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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday August 10th 2026.
Councillors present : Cllr Pearson, Cllr Welbourne, Cllr Bragg, Cllr Wakeling. Cllr Cousins, Cllr Steer

6963	**1.**	**Chair's welcome and opening statement:** The meeting was opened at 7.15
6964	**2.**	**Apologies –** **To receive and accept apologies and reason for absence:** None received
6965	**3.**	• **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and local non-pecuniary interests:** None received • **To note the determination of requests for dispensations for the agenda under discussion:** None received • **To receive declarations of gifts of hospitality exceeding £50:** None received.
6966	**4.**	PUBLIC FORUM – • **To receive comment from members of the public present:** 2 members present; one of which was new to the village and wanted to know what the Parish Council does compared to a town Council. Cllr Pearson explained the relationship between PC and VH
6967	**5.**	**Planning applications to be considered:** **a)** DC/26/1103/CLE **Proposal: Application for lawful development certificate for existing use or development - annex to be used as a separate planning unit, distinct from the main dwellinghouse** **Location: Castle Farmhouse, Annexe Brockley Lane Denham Suffolk IP29 5ED** The council supported this application. **b)** DC/26/1076/HH **Proposal: Householder planning application - installation of boundary fence 65 metres in length and 3.7 metres in height to be inserted between Laurel hedge and Hawthorn hedge** **Location: Briarwood Colethorpe Lane Barrow Suffolk IP29 5BG** The council objected to this planning application. The following comments were submitted to planning: *Barrow cum Denham Parish Council object to this application in its current form. It was agreed that it went against a number of policies within the Barrow cum Denham Neighbourhood Plan.* *Concerns were raised over the scale and proportion of the fence. It was considered to be entirely out of character to the local environment and due to its visually prominent location would be detrimental to the rural surroundings. (Ref: Ecology and Natural Environment 3.76 of Barrow Neighbourhood Plan).* *Equally concerning was the lack of regard of wildlife needs which are considered vital to minimise environmental impact. Removal of the established native hedging will have an adverse impact on nature conservation and biodiversity. The destruction of habitats and disruption of wildlife will have permanent repercussions on the local ecosystem and decrease the biodiversity value of the area. (Ref: Ecology and the Natural Environment BCD8 policy of Barrow cum Denham Neighbourhood Plan).*

		To reduce the ecological impact of the fence design and installation, the council recommended that the plans be resubmitted with the non native laurel hedge (which is considered to be of low wildlife value) being removed instead of the native Hawthorn hedge. The added benefit of this approach would mean that the existing Hawthorn hedge would conceal the large fence from the beginning, as opposed to waiting 8-12 years for native hedging to regrow.
6968	**6.**	**To receive any items of correspondence not previously circulated:** Complaint about the rubbish left outside Premier Shop; this contravenes their planning permission. Cllr Pearson will talk to shopkeeper; to be added to the agenda in September for follow up and discussion.
6969	**7.**	**Items for discussion at the next meeting:** • Update on Premier Shop rubbish
6970	**8.**	**a) Next meetings** – Monday 07th September 2026, Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall.
6971	**9.**	There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7.40 pm

So signed by the Chair at the meeting on 7th September 2026