

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 30th June 2026 7pm Barlow Village Hall

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

062601 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

062602 Declarations of interest

Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items - none

062603 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public - none

062604 Apologies

To receive apologies and reasons for absence; to resolve whether or not to accept reasons - none

062605 Councillor vacancy

The vacancy has been advertised and one application has been received, with the applicant in attendance at the meeting. The council resolved to co-opt Christine Elcock as a Parish Councillor

062606 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 26th May 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record
The Chairman signed the minutes

062607 Election of vice-chairman

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

062608 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – discussed Drax items which are under item e.
- b) County Councillor – Bridge repairs still awaiting specialist engineers. Train station transformation works have commenced. Schools across North Yorkshire are 25% vacant. Chairman registered disapproval of upcoming price increases at the leisure centre.
- c) Burial Authority – next meeting 14th July
- d) Village Hall Committee – nothing to report
- e) Drax – Chairman reported that Drax are offering timber free of charge and has enquired, in light of the new library idea. Drax have issued a long form to apply for the timber, does not seem simple. Drax have agreed community fund with North Yorkshire Council of £200k in relation to the ash removal application. Examples of spend in the report are not aligned with Barlow desires. Chairman to review eligibility criteria and circulate the information received. Mention of increased dust levels in the village already. Chairman has circulated feedback on the application and will look to add to Facebook to inform the residents.
- f) YLCA – Chairman met local contact with expertise in air quality monitors during last meeting, may be useful if the ash mound project progresses. Chairman queried S106 monies and did not receive much feedback. Chairman was elected vice-chairman of YLCA Selby branch.
- g) Wildlife garden group – Cllr Spofford thanked Cllr Fenteman for the assistance with cutting back the overgrowth. An application has been submitted through the new Benevity portal, no updated on success, portal is not user friendly at all. The previous method of grant application was much preferred. Community day for the wildlife garden 12th July. Stones due to be delivered soon to finalise the pathways. Other funding to look at.

062609 Planning

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

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

ZG2026/0194/HPA - 4 Park Avenue, Barlow, North Yorkshire - granted

Erection of a side and rear extension following removal of free standing garage

062610 Matters requested by councillors:

Community Library – if the Drax free timber is not an option, will review prices for timber.

062611 Streetlighting repairs

To consider alternatives for the below quote which was rejected by the council as unaffordable:

- Quotation EEQ62 - replacing the complete asset with steel column & LED Lantern C/w NPG cost LP14 Park Road, opposite Brown Cow junction - £2,415.48 – confirmed faulty and currently on wooden pole
- Two further options received – approx. £500 for new LED or approx. £1000 for disconnection and removal. Council have no appetite to spend money on this, as there are other street lights in this area. Clerk to ask North Yorkshire if it is an option to disconnect the light but leave it in place.

062612 Correspondence received:

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

- a) Review of local bus services – no plans to amend the bus service in Barlow, Clerk to ask Cllr Banks for views as a bus user. County Cllr Crane has expressed dissatisfaction with no improvement to the service.

062613 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: June 2026

Savings account:

Balance as at 12 th June 2026	£958.11	Statement 236
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Community Account:

Balance as at 12 th June 2026	£27,427.97	Statement 522
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Total		£28,386.08
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Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

None

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary June 2026	£404.69
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Village Orderly Salary June 2026	£88.15
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HMRC Income Tax June 2026	£125.04
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TOTAL	£617.88
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Budget position: As at 30th June 2026

Total Yearly budget 2026/27:	£23,836
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Total spend to date	£6,168.08	26%
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- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

Clerk to reissue online banking logins to Cllr Boyes & Donoghue. Cllr Banks has requested no banking access in order to provide segregation as she has responsibility for the club accounts.

062614 Councillors Forum

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

Cllr Spofford promoted the YLCA new councillor training to Cllr Elcock.

Cllr Fenteman chased up the verge cutting.

Cllr Boyes provided apologies for the next meeting.

062615 Items for the next agenda

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

062616 Public forum

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

062617 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 29th September, 7pm

062618 Closure of meeting