

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 2nd February 2025

Present:

Cllr O'Brien Cllr Welbourn Cllr Steer Cllr Holmes Cllr Cousins Cllr Soons	Cllr Bragg Cllr Rawlings Cllr Pearson Cllr Ford Cllr Wesley Cllr Holder	Clerk in attendance: Minutes taken by Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref		Action
6880	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pettitt	
6881	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None.	
6882	PUBLIC FORUM: 8 members of the public present Member of the public – now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been passed, what measures have the Parish Council put in place to protect the village against further development. Our Neighbourhood Plan will be taken into consideration with planning applications. Member of the public – will comments/objections continue to be put forward by the Parish Council on planning applications? With the Neighbourhood Plan we can shape the responses we make to applications.	
6883	Minutes of the last meeting Proposed: Cllr Ford Seconded: Cllr Steer Amendments – absence without apology 6860	
6884	To receive the County Council Report Attached. Discussions over the accident and railings by the school. Cllr Soons asking for the details to be emailed to escalate action needed. General discussions over the elections being delayed and Highways issues locally.	
6885	District Council Report Discussed the upcoming changes to the recycling waste collections and every resident should receive a leaflet detailing the changes. The Parish Council will lose their recycling credits from 2027. There should be a decision on devolution in March.	
6886	Community Police Report Please see attached.	
6887	Community Infrastructure a) This is ongoing with Suffolk Highways – Cllr Soons will continue to chase. b) Waiting for enough quotes. Look further afield for companies to assist.	

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	c) Cllrs Welbourn and Cllr Bragg to seek 3 firm quotes for the next Parish meeting. d) Email to be sent to Cllr Soons to follow up with Suffolk Highways. It is now a safety concern. e) As above at point d. f) The glass recycling bins in the car park will be removed in June. g) All 3 tenders were discussed in the meeting. It was agreed to go with McGregor Services. Vote: All in favour. Further discussion on the grass cutting and Cllr Cousins will put together a proposal for changes to be agreed by the Parish Council and Contractor.	
6888	Community Facility No change from December – awaiting the questions on measurements for the base to be answered by the supplier. Power has been sorted. The progress now will be weather permitting and access to the playing field.	
6889	Media Policy Next sub-committee meeting to be scheduled to discuss.	
6890	Newslink – Sub committee Cllr Steer and Cllr Ford to head up along with members of the public/volunteers required.	
6891	Devolution – update There has been general discussion on this. A decision will be made in March.	
6892	Clock Tower, Barrow The Parish Council will instruct solicitors to proceed. Costs to be sought.	
6893	Neighbourhood Plan – West Suffolk Local Plan The result of the referendum was read out. A turnout was 576 votes, 433 in favour and 140 not in favour and 3 votes were disallowed. The plan will then be made on 24th March. Cllr Pearson – noted (as it was not on the agenda previously) at this point that Cllr Rawlings has resigned and thanked him for his service to the community.	
6894	Fete and Flower Show 2026 Cllr Steer updated us with the timings of the Fete, starting at 12noon. Music from 4pm. Flower show on 11th July and the Fete is on 12th July. We are looking for more volunteers.	
6895	SALC S137 expenditure increased. Feel Good Suffolk funding has been released. Cllr O'Brien is attending the National SALC assembly at the end of February. NALC JP	
6896	Financial Matters To approve accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Rawlings Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Wesley seconded by Cllr Bragg Invoice approved. JP	

6897	Planning Applications for Considerations DC/26/0077/HH – no comment. DCON(A)/25/1603 – no comment. DC/25/1980/HH – application withdrawn	
6898	Planning determinations DCON(A)/25/1159 – Approved. DC/25/1603/FUL – Approved. DC/25/1417/CLE – Approved. DC/25/1455/FUL – Approved. DC/25/1980/HH – Withdrawn.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 2 nd March 2026 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 13/4/26