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BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 29th September 2026 7pm
Barlow Village Hall

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

082601 Welcome
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

082602 Declarations of interest
Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – none raised

082603 Public Forum
To receive comments from members of the public – none raised

082604 Apologies
Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr Elcock.

082605 Approval of minutes
The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 28th July 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record
The Chairman signed the minutes

082606 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

a) Chairman – attended recent planning meeting and spoke on behalf of the parish in relation to the Ash Mound removal application.
b) County Councillor – Cllr Crane confirmed that all primary schools in Brayton are under capacity, Barlow has just one space. No planning enforcement has been progressed due to recent issues with gypsies and travellers in the district.
c) Burial Authority – nothing to report
d) Village Hall Committee – the light above the defibrillator has been replaced
e) Drax – nothing to report
f) YLCA – nothing to report
g) Wildlife garden group – funding is still underway with Drax. Maintenance is ongoing and volunteers are still required. Cllr Spofford requested that lawnmower service is included in next years budget.

082607 Planning

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

APPLICATION NO: 26/03025/FUL PROPOSAL: Increase the size of an existing conservatory and add a porch over external door LOCATION: Villa Cottage 7 Park Lane Barlow North Yorkshire YO8 8JW
No concerns

APPLICATION NO: NY/2026/0130/FUL PROPOSAL: Consultation on planning application for the purposes of the Proposed construction of 7 no. silos, 2 no. LPG storage tanks, 1 no. bunded diesel tank with external lighting. LOCATION: on land off Drax Power Station (PML Ltd PFA Plant), Barlow Road East, Selby YO8 8TE
The council had concerns about the height of the proposed silo's; they are clearly higher than the mound. Cllr Thrall to draft comments on visual amenity. Resident in attendance has planning experience and is happy to contribute knowledge if required.

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

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 8JW - Granted

APPLICATION NO: NY/2024/0159/ENV PROPOSAL: extraction and export of pulverised fuel ash (PFA) and furnace bottom ash (FBA) from Barlow Ash Mound in two phases (Phase 1 and Phase 2) and associated development including a weighbridge, wheel wash facilities, screening and processing plant, lighting columns, landscaping and site restoration LOCATION Barlow Ash Mound – Granted

Cllr Thrall and County Cllr Crane both attended recent planning meeting where this application was granted, both raised concerns with the proposal. Although the application was granted, the proposed working hours have been reduced significantly and there is a restriction placed on the amount of ash which can be removed by road.

082608 Matters requested by councillors:

a) Community Library – the council discussed options and resolved to provide a budget of £250 for the purchase of a unit.
   A resident offered to supply the initial stock of books.
b) Road Sweeper – Highways have confirmed **The highway drainage schedule for Barlow is biennial, done every 2 years, last maintained done Feb 2025 so next due Feb 2027.**
c) Verge cutting – to discuss alternatives to existing contractor – not yet progressed
d) Leaflet drop to inform residents of various planning matters – Cllr Thrall is concerned about the number of larger planning applications within the local area (data centre, solar farms, Drax etc) and suggests a leaflet drop. Cllr Boyes suggested an information sharing exercise rather than providing opinions. Cllr Thrall to draw up a draft.
e) To discuss Parish Council social media page – the council suggested a second person to have access to the page. Cllr Boyes will be added.
f) Remembrance Day event – the council resolved to purchase a wreath and 6x new poppies for the annual remembrance event

082609 Correspondence received:

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

a) North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Polling District Review Consultation – no change to Barlow arrangements
b) Keir Mather – requesting feedback to improve road safety. The council highlighted concerns around the A1041/Barlow Common Road junction
c) North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Installation of new parking payment machines across North Yorkshire
d) Resident concern about dead trees and overhanging vegetation along Barlow Common Road
e) North Yorkshire Council Transport Consultation - https://yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/local-transport-plan-consultation/
f) Update on "Call for Sites"
g) Drax community and local stakeholder sentiment survey (2026) - **https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=bRR8AJc9fUaEn29P5aag82uQFQ0xpulCgF_Y3sB6eW1UQzdKUk9DOUc5OUQ2NlozSVRNM0g1MVJCMy4u**
h) North Yorkshire Local Plan update for Parish, Town and City Councillors – Scoping Consultation and Engagement Strategy consultations. Cllr Crane confirmed that there are not enough sites identified to meet the government new housing targets, some large decisions are required on where to place the houses that we need.
i) North Yorkshire Council Request for Declaration of Third-Party Attachments and Electrical Connections to North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting Assets

082611 Financial matters

To report on closing balances, payments, and other financial/statutory matters

a) The council resolved to accept the RFO report. Cllr Spofford queried the streetlight costs, which relate to prior year expenditure.
b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
c) The council noted the new pay scales 2026/27 – 3.3% uplift
d) The council discuss individual employees salary points (press & public excluded from this item)

Council discussed remuneration of village orderly and resolved to increase to SCP3 £13.28 per hour from 1st October.

082612 Councillors Forum

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

082613 Items for the next agenda
To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting

082614 Public forum
To receive any further comments from members of the public. For information only, no decisions to be made
Resident suggested the parish look into funding, available from Drax and EGL

082615 Confirmation of next meeting
The council resolved to defer the next meeting until 3rd November, as multiple apologies were provided for the October date.

082616 Closure of meeting