

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL Tuesday 26th May 2026 7pm Barlow Village Hall

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

052601 Election of Chairman

- a) Cllr Thrall was elected chairman
- b) The chairman signed the acceptance of office
- c) The clerk witnessed and signed chairman's acceptance

052602 Election of Vice-Chairman

- a) Cllr Spofford was elected vice-chairman
- b) Signing of acceptance of office was deferred until the following meeting due to Cllr Spofford's absence
- c) Clerk to witness and sign chairman's acceptance – as above

052603 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

052604 Declarations of Interest

Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – None raised

052605 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – None present

052606 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Spofford, Cllr Banks & Cllr Donoghue

052607 Councillor Vacancy

The council has received one expression of interest for the vacancy however the applicant is not in attendance today
Clerk to send invitation to next meeting

052608 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 28th April 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record
The Chairman signed the minutes

052609 Council to appoint representatives to outside bodies

- a) Brayton Burial Authority – Cllr Spofford
- b) Village Hall Committee – Cllr Banks
- c) Drax PLC – Cllr Thrall
- d) YLCA – Cllr Thrall
- e) Any other organisations - None

052610 To receive reports, for information only, from:

- a) Chairman – Recently met with objector to the extraction of ash from the mound with Cllr Boyes to consider the points raised in detail. Concerns include the reduction of the mound from the Barlow aspect, the significant number of large scale projects in the area and low amount of community funding available. The parish council did not comment on the application as had relied on Drax consultations and meetings whereby it was confirmed that the outlook would not be changed. The parish council feels a response to the application is now necessary given the latest information. Cllr Thrall suggested the information be publicised on Facebook.
- b) County Councillor – Cllr Crane confirmed he has had contact with the same objector however had not met yet. North Yorkshire Council is aware of the large number of applications in progress however can only deal

with them at the time of application. There is concern about the cumulative effect of multiple applications however the new local plan. Demolition at Selby Station will shortly commence, delays have been due to sourcing specialist engineers to progress the works.

052611 Planning

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

ZG2026/0188/FULM: Burn Road Pond, Camblesforth Road, Selby

Commercial fishing pond and associated works (retrospective)

Concern about the removal of trees during bird nesting season

EN0710008 - East Coast Hydrogen Humber Pipeline - EIA Scoping and Consultation

Not affecting Barlow

ZG2025/0920/FULM Land Adjacent Mill House Farm Mill Lane Barlow North Yorkshire

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

Councillors to review latest correspondence

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

052612 Matters requested by councillors:

- Community library – no update

052613 Correspondence received:

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

- Highways Parish / Town Council workshops
- Drone use in the village – not parish council matter

052614 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 approved payment of invoices via online banking

052615 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

- a) The council noted the internal audit report for 2025/26
- b) The council approved Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26
- c) The council approved Section 2 – Accounting Statements for 2025/26
- d) The council approved publication of the documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Internal audit report, Annual governance statement, Accounting statements, Analysis of variances, Bank reconciliation, Public rights exercise notice

052616 Councillors Forum

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

052617 Items for the next agenda

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

052618 Public forum

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

052619 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 30th June 2026, 7pm

052620 Closure of meeting

20.00