

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 28th January 2025 7pm Barlow Village Hall

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

012501 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

012502 Public Forum

Resident brought to the attention of the parish council, that dogs have fallen ill recently and the vet suspected drugs poisoning, which the resident suggests may have been picked up in the village.

Query on when the fire hydrants were last checked – Cllr Banks will check with her contact

Query on post box replacement – Cllr Spofford volunteered to chase this up

Query on bus timetable review – it was confirmed the understanding is that the timetable will be reviewed in March

012503 Apologies

No apologies

012504 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 26th November 2024 meeting as a true and accurate record

The chairman signed the minutes

012505 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – Reported some concern with the lack of timely response from the external auditor
- b) County Councillor – Government have significantly increased housing target to 4077 for North Yorkshire, new local plan will include more properties and may put pressures on smaller areas. There has been a call for sites and responses will be shared shortly.
The new government has removed the £14.3m rural area grant, council tax increases are expected to be the maximum 4.99% due to this shortfall in income.
- c) Burial Authority – no update
- d) Village Hall Committee – Bookings have increased still waiting for the cooker installation
- e) Drax – no update
- f) YLCA – no update

012506 Planning

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

ZG2024/1291/HPA The Old Chapel, Park Road

Erection of timber fence and pillars to existing front boundary wall, including pedestrian gate (retrospective)

EN0710003 – Humber Carbon Capture Pipeline - 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 **31 January 2025**.

ZG2025/0011/HPA The Cottage, 16 Park Road, Barlow

Erection of replacement brick boundary wall with timber entrance gate and installation of a new access

No objections raised on applications.

To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

ZG2024/1163/HPA – 49 Park Road, Barlow

Erection of a single storey rear family annexe extension to existing detached dwelling

Refused, reasons – excessive in scale to the host dwelling.

012507 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the maintenance of the pump track/play area – working group to share the cost of annual maintenance with clerk. Resident has asked permission to plant some additional trees around the pump track, the council will re-assess the planting in Spring/Summer. Working group confirmed some further potential funding which could go towards a multi-sports pitch, if the council has an appetite for this project.
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – Bin and bench to install, volunteers may need some assistance with concrete works. Paths to be finished when conditions improve. Suggestion of duck house on the island.
- c) Christmas Tree – the sourcing, installation and removal of the annual Christmas tree has become an expensive and onerous task. Cllr Fenteman has provided an alternative suggestion and will provide a quote. Clerk to obtain comparable.
- d) Grit bin replenishment – Surplus grit is in the village hall car park and requires placing in the bins.

012508 Mole Hills

Grass contractor concerns about mole hills damaging machinery, to consider £200 quote for both fields/ one visit.

To consider second visit

Cllr Donoghue will speak to alternative contact

012509 Correspondence received:

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

- Resident query on Marsh Lane footpath – New footpath sign has been installed, residents have attempted to walk the path and found it to be blocked at the other end. The footpath runs through the school grounds and is fenced off. The other exit is via the farm on Brown Cow Road and this has been reported as inaccessible. Clerk will share the details with County Cllr Crane for advice on how to proceed.
- Yorkshire Air Ambulance clothing bank – Unanimous agreement to proceed with the installation of the clothing bank in the village hall car park. Council would like to reserve the right to remove, if necessary.
- Kier Mather email – resident concerns about speed of traffic and request to extend 20mph limit – Cllr Thrall to draft response.
- Survey for North Yorkshire Council Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment – Clerk to answer survey

012510 Financial matters

To report on closing balances, payments, and other financial/statutory matters

- a) The council resolved to accept the RFO report
Query on website budget for next year - clerk to review in line with current spend.
Bank mandate requires update, clerk to recirculate email for councillor response

Barlow Parish Council Financial Report: January 2025

Savings account:

Balance as at 12 th January 2025	£936.26	Statement 219
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Community Account:

Balance as at 12 th January 2025	£26,383.19	Statement 503
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Total	£27,319.45	
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Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges	£10.00
Clerk expenses – Grit	£210
Clerk salary December	£556.31
HMRC Oct – Dec 24	£297.40

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary January	£391.83
HMRC January	£91.60
Ian Smyth litter picking (July – Dec 24)	£548
Heritage group £50 donation	£50
TOTAL	£1,081.43

Budget position: As at 31st January 2025

Total Yearly budget 2024/25:	£24,460	
Total spend to date	£15,037.78	61%

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
- c) External audit update – The auditor has not requested the parish councils response to the objection, the auditor has estimated the response time as the end of February
- d) Grass cutting – the councillors unanimously agreed to accept the 2.5% price increase for 2025/26 season

012511 Councillors Forum

To take any points from councillors. For information only, no decisions to be made

Cllr Spofford queried if the village orderly will empty the new bin at the wildlife garden – confirmed yes.

012512 Items for the next agenda

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

012513 Public forum

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

012514 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 25th February 2025, 7pm

012515 Closure of meeting

8.50pm