

OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28th July 2026 7pm

Barlow Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr T Thrall (Chairman), Cllr D Spofford, Cllr A Banks, Cllr C Elcock, County Cllr M Crane, R Dean (Clerk/RFO)

072601 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

072602 Declarations of interest

Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – none raised

072603 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – none present

072604 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Boyes. Cllr Donoghue & Cllr Fenteman were not in attendance.

072605 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 30th June 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record

The Chairman signed the minutes

072606 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – response sent to planning department in relation to the removal of the ash mound.
- b) County Councillor – Last years spend £339m social care, £45m highway improvements. Bid put in for bridges to the government £30m cost. Mayo is taking over responsibility for bus services in April. Feedback has been provided on the Barlow offering.
- c) Burial Authority – nothing to report
- d) Village Hall Committee – Cllr Banks raised motorbikes on the field again
- e) Drax – nothing to report
- f) YLCA – nothing to report
- g) Wildlife garden group – Thanks to volunteers at the last event, next event will be scheduled for Sept/Oct. Cllr Spofford has assisted with the Benevity portal grant application, technical issue prevented the application from being visible to Drax, next funding round is end Sept.

072607 Planning

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

APPLICATION NO: 26/03605/CLOPUD PROPOSAL: Lawful development certificate for proposed use of the land to site a mobile home for ancillary use to the main dwellinghouse LOCATION: 49 Park Road Barlow North Yorkshire YO8 8ES

APPLICATION NO: 26/03385/TPO PROPOSAL: Application for consent to fell 1 No Maple tree (T1) and crown lift 2 No Birch trees (T3 & T4) over the highway covered by TPO 11/1985 LOCATION: 64 Park Lane Barlow North Yorkshire YO8 8EW

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

None

- c) For information – the new planning portal will not automatically issue planning applications to the council for review, councillors are required to register and set up saved searches to ensure that applications in the area are signposted by the email system. The clerk has registered and received one application since registration.

072608 Matters requested by councillors:

Community Library – to obtain and consider quotes at next meeting

072609 Streetlighting

- a) LP14 broken streetlight - EEQ62 quotation to replace with steel post and new LED £2,415.48, alternative prices approx. £500 to try and fit new LED to the existing post, approx. £1,000 to disconnect and remove, or it has been confirmed it can be left in its current state. Council would need to put a block on the asset so that it could not be reported to North Yorkshire as an issue.

Council resolved to leave the pole in place and put a block on the asset.

- b) Indication of cost to bring lighting up to road lighting standard for North Yorkshire Council to adopt is £50,000. The lighting is currently classified as footway lighting – definitions below.

Purpose & Standard: Roadway lighting is designed for vehicular traffic, requiring taller columns (>6 meters) and brighter illumination to prevent accidents. Footway lighting focuses on pedestrian safety in residential areas or alleys, using shorter, widely spaced columns (usually under 6 meters) that cast a softer glow for personal security.

Ownership and Maintenance: Roadway lighting is the legal responsibility of the relevant Highway Authority (e.g., County Councils, Unitary Authorities, or National Highways). Footway lighting is frequently owned and maintained by Local Borough, District, or Parish Councils.

Council resolved to not proceed due to high cost estimate.

072610 Correspondence received:

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

- a) Councillor ROI forms, new legislation regarding addresses

Clerk to print hard copy for Cllr Banks

Clerk to remove addresses from the website

072611 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: July 2026

Savings account:

Balance as at 12 th July 2026	£958.11	Statement 237
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Community Account:

Balance as at 12 th July 2026	£26,810.09	Statement 523
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Total	£27,768.20	
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Income received since last meeting:

None

Payments made since last meeting:

None

Payments to approve at this meeting:

Clerk Salary July 2026	£404.49
Village Orderly Salary July 2026	£88.15
HMRC Income Tax July 2026	£125.24
Martin Richardson Verge Mowing July 2026	£600.00
Brayton Burial Authority	£480.32
Vision ICT Website hosting & Support Sept26 – Aug28	£249.62
TOTAL	£1,947.82

Budget position: As at 31st July 2026

Total Yearly budget 2026/27:	£23,836	
Total spend to date	£8,115.90	34%

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

072612 Councillors Forum

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

- Cllr Thrall queried lack of roadsweeper in the village, Cllr Spofford has seen the quad spraying weeds. Clerk to raise with highways

072613 Items for the next agenda

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

- Grass verge quotes
- Roadsweeper

072614 Public forum

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

072615 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 29th September, 7pm

072616 Closure of meeting 19.50