

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 30th September 2025 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr D Spofford, Cllr P Boyes, Cllr M Donoghue, Cllr A Banks, County Cllr M Crane, 4x residents

092501 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

092502 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – residents in attendance came to explain about the newly erected fence on the park lane playing field, the land has been purchased from Drax.

092503 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Edmunds, Cllr Fenteman was not in attendance

092504 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 29th July 2025 meeting as a true and accurate record

The chairman signed the minutes, and those of 24th June 2025 due to the clerk's absence at the last meeting

092505 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – no update other than covered by the agenda
- b) County Councillor – Cllr Crane informed the council that the St Georges/GB flags that have been attached to lampposts will now be removed. Permission is required to attach objects to council owned lampposts. Mini-roundabouts have also been painted with the St Georges cross and these have been repainted. Cllr Thrall queried solar farms and the requirement to reinstate land to previous state, suggestion was made to utilise bonds for this purpose. Cllr Banks raised complaint regarding the narrowing of Camela Lane due to the new fence around the solar farm. Cllr Crane confirmed there has been no update on the unauthorised caravan.
- c) Burial Authority – Cllr Spofford confirmed water pipes are under the cemetery and plans are being purchased to identify the exact location. Cllr Donoghue has resigned from the burial authority due to work commitments.
- d) Village Hall Committee – finances are the main concern with limited bookings since the nursery left
- e) Drax – Cllr Thrall attended recent meeting; BECCS may not go ahead, government may reduce the purchase of electricity to 40% of current amount, more contracts have been sought to move ash from the mound. Cllr Spofford has noticed black spots on windows, suspicion that this may be due to the movement of ash. Cllr Thrall to raise with Drax air quality checks.
- f) YLCA – Cllr Thrall attended recent meeting. Discussions around community assets which prompted the review of government guidance in relation to the Drax land under lease.

092506 Planning

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

None

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

None

092507 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the maintenance of the pump track/play area – tidy up required in autumn, quote was provided to clerk for the works, for consideration at next meeting.
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – Overgrowth has been cut with the new mower, an application to the 2 ridings fund has been submitted and currently awaiting outcome, may look at gofundme if unsuccessful. Can re-apply to Drax fund in Spring 2026. Bin and bench still to install.
- c) Christmas tree – cllr fenteman to update
- d) Damaged railings Brown Cow Road – clerk to chase highways
- e) Unauthorised caravan – no update, still in place

- f) To discuss any actions relating to the Drax lease and un-communicated resident garden purchase – await correspondence from Drax legals
- g) To discuss request for access over car park for residential driveway – resident contacted council stating that legal costs are too large, clerk to respond to ask for further information on the quotes that they have obtained.
- h) To agree actions relating to the collapsed tree on Park Lane playing field – all confirmed tree works are acceptable.

092508 Correspondence received:

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

- YLCA – New assertion 10 digital and data compliance – clerk to review and feedback if all councillors require parish council email addresses rather than personal

092509 Financial matters

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

- a) The council resolved to accept the RFO report, clerk confirmed that the insurers would not provide a view on covering the audit costs unless a claim was submitted. Clerk will proceed with a claim.
- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

092510 Remembrance Day

Council to consider purchase of new wreath, lamppost poppies and offering refreshments for a remembrance day event. The consideration of volunteers also requires consideration – previous volunteers are not available this year, Cllr Thrall will ask another potential volunteer and Cllr Donoghue to ask for volunteers on facebook. The council resolved to purchase new poppies and wreath

092511 Policies

- a) To consider adopting the draft policy for IT, Social Media and Communications – suggestion was made to combine the three policies into one. Cllr Thrall will progress
- b) To review YLCA Policy Requirements document and consider review of existing policies – add to next agenda, Clerk to review and make recommendations.

092512 Councillors Forum

To take any points from councillors. For information only, no decisions to be made – Cllr Spofford raised the issue of storage for the new PC owned lawn mower. Cllr Banks confirmed the garage can be used when the door is fixed.

092513 Items for the next agenda

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

092514 Public forum

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

092515 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 28th October 2025, 7pm

092516 Closure of meeting