

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 12th January 2026 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), Cllr Sandra Smith (SS)(following co-option. In attendance: T Whitlow – Clerk (TW) 4 Member of the public (MOP)</p>	
25/139	<p>Apologies for Absence were received from: None</p>	
25/140	<p>Declarations of Members’ Interests: None</p>	
25/141	<p>Public Participation: 2 MOP, present to discuss the replacement bridge on the permissive path (see minute 25/145) agreed to bring agenda item forward. Speed on village Road was discussed – TW informed all that the number of PCSO’s will be decreasing from 87 to 27 from 31.03.25, as it is the PCSO’s that carry out speed enforcement, speed enforcement is unlikely to be carried out soon, until changes are made within the police. Missing Dog Bin on Ferma Lane – TW to follow up. Wooden posts around the pump are rotten – PR to seek assistance from the Chumpers. Tree sign on Manor Park – needs replacing – JT will take forward to the History Group.</p>	
25/142	<p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8 December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.</p>	
25/143	<p>Footpath Bridge: The footpath group, on behalf of the PC, have received quotes for the replacement of the footbridge on the permissive path. A MOP has agreed to fund the replacement bridge. They have requested a particular contractor to complete the work, due to the specification they have supplied, as it was the only quote received that was bespoke. The Parish council would like to thank the member of public for their kind donation to the replacement bridge. A member of the Footpath Group will liaise with the landowner and the clerk to progress this. 2 MOP’s left the meeting.</p>	
25/144	<p>Matters Arising: (unless an agenda item). None that is not an agenda item</p>	
25/145	<p>Co-option: Sandra Smith was unanimously voted to be co-opted to the parish council. Acceptance of Office papers signed. The PC welcomed Cllr Sandra Smith. 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>	TW

	<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>	
25/146	<p>Tree Survey:</p> <p>Tree survey discussed. Several trees need imminent work, with a large number requiring lvy removal, which is not so urgent. TW to obtain quotes from tree surgeons for the work, to be presented at the next meeting if possible.</p> <p>1MOP left the meeting</p>	
25/147	<p>Annual Insurance:</p> <p>This is on a 3-year plan renewal. No changes required. Cost for 2026-27 is £863.69.</p>	
25/148	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Planning applications received since the last meeting or comments ratified:</p> <p>No new planning applications since the last meeting.</p> <p>Planning decisions notified since last meeting:</p> <p>No decisions notified.</p>	
25/149	<p>Accounts /Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monies received & payments ratified/approved Approved & signed See Appendix 1 Bank reconciliation at 31.12.25 approved & signed. See Appendix 2 Cashbook at 31.12.25 approved & signed. 	
25/150	<p>Clerks Report:</p> <p>Nothing not an agenda item.</p>	
25/151	<p>Highways:</p> <p>Highway issues. Nothing noted.</p> <p>Thanks were given to the Severn & Trent contractors for being so accommodating and helpful to the residents during the current work around the village centre.</p>	
25/152	<p>BPPFF – update:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update from the BPPFF: Kitchen quotes have been received, but are more expensive than anticipated. Confirmed, as previously agreed, that the PC will only contribute the Ear Marked Reserves from the sale of fridges/freezers of £2000. The remaining cost will have to be met by the BPPFF. Hot water boiler is leaking. PC will cover the costs. TW to search records for any receipts from the contractor who installed and liaise with JO. Noticeboards -have still to be removed, although not possible to ask the caretaker to preform this task as it is a 2-person-job. Lease: PR & a trustee from the BPPFF are continuing to work on the new lease. Memorial Garden: JT awaiting quotes for the Memorial Garden. 	<p>TW</p> <p>PR</p> <p>JT</p>
25/153	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan:</p> <p>A public meeting with the landowners/developers of 5 sites that have come forward through the NDP for development within the parish has been held, with circa 80 MOPs attending. Feedback to be analysed.</p>	<p>JT</p>
25/154	<p>Internal Auditor:</p> <p>Resolved to use NR Jenkins again this year. TW to contact for letter of engagement.</p>	<p>TW</p>

25/155	Precept 2026-27: Following agreeing the 2025-26 budget of £34677 at the December meeting. Resolved to set the precept at £29,400 with the balance to be taken from general reserves. This precept will increase a Band D property by £2.87 per year to £67.85
25/156	Items for Next Meeting: Pavilion garden quotes. Pavilion lease. Footpath Bridge update. Tree works quotes.
25/157	Resolved to take item to Part B – Confidential press public excluded Pavilion Co-ordinator – applicants discussed. PR and a BPPFF to arrange to interview.
25/158	Date of next meeting: Monday 9 th February 2026 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Date:

Appendix 1

Barrow Parish Council Receipts & Payment Schedule			
		Meeting date:	12/01/2026
<u>Receipts since the last meeting:</u>			
	Barclays	Bank Interest	124.02
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<u>Payments ratified/for approval:</u>			
R	Refund MOP	Christmas trail	£119.76
R	Refund MOP	Tree lighting	£97.39
R	CR Law	Hedge cutting	£360.00
R	Village hall	Hall Hire Q3	£80.25
A	clerks Exp	Nov-Dec	£46.28
			£703.68

Appendix 2

BANK RECONCILIATION	25.12.25
Barclays Current Account	£231.67
Deposit Account	£33,602.19
Uncleared Items	0.00
TOTAL	<u>£33,833.86</u>
<u>CASH BOOK</u>	
B/F Barclays Current Account	£1,337.75
B/F Barclays Deposit Account	<u>£37,104.90</u>
Total B/F 01/04/25	<u>£38,442.65</u>
Receipts to date	£31,751.29
Expenditure to date	<u>£36,360.08</u>
BALANCE	<u>£33,833.86</u>