BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 12th October 2026 at Barrow Village Hall

Meeting started 7.30pm

	Present: Cllr Paul Rossington (PR), (Chair) Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT), (Vice Chair) Cllr Stephen Wales (SW), Cllr Sandra Smith (SS), T Whitlow – Clerk (TW) **In attendance:** T Whitlow – Clerk (TW) 1 Member of the public (MOP)	
26/82	**Apologies for Absence were received from:** Cllr John Okell (JO), Cllr D Rimell (DR)	
26/83	**Declarations of Members' Interests:** None	
26/84	**Public Participation:** 1 MOP present to discuss highway issues & blocked drains.	
26/85	**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 14th September 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.	
26/86	**Matters Arising: (unless an agenda item)**. None not covered as an agenda item.	
26/87	**Co-option:** No further action.	
26/88	**Accounts /Finance:** 1. **Monies received & payments ratified/approved** Payment & receipt schedule 30.09.26 Approved & signed See Appendix 1 2. **Bank reconciliation** at 30.09.26 approved & signed. See Appendix 2 3. Noted that the External Audit report has been received and uploaded to the website prior to 30/09/26	
26/89	**Clerks Report:** Defib at the Foxcote may need replacement, waiting on confirmation from the manufacturers. (it is 10 years old) Agreed that if this is the case for TW to process a replacement and add to next agenda for ratifying cost @£1500 unless any grant funding is available, TW to investigate. PR has organised the wreath for Remembrance Sunday TW has ordered metal ornamental poppies, following email agreement. Funds to come from Chairs allowance £128 TW has applied for members budget of £500 on behalf of the Pavilion towards fireworks. TW has applied for members budget of £180 towards the Christmas activities	**TW**
26/90	**Planning:** **1. Planning applications received since the last meeting or comments ratified:** No new applications received since the last meeting. 2. **Planning decisions notified since last meeting**:	

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	No decisions notified.	
26/91	**Highways:** Indian poke weed is present again at the entrance to the allotments. TW to report.	**TW**
26/92	**Pavilion & Playing Field (BPPFF)** 1. **To receive an update from the BPPFF**: JO not present. 2. **Pavilion Garden:** BPPFF not willing at this point to contribute to the Pavilion garden. 3. Arrangements for the fireworks display are in hand. 4. The new lease contract has been agreed with Butcher & Barlow at a cost of £2,200,following the receipt of 2 quotes and 2 solicitors not responding. However it is now likely that a full new lease will be required as opposed to amendments to the current lease, so this cost could increase. 5. Any future overtime for the Pavilion staff will be not be paid by the PC from 01.11.26	
26/93	**Neighbourhood Plan:** Work in progress	
26/94	**Village Maintenance:** 1. Quotes not yet received for hedge cutting to allotments, verge cutting and Normans Wood. Agreed that if quotes are under £500 TW to instruct the contractor. 2. Quote received of £650 for replacement fence around the old pump. Approved under delegated authority on H&S grounds, as this requires the work done prior to the tree lighting.	**TW**
26/95	**Policy Review:** Email policy reviewed. No amendments required. **Resolved** to re-adopt. TW to update policy schedule.	**TW**
26/96	**Christmas Tree Event:** Date confirmed as Wednesday 2nd December. PR & JT to liaise with the usual groups that attend and volunteer. The Christmas tree has again been donated.	
26/97	**Tree Maintenance:** Remaining tree works to be carried out 3rd-4th December 2026.	
26/98	**White Horse:** Comments from the PC were agreed for inclusion in a press release for the new owners regarding the Asset of Community Value.	**PR**
26/99	**Part B – confidential.** Resolved to take staffing to part B	
26/100	**Staffing:** Following annual appraisal contract & pay discussed. **Resolved** to increase the clerks salary to SCP26.	
26/101	**Items for Next Meeting:** Update on defib & village maintenance, pavilion lease, budget.	
26/102	**Date of next meeting:** Monday 9th November, at **7.30pm** at the Village Hall.	

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The meeting closed at 8.15pm Signed: Date:

Appendix 1

Barrow Parish Council Receipts & Payment Schedule		
	Meeting date:	12.10.26
Receipts since the last meeting:		
Barclays	Interest	£136.56
		£136.56
Payments ratified/for approval:		
Waterplus	Allotment water	£19.99
PKF	External Aufit	£252.00
Village Hall	meeting hire	£38.40
		£310.39

Appendix 2

BANK RECONCILIATION	**30.09.26**
Barclays Current Account	£1,253.06
Deposit Account	£47,252.27
TOTAL	**£48,505.33**
CASH BOOK	
B/F Barclays Current Account	*£523.29*
B/F Barclays Deposit Account	*£31,185.64*
Total B/F 01/04/26	**£31,708.93**
Receipts to date	£45,101.25
Expenditure to date	£28,304.85
BALANCE	**£48,505.33**

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