

**BARROW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at Barrow Village Hall**

2025-26

Meeting started 7.30pm

	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllr Paul Rossington (PR) (Chair), Cllr D Rimell (DR), Cllr John Okell (JR), Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT), Cllr Sandra Smith (SS)(following co-option.)</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> T Whitlow – Clerk (TW) 2 Member of the public (MOP)</p>	
25/159	<p><b>Apologies for Absence were received from:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
25/160	<p><b>Declarations of Members’ Interests:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
25/161	<p><b>Public Participation:</b></p> <p>1MOP present as considering co-option</p> <p>1MOP present to hear information on the replacement footpath bridge. Agenda item brought forward</p>	
25/162	<p><b>Approval of Minutes:</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 12 January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.</p>	
25/163	<p><b>Footpath Bridge:</b></p> <p>The footpath group have contacted the landowner, although the PC are currently not aware of the outcome.</p> <p>TW to also contact landowner and liaise with the footpath group for an update.</p> <p>1 MOP left the meeting</p>	
25/164	<p><b>Matters Arising: (unless an agenda item).</b></p> <p>Following the tree survey and removal of a small number of trees in the past 3 years it was suggested that the PC adopt a tree planting policy. This was discussed, agreed that the trees do not need replacing. If the BPPFF wish to replace any on the playing fields the PC would not withhold permission, but the trees need to be ornamental.</p>	
25/165	<p><b>Tree Survey:</b></p> <p>TW has approached two tree surgeons for quotes, these are yet to be received.</p> <p>Following the tree survey and removal of a small number of trees in the past 3 years it was suggested that the PC adopt a tree planting policy. This was discussed, <b>Resolved</b> that the trees do not need replacing. If the BPPFF wish to replace any on the playing fields the PC would not withhold permission, but the trees need to be ornamental</p>	
25/166	<p><b>Pavilion Co-Ordinator:</b></p> <p>The position has now been filled. The PC welcomed Lisa Robinson to the position. Lisa has been provided with all relevant paperwork.</p>	
25/167	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>Planning applications received since the last meeting or comments ratified:</b></p> <p><b>25/03956/FUL</b> Grange Farm Barnhouse Lane Barrow. Proposal: Conversion of barn to ancillary accommodation. Reviewed. Resolved to comment that the PC would prefer to traditional brick and slate used, not metal sheet cladding.</p>	

	<p><b>Planning decisions notified since last meeting:</b> No decisions notified.</p>	
25/168	<p><b>Accounts /Finance:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Monies received &amp; payments ratified/approved</b> Approved &amp; signed See Appendix 1</li> <li><b>Bank reconciliation</b> at 31.01.26 approved &amp; signed. See Appendix 2</li> <li><b>Cashbook</b> at 31.01.26 <b>approved</b> &amp; signed.</li> </ol>	
25/169	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b> VAT refund has now been received. HMRC paid the wrong entity. Receipt of Precept request received Cheshire police are trying to organise quarterly meetings with parish clerks. These meeting clash with other meetings. The clerk will not be attending.</p>	
25/170	<p><b>Highways:</b> <b>Highway issues.</b> Nothing noted. Severn &amp; Trent have now completed the pipe renewal through great Barrow, more work is undergoing in Little Barrow, anticipated to be completed by the end of March.</p>	
25/171	<p><b>BPPFF – update:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>To receive an update from the BPPFF:</b> <b>Co-Ordinator</b> started on 01.02.26</li> <li><b>Lease:</b> PR &amp; a trustee from the BPPFF continue to work on the new lease. No changes anticipated to the constitution.</li> <li><b>Pavilion Garden:</b> JT awaiting quotes for the Pavilion Garden.</li> <li>Car park appears to have lost gravel covering and the membrane is showing. <b>Resolved</b> that the PC will not cover the cost of this, but will pay for the filling of the pot holes on the gravelled driveway.</li> </ol>	
25/172	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Feedback from the public meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> January will be added to previous consultation. Steering group to consider which sites put forward for development that they wish to include in the NP. More meetings of the Steering group are arranged to review the consultation information and continue to write the NP</p>	JT
25/173	<p><b>Items for Next Meeting:</b> Pavilion garden quotes. Pavilion lease. Footpath Bridge update. Tree works quotes.</p>	
25/174	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed:

Date:

## Appendix 1

<b>Barrow Parish Council Receipts &amp; Payment Schedule</b>		
	<b>Meeting date:</b>	09/02/2026
<b><u>Receipts since the last meeting:</u></b>		
Footpaths	sales	£24.00
HMRC	VAT refund	£1,631.12
		<b>£1,655.12</b>
<b><u>Payments ratified/for approval:</u></b>		
R Refund Cllr	Xmas tree donation	£44.50
R Gallegher	Insurance	£863.69
R Refund Cllr	plants	£36.00
R Barlows	Pavilion Exp	£233.40
		<b>£1,177.59</b>

## Appendix 2

<b>Barrow Parish Council</b>	
<b>Bank Reconciliation as at 31.01.26</b>	
<b>Prepared by T Whitlow - Clerk</b>	
<b>Presented 09.02.26</b>	
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	<b>27.01.26</b>
Barclays Current Account	£445.54
Deposit Account	£32,602.19
Uncleared Items	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£33,047.73</b>
<b>CASH BOOK</b>	
B/F Barclays Current Account	£1,337.75
B/F Barclays Deposit Account	£37,104.90
<b>Total B/F 01/04/25</b>	<b>£38,442.65</b>
Receipts to date	£33,406.41
Expenditure to date	£38,801.33
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£33,047.73</b>