

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 8th December 2025 at Barrow Village Hall

2025-26

Meeting started 7.30pm

	<p>Present: Cllr Paul Rossington (PR) (Chair), Cllr D Rimell (DR), Cllr John Okell (JR), Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT),</p> <p>In attendance: T Whitlow – Clerk (TW) 2 Member of the public (MOP)</p>	
25/120	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from:</p> <p>None</p>	
25/121	<p>Declarations of Members’ Interests:</p> <p>None</p>	
25/122	<p>Public Participation:</p> <p>MOP present – no items raised.</p>	
25/123	<p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 10 November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.</p>	
25/124	<p>Matters Arising: (unless an agenda item).</p> <p>Tree survey has been completed, report yet to be received.</p> <p>£500 members budget grant received towards the cost of painting the phone box at The Foxcote.</p>	
25/125	<p>Co-option:</p> <p>One MOP’ has shown an interest.</p> <p>It is still imperative that the parish council co-opt further council members. If no one is co-opted to the PC they are becoming increasing close to not being able to hold meetings, as 3 present at a meeting is the minimum number.</p> <p>Remaining members of the parish council to encourage residents to consider becoming a parish councillor</p> <p>The vacancy has been added to the Barrow News, Facebook & the website. TW to add again.</p>	TW
25/126	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Planning applications received since the last meeting or comments ratified:</p> <p>25/02546/FUL Grange Farm Barnhouse Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7JY Proposal: Proposed Stables, Menage, All-weather Turnout and Agricultural Building. Reviewed. Resolved no comments.</p> <p>Planning decisions notified since last meeting:</p> <p>25/03044/FUL Willow Cottage Heath Lane Barrow Chester CH3 7LL Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Approved.</p>	
25/127	<p>Accounts /Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bank reconciliation at 30.11.25 approved & signed. See Appendix 1 2. Monies received & payments ratified/approved Approved & signed See Appendix 2 3. Resolved to move £100 to Ear marked reserves for the war memorial. 	

25/128	Clerks Report: Outstanding item – Removal of redundant noticeboards, Hollowmore Heath and Foxcote. Pavilion Caretaker to be asked to remove these and store, they will be offered to village groups prior to disposal.	
25/129	Christmas Activities: Tree lighting has gone ahead. Thanks to the MOP who offered the tree and the Chumpers for erecting it. Approval of costs: MOP refund £97.39 tree lighting refreshments. Chumpers £50 for refreshments following erecting. MOP £50 for the tree.	
25/130	Highways: Highway issues. Flooding by Hawkins View. TW to report. JO to send photo.	TW JO
25/131	Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates: Footpaths Group: No update received. Footpath Group happy to continue as a working group. Bridge on the permissive path: Footpath group to obtain quotes for the PC to review.	
25/132	BPPFF – update: 1. To receive an update from the BPPFF: JO gave an update. 2. Pavilion Co-ordinator TW has advertised the position on Facebook and in the Barrow News . To renew now and to add again to Facebook in January. 3. Lease: discussed. Resolved for PR to liaise with BPPFF before taking to solicitor. PC to cover the cost of the new lease. 4. Kitchen: BPPFF are moving forward with kitchen refit. PC will contribute the proceeds of the sale of fridges/freezers of £2K (EMR). The balance will be paid by the BPPFF	TW
25/133	Neighbourhood Development Plan: A public meeting has been held. Another meeting will be held in January, where all prospective developers will be invited to attend.	JT
25/134	Internal Auditor: Only one quote received to date. Deferred to the next meeting	TW
25/135	Budget 2026-27: 2 nd pass budget reviewed. Resolved to approve the 2025-26 budget at £34677. Precept to be reviewed in January, when CWAC have supplied the tax base figures.	
25/136	Future Meeting Dates: Resolved for the monthly meetings to continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm	
25/137	Items for Next Meeting: Precept. Pavilion garden quotes. Pavilion lease. Bridge quotes from footpath group. Co-option.	
25/138	Date of next meeting: Monday 12 th January 2026 at 7.30pm	

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Date:

Appendix 1

BANK RECONCILIATION	28.11.25
Barclays Current Account	£555.49
Deposit Account	£35,678.17
Uncleared Items	0.00
TOTAL	<u>£36,233.66</u>
CASH BOOK	
B/F Barclays Current Account	£1,337.75
B/F Barclays Deposit Account	£37,104.90
Total B/F 01/04/25	<u>£38,442.65</u>
Receipts to date	£31,627.27
Expenditure to date	£33,836.26
BALANCE	<u>£36,233.66</u>

Appendix 2

Barrow Parish Council Receipts & Payment Schedule	
Meeting date:	08/12/2025
<i>Receipts since the last meeting:</i>	
Members budget - phone box	£500.00
Footpath booklets	£33.00
	<u>£533.00</u>
<i>Payments ratified/for approval:</i>	
R Dee Fire - fire safety Pavilion	£270.00
R Refund clerk domain name	£24.00
R Autela - payroll bureau	£102.00
R Tree Survey	£975.00
	<u>£1,371.00</u>