BARROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Barrow Parish Council Meeting held on

Wednesday 28th October, 2026 at Barrow Village Hall

Meeting started at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Paul Rossington (PR) (Chair), Cllr Sandra Smith (SS), Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT); Cllr John Okell (JO), Cllr Stephen Wales (SO)

Apologies: Clerk Tracey Whitlow

Minutes taken: by Cllr J Tilotson

In Attendance: Around 70 members of the public

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation

The purpose of the meeting was for the public to express their views on the application for development of the Heath Lane Site – the Mill Field.

JT briefly gave an overview of the results of the Housing Needs Survey and consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan as it related to this site.

- A request was made that the PC try and get an extension in which to respond to Cheshire west and Cheshire Planners in respect of this application for outline planning permission.
- A request was made that the PC write to CWaC to ask that it be considered within a full meeting so that representations could be made in person
- The public were advised to put in their individual letters of objection or support to CWaC
- The public were advised to write to their ward councillors to ask for their support.

The Chair divided the meeting into discussion points as follows:

1. Environment and Ecology
   Concerns raised included the effect on the diverse wildlife; greenfield site;
2. Infrastructure
   Concerns raised included some inaccuracies in the Planning application about what services were on offer; sewage capacity
3. Traffic
   Concerns raised included traffic congestion and air pollution; potential lack of parking on site, and problems re access; narrow road with bends is a danger to

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pedestrians, cyclists and other road users with increased traffic; the amount of additional traffic will affect the village.

4. Flooding
   Mill Lane floods regularly; the lower field floods; where would the water from the Mill Field drain if it was developed; Flooding is already a problem, and Mill Lane is prone to flash flooding, which happens quickly and is terrifying; concerns about a proposed bundt which is more likely to exacerbate flooding that mitigate it – as we have already seen in Mill Lane;
5. Character & Heritage
   The conservation overlooks this site; it is bordered by bungalows; the size of the site and anticipated density of building is inappropriate for the village; Consultation showed a proposed phase I and phase 2 on this site which could amount to many more houses than the village needs or wants; the village supports Barrowmore and smaller sites for development that are more in keeping with the village's character.

   The meeting ended at 8.30pm

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