**042501 Welcome**

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

**042502 Public Forum**

To receive comments from members of the public - none

**042503 Apologies**

Apologies received from Cllr Fenteman & Cllr Donoghue

**042504 Approval of minutes**

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 25th March 2025 meeting as a true and accurate record

Cllr Boyes signed the minutes

**042505 To receive reports, for information only, from:**

1. Chairman – further correspondence from the objector has been issued to the external auditor
2. County Councillor – Cllr Crane is investigating the delays with the village post box within North Yorkshire Council, yet to receive an update. Council tax has been increased by 4.99% due to ongoing difficulties with budgets. The mayor now has some responsibility surrounding the bus services and Cllr Crane has expressed the challenges within Barlow with hope that some improvements can be made. Cllr Spofford queried the right of way behind the school, Cllr Crane has not received an update yet.Cllr Crane confirmed that the SEN school will be in Osgodby, the Carlton site is for sale as housing land.
3. Burial Authority – next meet is 13th May. Cllr Spofford confirmed that Brayton PC representative had raised some concerns with the running of the authority and Cllr Spofford had attended Brayton PC meeting to discuss, which led to appointment of a new representative.
4. Village Hall Committee – No update

**042506 Planning**

1. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

**ZG2025/0324/HPA - The Cottage , 16 Park Road, Barlow**

Erection of new garden room

No objections

**ZG2025/0341/HPA - 56 Park Road, Barlow**

Single storey rear extension

No objections

1. To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

**ZG2024/1291/HPA – The Old Chapel, Park Road Barlow - GRANTED**

Erection of timber fence and pillars (retrospective)

Concerns raised about a property in the village which appears to have grown in size over the past few years and the parish council do not recall any planning permission. Clerk to review the portal and confirm.

**042507 Matters requested by councillors:**

1. To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area

10 tonnes of stone will be delivered shortly for the next stage of repair

1. To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane

Volunteer representative confirmed that more volunteers are required in order to progress the works, there has been little interest from the residents. Next meeting Thursday 15th May which is open to villagers, Completion of the paths and installation of the bench and bin are next. The group have asked the parish council with assistance to maintain the weeds which have grown around the edge. Clerk to contact grass contractor for price. The group believe that a pond liner may be required and are exploring this idea.

1. Christmas Tree – no update
2. Tree works wildlife area & climbing tree – council resolved that no further action is required
3. Village club window repairs – one quote received £840 for bricking up 5 windows.
4. Post Box – clerk add note in the noticeboard
5. 20mph signage – Highways have installed one sign but not THE OTHER. Clerk to continue chasing

**042508 Streetlights**

LP2 & LP8 require replacement LED lanterns, North Yorkshire Council have estimated £400+VAT each – to agree

The council resolved to proceed.

**042508 Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has no power, suspect replacement battery is required £220+VAT – to agree

Defibrillator is out of warranty (+8 years old) and the casing is difficult to open – discuss possible future replacement

The council resolved to purchase a new defibrillator, like for like same model, which is currently on sale at £599+VAT. Clerk to progress the purchase

**042509 Village Orderly Vacancy**

The council is seeking a new village orderly to undertake 2 hours of litter picking and bin emptying in the village, Clerk has advertised on the website and noticeboards. Advert to be circulated on facebook pages.

**042509 Correspondence received:**

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

1. Resident query regarding the damaged railings on Brown Cow Road – clerk to investigate who is the owner of the railings.

**042510 Financial matters**

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

1. The council resolve to accept the RFO report

**Barlow Parish Council Financial Report: April 2025**

**Savings account:**

Balance as at 12th April 2025 £940.53 Statement 222

**Community Account:**

Balance as at 12th April 2025 £23,684.57 Statement 506

**Total £24,625.10**

Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges £5.00

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Zurich Insurance £1369.50

Brayton Burial Authority Precept £488.22

Ark Facilities Harrow & Reseed £1377.60

North Yorkshire Council Footway lighting £900.00

Vision ICT - Email accounts June 25 - May 26 £168.00

Vision ICT - Domain renewal June 25 - May 27 £78.00

Clerk Salary April 25 £392.03

HMRC tax April 25 £91.40

Defibrillator battery £264.00

YLCA subscription £342.00

**TOTAL £5,470.75**

**Budget position: As at 30th April 2025**

Total Yearly budget 2024/25: £24,353

Total spend to date £5,475.75 22%

1. The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
2. External audit update – No update on the current cost to the council of the audit investigation. The objector has sent further emails to the auditor however the matter has not yet been investigated and resolved. Clerk to make contact with the auditor for a confirmed timeframe

**042511 Policy update**

1. The council resolved to adopt the NALC model Financial Regulations & Standing Orders, including any future updates

**042512 Councillors Forum**

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

**042513 Items for the next agenda**

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

Railings Brown Cow Road

**042514 Public forum**

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

Resident stated that some funding may be available towards a sports pitch and enquired if the council have investigated grants – the council confirmed not yet at this point.

**042515 Confirmation of next meeting**

Tuesday 27th May 2025, 6.30pm – Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 27th May 2025, 7pm – Annual Meeting of the Council

**042516 Closure of meeting 8.30**