

# Barrow cum Denham Parish Council

July 2026



Welcome to the first newsletter from Barrow cum Denham Parish Council. Our aim is to share information from the Parish Council meetings regarding issues that have been agreed on or are still under discussion. Everyone is always very welcome to attend the parish meetings; we have a public forum at the start of every meeting where you can comment on items on the agenda or raise a matter regarding Barrow cum Denham in general. Ian Holder (District Councillor) and Rebecca Hopfensperger (County Councillor) also regularly attend the meetings and welcome the opportunity to speak about any local concerns you may have. All previous meeting minutes can be found on the Barrow cum Denham website: [www.barrowcumdenham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.barrowcumdenham-pc.gov.uk).

## **Barrow Flower Show and Fete**

The 2026 Barrow Flower and Fete proved a great success, with more than 100 entries in the flower and produce show filling the hall on Saturday. Festivities continued on Sunday as the fete took over the playing fields, offering a mix of attractions and entertainment throughout the day. The weekend not only raised valuable funds for the village hall but also gave residents the chance to enjoy themselves in the glorious weather. Thank you to everyone involved.

## **New Community Building**

The new Community building is now on site with the final touches underway. We expect it to be ready for use by the beginning of August. The building will be available for hire along with areas of the playing field for sporting and leisure pursuits. The facility includes toilets and a small kitchen to support village events. New external lighting and power will also improve use of the playing field.

## **Plans for a Pergola in the Cemetery**

Plans to install a pergola in the cemetery are progressing, with the aim of having it in place before the winter months set in. Once completed, the pergola will offer a peaceful, sheltered space for visitors to sit, reflect and remember their loved ones amid the cemetery's beautiful surroundings.

## **Audit of Signs Throughout the Parish**

Thanks to Councillor Welbourn's thorough work photographing and recording the exact location of all the broken and faded signs throughout the parish, we now have a complete list of repairs that

we are working through. We are hopeful that County Councillor Hopfensperger will be able to supply new 30mph stickers, allowing us to refresh the many signs that have worn over time.

### **Speeding and Parking Issues**

Lorry speeds and school parking continue to be problematic.

Concerns have been raised about the number of HGVs travelling through the village, particularly in relation to speeding and unsafe driving. The clerk will be contacting the local police enforcement team to request their support in addressing these issues. If you witness an incident yourself, the most effective action is to report it directly using the Suffolk Police reporting tool - [Report a road traffic incident | Suffolk Constabulary](#).

Parking outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times continues to be a worry. A small number of parents are parking on pavements, junctions, and corners, creating unnecessary risks for children and other pedestrians. We will continue working closely with the school and the Police to re-educate the minority who disregard common sense and compromise safety to all.

### **Clock Tower**

Solicitors have been engaged to progress the purchase of the Clock Tower, helping to ensure this piece of history remains standing tall in the village. Interest has also been shown by the BBC Repair Shop team to help and support the tower's restoration journey.

### **New Councillor and Clerk**

We are pleased to welcome David Wakeling, who was co-opted at the July meeting, and we look forward to the insight he will bring to the council.

Sadly, we also said goodbye to Luke O'Brien who resigned at the last parish meeting. His commitment and the time he gave will be missed.

In May we welcomed Antonia King as our new clerk following the resignation of Rachel Chilton. The Parish Council extends its thanks to Rachel for her hard work and support over the past few years. If you need to contact Antonia regarding anything please feel free to email – [clerk@barrowcundenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@barrowcundenham-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 07496 065191.

### **Vacancies on the Parish Council**

We currently have two vacancies on the Parish Council, if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and lending your voice to the village please contact: [clerk@barrowcumenham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@barrowcumenham-pc.gov.uk)

### **Your Parish Councillors**

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| John Pearson (Chair)    | Antonia King (Clerk) |
| Jane Steer (Vice Chair) | David Holmes         |
| Trevor Bragg            | David Wakeling       |
| David Cousins           | Robert Welbourn      |
| Richard Ford            | Peter Wesley         |

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

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| September 07 <sup>th</sup> 2026 |
| October 05 <sup>th</sup> 2026   |
| November 02 <sup>nd</sup> 2026  |
| December 07 <sup>th</sup> 2026  |
| January 11 <sup>th</sup> 2026   |

**All meetings will take place in the Committee Room at Barrow cum Denham Village Hall at 7.15pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda.**