## **BARROW PARISH COUNCIL**

## Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Barrow Village Hall

2024 Meeting started 7.30pm

Present	Cllr Paul Rossington (PR) (Chair), Cllr Andy Porter (Vice Chair) (AP), Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT), Cllr D Cunningham (DC) Cllr John Okell (JO) In attendance T Whitlow – clerk (TW)	
24/165	Apologies for Absence were received from: Cllr David Rimell (DR)	
24/166	Declarations of Members' Interests:  Cllr Dave Cunningham - position of caretaker as his wife is Pavilion manager.  PR & JT as school governors in regard to correspondence discussed. (24/170)	
24/167	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 10 February 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
24/168	Public Participation:  No members of the public in attendance.	
24/169	Matters Arising: (unless an agenda item) None	
24/170	Correspondence: Further emails from the allotment committee regarding the water account. PC advised no further time to be spent on this. Email received for the PC to comment as consultee's on the Federation of Barrow CE Primary school and Duddon St Johns Primary school. This was discussed, with an explanation from JT. TW to respond positively to the consultation, to be ratified at the next meeting. Pre planning notice from WHP Telecoms LTD (see 24/171)  Planning: Planning applications received since the last meeting: Pre planning notification received from WHP Telecoms Ltd for planning for proposed Telecoms installation at The Avenue, Barrowmore Estate. This would involve a large mast being erected, which would reduce the problems of poor mobile signal in the area. Information to be put on PC & village website. Resolved at this point no objections, to be reviewed on full planning application. 25/00320/FUL 20 Manor Park Barrow Chester CH3 7LH Proposal: Redesign of existing front dormer and front elevation. Render to front elevation. Reviewed. Resolved no comment. Planning decisions notified since last meeting: None	TW
24/152	Accounts /Finance:  1. Cashbook 26.02.25 approved & signed  2. Bank reconciliation 26.02.25 approved & signed  3. Monies received: Footpath committee £28.00 Payments ratified/approved Payroll February £861.60 CNB Housing (NDP) £1560 Invoices for Xmas lights to the Pavilion £106.87	

	Pavilion – room hire £20.00 Clerk Expenses Jan-Feb £43.28	
24/153	Clerks Report: Training: TW complete ILCA training course — course costs to be split between all her PC's. Payments to be made in April to enable all transactions to be in one financial year. Actual cost to BPC £24.00 Rural Bus Service: TW has emailed CWAC regarding a rural bus service. No response to date. TW to contact ward councillor to take this further.  Memorial Garden: A possible memorial garden was discussed, this could be at the Pavilion. Add agenda next month.  Defibs: New battery for the Defib at The Foxcote is on back order. Will be fitted up on delivery. Defib at the school is showing a warning light. AP to ask electrician to check it.  Meeting dates. Following speaking to the village hall, meeting dates can not be changed to any convenient other day, so meeting will remain on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month going forward. TW to circulate meeting dates and add to website & notice board.  Overtime: Resolved to pay TW 4 hours overtime.	TW TW TW AP
	Training & Development Policy: Reviewed. Resolved to adopt the new policy in light of clerks recent training course and working towards LCAS. TW to add to website.	TW
24/154	<b>Defibrillator Grant for Hollowmoor Heath:</b> Barrow social club are currently fundraising for a defib to be placed at the club. <b>Resolved</b> for the PC to donate £250.00. TW to also supply information of further grants available.	TW
24/155	Land by the School: It has been noted that the small area of land by the unused school gate has had the shrubs cut down. Land is owned by CWAC. JT (as school governor) to ask the school to put 'no parking' signs on the gate, as cars are often found blocking it. Although unused this is still a point of exit should it be required.  Pavilion Caretaker Position:	JT
24/159	Applications are now closed. Interviews to be organised.  Highways: Nothing new to report.	
24/160	Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates: Flood Group: Report circulated. Recent meeting held with EA. The Liverpool University hydrological survey is ongoing, with data now being gathered. CWAC flood management team have written to a landowner requesting ditch to be dug out. Footpaths Committee: no update.	
24/161	<ol> <li>BPPFF – update:</li> <li>No meeting held in January – no updates.</li> <li>Quotes for Pavilion entrance to be obtained. TW is waiting on a second quote, having tried numerous groundwork contractors, most of whom are too busy to quote/complete the work through summer. Resolved to circulate the quote upon receipt, and instruct one of the contractors otherwise the work will not get completed this year.</li> <li>Lights still not working on the Pavilion car park. Ongoing</li> <li>5-year electrical testing – contractor engaged, not completed yet. AP to follow up. Also to fit Defib at the same time.</li> </ol>	JO TW

	<ol> <li>TW has managed to sort the issue with the water account for the Pavilion, who have not been invoiced for incoming water supply for some time, due to two separate water companies servicing the building. Invoice received £283.22. Resolved for PC to pay this and ask BPPFF for a refund. TW to merge the incoming/sewage account to one supplier.</li> <li>Tree's: 2 trees on the bowling green appear dangerous. TW to contact tree surgeon for removal ASAP. Resolved TW authorised to agree the works up to £1K as H&amp;S issue.</li> <li>Invoices received from Pavilion manager for Xmas lights purchased via the members budget received.</li> <li>8.</li> </ol>	TW TW
24/162	<b>Neighbourhood Development Plan:</b> Final questionnaire almost ready to go out to the parish. JT to obtain a map of Barrow to add to the questionnaire.	
24/163	Items for Next Meeting: Pavilion entrance works. Pavilion Lights. Speedwatch. Allotment fences.	
24/164	Date of next meeting: Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm	Signed	Date
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