

# MINUTES

## BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7pm Barlow Village Hall

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

### 012601 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

### 012602 Declarations of Interest

Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – none raised

### 012603 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – none raised

### 012604 Apologies

Apologies received from County Cllr Crane, Cllr Fenteman was absent

### 012605 Councillor Vacancy

To receive any expressions of interest for the vacancy – no interest received

To advertise on Facebook & Noticeboards

### 012606 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 meeting as a true and accurate record

The Chairman signed the minutes

### 012607 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – Has progressed residents issue with Drax Carbon Capture letters thought liaison with Drax
- b) County Councillor – not present
- c) Burial Authority – Mer during the prior week, adjacent land may be developed for housing therefore the authority are seeking quotations for hedging
- d) Village Hall Committee – Pre-school dance class has left the hall due to low numbers. Community chat group is well attended and the Police representative is planning to visit during these hours to network with residents.
- e) Drax – Cllr Banks raised complaint with Drax regarding alarms during unsocial hours
- f) YLCA – no update
- g) Wildlife garden group – Drax funding has re-opened with a limit of £10k per request. Bench to install

### 012608 Planning

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

#### ZG2026/1292/COU – 49 Park Road

#### Change of use of land to residential curtilage associated with the main dwellinghouse (retrospective)

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

None

### 012609 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) Damaged railings Brown Cow Road – temporary barriers have been installed and work is on the highways list to rectify once funds are available.

### 012610 Correspondence received:

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

1. Request to build mountain bike jumps next to the pump track – the council has no appetite to increase the current provision

2. Keir Mather letter to Northern Powergrid in relation to frequent power cuts – Cllr Thrall will respond to KM with information surrounding the frequency of power cuts
3. Request for Christmas lights on lampposts – the council has no appetite to progress this request due to concerns surrounding costs and available resource
4. North Yorkshire Council 2026 garden waste collections – March to December £52
5. North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Age-friendly Town and Parish Guide – all councillors to read the guidance

### 012611 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: January 2026

##### Savings account:

Balance as at 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	£951.73	Statement 231
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##### Community Account:

Balance as at 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	£24,077.50	Statement 517
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,029.23</b>	
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##### Income received since last meeting:

None

##### Payments made since last meeting:

##### Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary	£404.69
Village Orderly Salary	£84.82
HMRC	£124.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£613.55</b>

Plus £40 donation which was due for the mole traps

##### Budget position: As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

Total Yearly budget 2025/26:	£24,353	
Total spend to date	£23,405.70	96%

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking, including £40 donation in memory of Glen
- c) The council approved updating of bank mandate following Cllr Edmunds resignation

### 012612 Councillors Forum

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

Cllr Spofford provided apologies for the next meeting

Cllr Banks raised issue of streetlight which is not lit, Clerk to investigate

Cllr Boyes raised concern about the lack of gritting and questioned the priority, Clerk to provide clarification

### 012613 Items for the next agenda

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

Internal controls review

### 012614 Public forum

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

### 012615 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 7pm

### 012616 Closure of meeting