

# MINUTES

## BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr D Spofford, Cllr A Banks, Cllr M Donoghue, Cllr O Edmunds, County Cllr M Crane, 3x residents

### 072501 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

### 072502 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public - none

### 072503 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Fenteman, Cllr Boyes and clerk

### 072504 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 meeting as a true and accurate record.

Minutes to be signed at next meeting when clerk is present

### 072505 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – no update
- b) County Councillor – Barlow resident is appealing refused planning decision, Cllr Crane is happy to support. Cllr Banks asked about the solar farms, Cllr Crane has no updates. Cllr Spofford raised concern about the access to the Camblesforth solar farm works, Cllr Crane will approach highways to request more signage
- c) Burial Authority – no updates
- d) Village Hall Committee – no updates
- e) Drax – no updates
- f) YLCA – Chairman attended recent meeting and discussed the lack of support from YLCA in relation to the recent audit objection.

### 072506 Planning

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

#### ZG2025/0672/FUL Bracken House Farm, Barlow Common Road, Barlow

Conversion and extension of former storage building for use as single dwelling – no objections

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

None

### 072507 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area – council noted that the bin is surrounded by dog waste
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – fly-tipping has been reported to North Yorkshire Council. Digger works have been completed. Grant applications have been submitted. Working group is progressing a constitution and looking at obtaining a pond liner.
- c) Christmas tree – Cllr Fenteman to update
- d) Damaged railings Brown Cow Road – Awaiting response
- e) Unauthorised caravan – no update
- f) Maintenance of the memorial garden – Cllr Banks will maintain while there is no village gardener
- g) Community garden working group constitution – The council approved the constitution which includes Cllr Spofford as a member.

- h) Community garden maintenance – there has been no interest in the gardener vacancy therefore the proposal is to purchase a lawnmower. The council considered quotes and resolved to purchase a lawnmower upto the maximum price of £500. Storage site still to be determined.
- i) Defibrillator pads – clerk to action

#### **072508 Correspondence received:**

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

- Footpath maintenance Trans Pennine Trail – to respond to resident

#### **072509 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: July 2025**

##### **Savings account:**

Balance as at 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	£944.54	Statement 225
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##### **Community Account:**

Balance as at 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	£27,316.59	Statement 510
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£28,261.13</b>	
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##### Income received since last meeting:

None

##### Payments made since last meeting:

Bank charges	£5.00
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##### Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary	£392.03
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Village Orderly Salary	£179.08
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HMRC	£97.46
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Vision ICT new mailbox	£14.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£682.57</b>
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- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
- c) The council agreed NJC salary increases for 1 April 2025

#### **072510 Audit Objection**

Council noted the receipt of the auditors response to the objection of the 2023-24 annual return.

Clerk to contact insurance regarding a potential claim to cover the £4.6k cost of the investigation.

#### **072511 Councillors Forum**

To take any points from councillors. For information only, no decisions to be made – none raised

#### **072512 Items for the next agenda**

To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting – none raised

#### **072513 Public forum**

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

#### **072514 Confirmation of next meeting**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7pm

#### **072515 Closure of meeting**