MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 3rd November 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, Cllr C Elcock, County Cllr M Crane, R Dean (Clerk/RFO)

102601 Welcome
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, which was delayed from October due to absences.

102602 Declarations of interest
Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – none raised

102603 Public Forum
To receive comments from members of the public – none present

102604 Apologies
To receive apologies and reasons for absence; to resolve whether or not to accept reasons – no apologies

102605 Approval of minutes
The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 29th September 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record
The Chairman signed the minutes

102606 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

a) Chairman – updates covered by agenda items
b) County Councillor – Drax power are pushing through with Data Storage plans, preferred location is south of the colling towers. If planning was successful the first phase would be followed by phase 2 & 3. Drax are writing to all residents in Barlow to consult.
c) Burial Authority – Next meeting 25th November
d) Village Hall Committee – No updates
e) Drax – Chairman will attend Drax liaison meeting on 30th November where the Data Storage will be discussed.
f) YLCA – Meeting on Saturday
g) Wildlife garden group – Successful £5k grant, awaiting the funds.

102607 Planning

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

None

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

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 YO8 8JW
Granted

102608 Matters requested by councillors:

a) Community Library – to discuss quotes for unit
Offer from resident received for the initial stock of books.
Quotes for small library box of good quality exceeded the £250 budget. Council suggested to look at small sheds instead as they may fall within the price range.
b) Verge cutting – to discuss alternatives to existing contractor. Clerk unable to find contractor at cheaper price.
c) Leaflet drop to inform residents of various planning matters – Chairman has drafted the leaflet and it is ready to print. Cllr Donoghue potentially volunteered to print.

102609 Correspondence received:

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

a) Kier Mather - campaign about loneliness and social connection. Clerk to respond highlighting the coffee morning held in the village hall.
b) Resident unknown visitor to property – no Parish Council action, police matter. No further reports
c) Resident request for rugby posts on the playing field – the councillors considered the request however it was agreed not to proceed with any further playing field improvements at this time.
d) Have Your Say: North Yorkshire Council Parish Charter Review
e) North Yorkshire Street Trading Policy Review: Initial Consultation
f) North Yorkshire Local Plan new consultation, comment by 7 December 2026 – council to review, concern about the new national planning policy under the labour government and whether the local plan will follow the national plan. Recent YLCA course was over-subscribed therefore could not attend.
g) Resident suggestion on E-Scooter use – Council agreed to consider signage around the playing field

102611 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: October 2026

Savings account:			
Balance as at 12th October 2026	£961.17	Statement 240	
Community Account:			
Balance as at 12th October 2026	£32,240.04	Statement 526	
Total	**£33,201.21**		
Income received since last meeting:			
Precept	£10,908.50		
Payments made since last meeting:			
None			
Payments to approve at this meeting:			
HMRC Income Tax		£125.44	
Clerk Salary September		£404.49	
Village Orderly Salary September		£87.95	
Clerk Expenses – Remembrance Poppies & Wreath		£60.35	
Ark Facilities Grass Cutting 2026		£3,314.81	
Autela payroll Q2 processing		£57.37	
TOTAL		**£4,050.41**	
Budget position: As at 31st October 2026			
Total Yearly budget 2026/27:		£23,836	
Total spend to date		£13,697.04	57%

b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking

102612 Councillors Forum

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

- Cllr Boyes consulted the council about a potential cake shed run by a resident, the council have no issue if it is on the residents land.
- Cllr Donoghue to arrange Facebook access for Cllr Boyes
- Cllr Spofford queried the Christmas lights which have not been removed from last year by the volunteer resident, Cllr Spofford to ask if the resident will arrange for them to be turned back on.

102613 Items for the next agenda

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

102614 Public forum

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

102615 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 8th December 7pm

102616 Closure of meeting 8.25pm