

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 24th February 2026 7pm Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr A Banks, Cllr C Fenteman, Cllr P Boyes, County Cllr M Crane, R Dean (Clerk/RFO)

022601 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

022602 Declarations of interest

Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – none raised

022603 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – none raised

022604 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Spofford & Cllr Donoghue

022605 Councillor vacancy

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

Remind Cllr Donoghue to advertise on Facebook

022606 Approval of minutes

The council **resolved** to accept the minutes of the 27th January 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record

The Chairman signed the minutes

022607 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – followed up on actions from the previous meeting, wrote to Keir Mather regarding the frequent power cuts and wrote to Cllr Crane for an update on planning enforcement
- b) County Councillor – continued demand for adult social care and SEND is costing 50% of the annual budget. 1,500 SEND children across North Yorkshire. £5k locality budgets confirmed for the new year. Cllr Crane asked for thoughts on adopting a Tourism Levy across York and North Yorkshire. Generally the views were that introduction of a levy would reduce visitors to the area and there is no guarantee that funds raised would be spent on the local area. Cllr Fenteman queried the Data Centre, there is no certainty that this will happen.
- c) Burial Authority – no update
- d) Village Hall Committee – no update
- e) Drax – no update
- f) YLCA – meeting is tomorrow
- g) Wildlife garden group – funding application has been sent to Drax

022608 Planning

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

None

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

ZG2025/0920/FULM Land Adjacent, Mill House Farm, Mill Lane, Barlow - REFUSED

Proposal: Temporary siting of a static caravan and 2 storage containers on equestrian site (retrospective)

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

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

022609 Matters requested by councillors:

- a) Damaged railings Brown Cow Road – awaiting funding requirement from Highways, remove from the agenda

022610 Correspondence received:

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

- North Yorkshire Local Plan and the Third Public Release of 'Call for Sites' Submissions
- Selby, Tadcaster, and Sherburn Residents' Festival - Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March 2026

022611 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: February 2026

Savings account:

Balance as at 12 th February 2026	£951.73	Statement 232
--	---------	---------------

Community Account:

Balance as at 12 th February 2026	£23,463.95	Statement 518
--	------------	---------------

Total	£24,415.68	
--------------	-------------------	--

Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

None

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary	£404.69
--------------	---------

Village Orderly Salary	£84.82
------------------------	--------

HMRC	£124.04
------	---------

TOTAL	£613.55
--------------	----------------

Budget position: As at 28th February 2026

Total Yearly budget 2025/26:	£24,353
------------------------------	---------

Total spend to date	£24,019.25	99%
---------------------	------------	-----

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking. Clerk is awaiting change to online banking permissions, if this is not finalised by the end of the week clerk will arrange cheques for this month.
- c) Internal controls review – Cllr Boyes has undertaken the review and will feedback in due course

022612 Councillors Forum

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

Cllr Fenteman raised concern about the state of the road on East Common Lane due to the construction traffic - clerk to raise with Highways

022613 Items for the next agenda

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

022614 Public forum

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

022615 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 31st March 2026, 7pm

Cllr Boyes gave his apologies for the next meeting

022616 Closure of meeting 7.44