

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 25th February 2025 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall, Cllr D Spofford, Cllr A Banks, Cllr O Edmunds, Cllr P Boyes. Cllr M Donoghue, R Dean (Clerk/RFO), County Cllr M Crane, PC S Smith, 2x residents

022501 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

022502 Public Forum

The village post box repair / replacement was queried, Cllr Spofford is pursuing a response from Royal Mail. Pegs from the mole traps keep being removed, Cllr Thrall asked for the mole man to contact the council directly. Resident confirmed the dogs that were taken ill with suspected drug poisoning are now back to full health.

022503 Apologies

Apologies and reasons for absence received from Cllr Fenteman

022504 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 28th January 2025 meeting as a true and accurate record
The chairman signed the minutes

022505 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – Has recently written back to Kier Mathers email regarding the proposal to extend the 20mph speed limit to Barlow Common, expressing that the council were not in favour. Highlighted that an individual appears to have moved into a caravan on the equestrian land at Mill Lane without planning, it has been reported to planning enforcement.
- b) County Councillor – Raised the Marsh Lane to school right of way issue but has yet to receive a response. Planning enforcement are progressing various breaches at Home Farm, with the council encouraged to report any further potential breaches they may be aware of to assist the case. North Yorkshire housing numbers have been confirmed as 4077. Only one potential site has been identified in Barlow, on the land next to Ash Leigh, Barlow Common Road. Residents with a second home in North Yorkshire will incur a double council tax charge. There has been various online complaints on social platforms raised surrounding the housing of Afghan individuals in North Yorkshire housing, Cllr Crane informed the council of three occurrences and that the individuals concerned assisted our troops in Afghanistan.
- c) Village Club – Cllr Banks informed the council that there are four windows which require bricking up on the side of the building. Cllr Banks to obtain some quotes for the work. Clerk to look into any potential grant funding.
- d) Police – PC Smith introduced herself as the community support officer responsible for Barlow and other nearby villages, it is relatively quiet in the village with limited matters raised with the police. Recent issues with loose dogs have been assigned to the dog officer and is not yet concluded. There have been reports of night time activity in Barlow Common car park, which are being monitored. Issues in the wider Selby area include fuel thefts, drug issues and electric scooters. The police are seeking information on cannabis in the local area, residents are encouraged to come forwards if they have any relevant information. The police are not allowed to pursue electric scooters and instead have been educating pupils in schools.

022506 Planning

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

None

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

Planning Appeal - APP/U2750/D/25/3360614 - 49 Park Road Barlow North Yorkshire YO8 8ES

Appeal has been submitted to the Secretary of State against the councils decision to refuse planning permission

022507 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) To agree actions relating to the completion and maintenance of the pump track/play area - none
- b) To agree actions relating to the redevelopment of land at Carr Lane – volunteers will be meeting to discuss the pond.
- c) Christmas Tree – defer to next meeting
- d) Mole hills – the council resolved to approve alternative quote at £10 per mole
- e) TPO works Wildlife area – clerk has contacted North Yorkshire council for advice and received a limited vague response, to progress. Resident in attendance is also struggling to gain approval to fell a dead tree.

022508 Correspondence received:

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

022509 Financial matters

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

- a) The council resolved to accept the RFO report
- b) The council approve payment of invoices via online banking
- c) External audit update – the auditor has responded requesting the councils response to the objection
- d) The council unanimously agreed to approve the response to external audit in relation to the objection received. There is concern about committing expenditure whilst this issue is ongoing.

022510 Councillors Forum

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

20mph signs raised – clerk has contacted highways and they expect to install by the end of March

Cllr Spofford gave apologies for the next meeting

APM potential date Tuesday 27th May 6.30pm followed by the Annual meeting of the council at 7pm

022511 Items for the next agenda

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

022512 Public forum

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

022513 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 25th March 2025, 7pm

022514 Closure of meeting

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