

MINUTES

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 28th April 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)

042608 Welcome

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting

042609 Declarations of interest

Councillors to declare interests in any agenda items – None raised

042610 Public Forum

To receive comments from members of the public – None present

042611 Apologies

To receive apologies and reasons for absence; to resolve whether or not to accept reasons – No apologies

042612 Councillor vacancy

To receive any expressions of interest for the vacancy – none received

042613 Approval of minutes

The council resolved to accept the minutes of the 31st March 2026 meeting as a true and accurate record

The Chairman signed the minutes

042614 To receive report from, and agree any actions:

- a) Chairman – recent communication with resident regarding dogs on Park Road barking at pedestrians and overhanging vegetation. Councillors to report any overhanging vegetation to the clerk for letters.
- b) County Councillor – Cllr Crane informed the parish council that registration is now required to use the refuse disposal centre, there have been over 60k registrations to date. Reminder about the £5,000 locality budget which is available for local projects. The mayor has allocated more funds towards York City this year, leaving North Yorkshire with lost revenue of approx. £22m over the next 5 years.
- c) Burial Authority – next meeting 12th May
- d) Village Hall Committee – no updates
- e) Drax – no updates
- f) YLCA – no updates
- g) Wildlife garden group – group provided thanks to Cllr Fenteman for the donation of grass seed. New bench and bin has been installed. Parish clerk is assisting with the next grant application. The picnic benches on the wildlife area have been vandalised, Cllr Donoghue to share via Facebook.

042615 Planning

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

ZG2026/0260/FUL Land Off, Barlow Common Road, Barlow

Erection Of A 4 Bar Timber Fence And A Pair Of 5 Bar Fields Gates Fronting Barlow Common Road (retrospective)

ZG2026/0194/HPA 4 Park Avenue, Barlow

Erection of a side extension following removal of free standing garage

No objections to either application

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

ZG2026/0198/FUL Bracken House Farm, Barlow Common Road, Barlow

Conversion and extension of former storage building for use as single dwelling

- b) The council approved payment of invoices via online banking
- c) Cllr Boyes has completed the internal controls review and shared the findings with the Parish Council

042621 Councillors Forum

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

Cllr Spofford attended recent Community Chat event where the police were in attendance. The majority of complaints were in relation to speeding through the village, the police have suggested community speedwatch although this has previously been undertaken in Barlow and there is no appetite for it.

042622 Items for the next agenda

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

Library

042623 Public forum

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

042624 Confirmation of next meeting

Tuesday 26th May, 7pm

042625 Closure of meeting

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