

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 10th February 2025 at Barrow Village Hall

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Meeting started 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Andy Porter (Chair) (AP), Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT), Cllr D Cunningham (DC) Cllr John Okell (JO) In attendance T Whitlow – clerk (TW) PCSO Deborah Netherton (8.15pm)	
24/146	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr John Okell (JO) Cllr Paul Rossington (PR) Cllr David Rimell (DR)	
24/146	Declarations of Members' Interests: Cllr Dave Cunningham - position of caretaker as his wife is Pavilion manager. (24/158)	
24/147	Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13 January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
24/148	Public Participation: No members of the public in attendance. PCSO Deborah Netherton in attendance: Report from PCSO included: Trying to get Barrow Lane/ Station Lane as enforceable. Encourage the parish to complete the 'Residents Voice' survey (TW to add to the website) Volunteer Speedwatch discussed.	TW
24/149	Matters Arising: (unless an agenda item) None	
24/150	Correspondence: Email from the allotments committee regarding the hedges/fencing. JT to look at the deeds and for confirmation of whose hedges. TW to check the lease. Parish Plan survey has arrived today. TW to complete	JT TW TW
24/151	Planning: Planning applications received since the last meeting: 24/00050/FUL 12 Barrow Hall Farm Barrow, Proposal: Replacement windows. Reviewed – Resolved no comment Planning decisions notified since last meeting: 24/02281/FUL The Cottage Mill Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7JF Proposal: Two storey rear extension to replace former single storey and two storey extension and replacement porch, chimney stacks to be rebuilt, alteration to windows and doors. Approved February 2025	
24/152	Accounts /Finance: 1. Cashbook 26.01.25 approved & signed 2. Bank reconciliation 26.01.25 approved & signed 3. Monies received: Footpath committee £8.00 Payments ratified/approved	

	Payroll January £1092.60	
24/153	Clerks Report: Precept paperwork submitted to CWAC.	
24/154	Defibrillator: New defib for the pavilion will be fitted at the same time as the electrician carrying out the 5 year electrical testing.	
24/155	Appointment of Auditor: Resolved to appoint Hacker Young, again as the Internal Auditor. TW to contact them.	TW
24/156	Meeting Dates: Following discussions it was resolved to change the day of the meetings to the the 2 nd Wednesday of the month, if the Village Hall can accommodate this change. This is brought about due to the ward councillors being unable to attend on the Monday due to other council commitments. TW to contact the Village Hall.	
24/157	Rural Bus Service: Following an email from a junior member of the village to the MP regarding the non-provision of any bus service to the parish AP has contacted ward Cllr Margaret Parker, TW to contact CWAC to further investigate the possibility of this being taken up. A further questionnaire will be added to the NDP correspondence to obtain comments from the parish. DC to collate this info. The recent NHD plan village survey noted the lack of provision as a high priority. The PC would like to thank the young member of the public for highlighting this to the MP.	
24/158	Pavilion Caretaker Position: Has received a low response. AP to add to C4B. Review next month. In the meantime, the Pavilion Manager will perform some of the caretaker duties.	
24/159	Highways: TW has contacted highways with a view to an officer attending the village. Grass verge maintenance: deferred to next meeting. AP to obtain quotes from James Marrs, the local contractor.	
24/160	Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates: Flood Group: work ongoing with CWAC & EA. Footpaths Committee: no update.	
24/161	BPPFF – update: 1. No meeting held in January – no updates. 2. Quotes for Pavilion entrance to be obtained. Ongoing- still only one quote received. The PC need a minimum of 3 and all contractors quoting need to be working to the same scope of works. TW to liaise with JO over the scope of work and to contact other contractors to provide quotations for the work. 3. Lights still not working on the Pavilion car park. Ongoing 4. 5-year electrical testing – contractor engaged. 5. There appears to be an issue with the water account – TW to forward information to JO	JO TW JO

24/162	Neighbourhood Development Plan: A more targeted questionnaire is to be sent out to various sectors of the parish to try to get a more balanced response, as there is a bias in both age and home ownership status in the responses received. All residents receiving a second questionnaire are to be encouraged to complete it, via letter and information on C4B. (AP)	JT AP
24/163	Items for Next Meeting: Pavilion entrance works. Pavilion Lights. Caretaker position. Speedwatch. Allotment fences.	
24/164	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed

Date