

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 24th June 2025 7pm Barlow Village Hall

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Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer: Rosie Dean, Willow House, Park Lane YO8 8JW info@barlowparishcouncil.gov.uk
Chairman: Mr T Thrall, 44 Park Avenue, Barlow, Selby YO8 8JH tim.thrall@barlowparishcouncil.gov.uk

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr D Spofford, Cllr A Banks, Cllr M Donoghue, Cllr P Boyes, Cllr O Edmunds
R Dean (Clerk/ RFO), 1x resident

062501 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

062502 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public

062503 Apologies

Apologies were received from County Cllr Crane

062504 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 27th May 2025 meeting as a true and accurate record

The chairman signed the minutes

062505 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – nothing which is not covered on the agenda
- b) County Councillor – Update provided by email; enforcement cases ongoing but no updates. Blocked school footpath is being progressed with the school. The post box has been sited on the green. There has been a significant increase in the number of children requiring foster care, North Yorkshire Council are seeking new foster carers. Selby drainage board is seeking volunteers. Various funding requests are being progressed by Cllr Crane.
- c) Burial Authority – No meeting
- d) Village Hall Committee – no updates
- e) Drax – Cllr Thrall confirmed Drax have applied for data warehouse project and have three potential locations within the existing power station boundary. Progress is being made with contracts in relation to the ash mound removal and reuse of unburned pellets. A new plant director has been appointed.
- f) YLCA – meeting is next week

062506 Planning

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

ZG2025/0594/HPA Barley Cottage, East Common Lane, Barlow

Erection of rear extension to form utility room and detached garage within garden space.

The council had no comments

- b) To receive and note the following planning decision/information:

ZG2025/0430/HPA 49 Park Road, Barlow - REFUSED

Conversion and further extension to existing semi derelict outbuildings to provide single storey independent living quarters

062507 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area – a large delivery of stone has been made. Clerk to contact grass cutters to ask why the back of the field has not been cut
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – Liner quite was returned at £11k which is unaffordable. A digger is being sought to dig deeper in the pond and attempt to line with clay. £188 has

been raised at the club towards wildlife area funds. No interest has been raised in the grass cutting of the area, the parish council are seeking alternative options to keep on top of the land.

- c) Christmas tree
- d) Post box – now installed
- e) Damaged railings Brown Cow Road – Highways have been contacted, awaiting response
- f) Unauthorised caravan – Enforcement have made contact with the owner and are deciding next steps
- g) Village Orderly update – New employee started last week. Clerk to look at putting a contract in place, and obtaining a hi-vis for the new employee.
- h) Maintenance of the memorial garden - Cllr Banks will look after the garden whilst we have no gardener

062508 Correspondence received:

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

- Loose dogs Barlow mound 11th June. Drax reported dogs were returned to their home in the village at 4am.

062509 Financial matters

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

- a) The council resolved or not to accept the RFO report

Clerk confirmed the bank have agreed to remove the monthly £5 charge in support of small charitable organisations.

Barlow Parish Council Financial Report: June 2025

Savings account:

Balance as at 12 th June 2025	£944.54	Statement 224
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Community Account:

Balance as at 12 th June 2025	£28,388.11	Statement 509
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Total	£29,332.65	
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Income received since last meeting:

Grass cutting subsidy	£59.41
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Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges	£5.00
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Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary	£391.83
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HMRC	£91.60
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Martin Richardson Verge Mowing	£540.00
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Chris Phillipson Audit	£102.50
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TOTAL	£1,125.93
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Budget position: As at 30th June 2025

Total Yearly budget 2024/25:	£24,353	
Total spend to date	£8,105.01	33%

At last communication, the external auditor PKF fees were £639 excl VAT

- b) The council approved payment of the above invoices via online banking

062510 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

- a) The council noted the internal audit report for 2024/25
- b) The council approved Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25
- c) The council approved Section 2 – Accounting Statements for 2024/25
- d) The council approved publication of the documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Internal audit report, Annual governance statement, Accounting statements, Analysis of variances, Bank reconciliation, Public rights exercise notice

062511 Councillors Forum

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

Cllr Fenteman raised the issue of recently painted road markings on their lane which have been painted over shortly after. Clerk to query with Highways.

062512 Items for the next agenda

To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting - None

062513 Public forum

To receive any further comments from members of the public. For information only, no decisions to be made - None

062514 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 29th July 2025, 7pm

Cllr Boyes provided apologies in advance

062515 Closure of meeting