

Barrow cum Denham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2026 in Barrow Village Hall at 7.00pm as prepared by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

The Chair of the Parish Council, Cllr John Pearson, took the Chair for the meeting.

In attendance: 15 members of the public.

Apologies: County Councillor Hopfensperger and District Councillor Holder

1. Opening and welcome by the Chair of the Parish Council – the meeting was declared open at 7pm and all were thanked for attending.
2. To approve minutes of the last meeting, held Thursday 15th May 2025 – having been previously uploaded onto the website, these were duly approved by the meeting and signed by the Chair.
3. Parish Council Report – Cllr Pearson reported that the Neighbourhood Plan was now concluded. He reiterated the councils desire for a maximum of 165 extra houses only, despite there being two planning applications awaiting consideration from developers.
An update was given regarding the Community Building, with everything progressing as expected.
Currently there are plans to build a gazebo like structure at the new cemetery to provide a covered area for visitors. Whilst a decision has been made regarding the three quotes received, work will not progress until the legal position for such a structure has been established.
In the absence of the District and County Councillor, Cllr Pearson gave a brief overview of the new governing body for Suffolk and for Barrow more specifically. Whilst Barrow welcome back District Cllr Holder, there is a new County Cllr Rebecca Hopfensperger.
Finally a request was made for residents to come forward to join the Parish Council as there are 2 vacancies.
4. Finance Report – Burthorpe Accountants provided a report which is available on the Barrow cum Denham Parish Council website -
5. Questions and Answers –
Memorial renovation work – what are the timescales for this project? A contractor has been appointed, although dates for completion have not been established. It was agreed that the clerk would keep everyone updated.
Clock Tower – requests for an update.
Nature on the green – It was reported that McGregors have changed their cutting regime this year, and adjusted the height of the cut to observe how this changes the biodiversity of the green.
6. There being no further questions, the Chair closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed

Dated

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