 24th April 2023 APM meeting as a true and accurate record. The chairman signed the minutes

042405 To receive report of parish council activities since last APM from the Chairman

I am pleased to report that the Council's financial position remains strong despite significant investment in the outdoor play areas in the village. The pump track was opened to the public in May last year and has proved very popular with children in the parish. I think we can all now agree that the concerns raised by opposition to the pump-track; anti-social behaviour, large numbers of outside visitors etc., have not materialised.

There are a few minor issues with drainage which the volunteer group who built the track will be correcting soon.

During the year the Parish Council funded a traffic survey to monitor speeds in the village, particularly in the vicinity of the school. The results of the survey indicate that the village is within the criteria for a 20mph limit. However, North Yorkshire Council have indicated that they are likely to be introducing blanket 20mph limits outside all schools, so we decided to wait for this to be determined before we progress again.

We have also raised concerns with North Yorkshire Highways about the accident/incident rate on the A1041 and suggested the need for traffic calming measures. I know the local County councillors share the same concerns and together we will continue to press for action in this regard.

In terms of planning matters, the Council opposed the application for a Battery Storage facility on Barlow Road, which was subsequently refused, although it is subject to an appeal. When we researched issues around battery storage, we were surprised to discover that there is no statutory requirement to consult the local Fire Authority, despite concerns about fire safety. This seems patently absurd, and so I requested the matter be brought to the attention of national politicians through the lobbying efforts of the National Association of Local Councils.

Finally, I would like to place on record my thanks to Faye Welch who stepped down from the Parish Council in October. Faye was a driving force behind the improvements to the playing area and also the issue of speed in the village and her input to the Parish Council will be missed.

042406 Public forum

No comments

042407 Closure of APM