

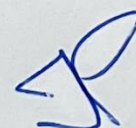
BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 3rd March 2025

Present:


Cllr Pearson Cllr O'Brien Cllr Welbourn Cllr Bragg	Cllr Wesley Cllr Pettitt Cllr Rawlings Cllr Steer	Clerk in attendance: Minutes taken by Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6720	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Holmes Cllr Cousins Cllr Ford	
6721	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer on Item 9 of the agenda.	
6722	PUBLIC FORUM: members of the public present Member of the Public – How have you got on with the responses to the examiner for the Neighbourhood Plan? PC response – we requested an extension from 28 th February to 5 th March as we needed to agree the responses at a Parish meeting.	
6723	Minutes of the last meeting Proposed: Cllr Welbourn Seconded: Cllr Wesley	
6724	To receive the County Council Report Cllr Soons not present. PC made reference to an email received about Devolution where they said it was out of their hands but the PC noted they requested the fast track process. General discussion held about Devolution.	
6725	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Holder commenting on Devolution and that staff at the District Council are concerned about redundancies/re-distribution. Cllr Holder commented that all Conservatives are in favour of one Council. General discussion with Councillors. Cllr Holder feels it will make the Council more efficient. SALC released a note where is said it is thought that Parish Councils will be busier. Consultations are due to be held in March. Cllr Holder commenting about correspondence received for S106 monies. The PC had not received a response at the time of this meeting. General discussion over the process for drawing down the funds for village use.	
6726	Community Police Report See attached. PC commenting that the figures we get are inaccurate. Suffolk Police acknowledge this but have no comment as to why. PC noting that there have been events with the police and attendance from residents has been poor. They have noted the date of the fete and hope to attend.	



6727	<p>Community Infrastructure</p> <p>a) PC to contact Suffolk Police directly again as the results do not seem accurate for the period stated for the survey.</p> <p>b) Still awaiting quotes – these are to be chased.</p>	
6728	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Update Cllr Steer left the room Proposing the responses to the Examiner. Proposed: Cllr Pettitt Seconded: Cllr Welbourn PC confirming at this stage that the Examiner wanted clarification on some points in the Neighbourhood Plan and that this is a normal part of the process and the Examiner will go on to produce a report.</p> <p>Correspondence received (C1) PC responded there is a field on one side and the orchard and associated properties fall on the other and these are outside the settlement boundary for Barrow, which falls along Orchard Way, accessed via Little Mill Lane. Burthorpe has its own settlement boundary.</p> <p>Correspondence received (C2) PC responded that it always was an is an either/or. The proposal was for a single care home and not for multiple assisted dwellings. Any separate bungalows would have needed to have been included in the 165 allocation number. The PC stands by what has been said as neither being incorrect or misleading.</p>	
6729	<p>Cllr Steer returned to the meeting Community Facility – S106 Monies This was covered in 6725 but we await a response from West Suffolk Council.</p>	
6730	<p>Devolution deal for Suffolk Discussed earlier in the meeting under 6724 and 6725 Parish Council read out a quote from Suffolk County Council email received in relation to Devolution. “The government sees devolution as a new way of governing, rooted in the principle that people who have a stake in a place should be the ones shaping it. It will be crucial to delivering our commitment to bring growth and opportunity to communities across the country. This is the first step on delivering on our promises to move power out of Westminster and putting power where it belongs – into the hands of local people”.</p>	
6731	<p>Biodiversity Policy A sub-committee needs to be set up to include volunteers of both the Parish and the Council. Input from a Member of the Public who is happy to join and had submitted a draft policy and action plan which is to be reviewed. The Parish Council noted for future reference, that members of the public should contribute during the public forum only.</p>	
6732	<p>Horringer Podcast Councillors have followed up with the Podcast and await further response.</p>	
6733	<p>Barrow Benefice update Services are continuing as normal. Meeting was held on 20th February. They have advertised the post and hope to have someone in place by the summer.</p>	

6734	<p>Fete and Flower Show 2025 There has been an updated schedule. Funding to be sort from the Locality Budget. More attractions to be organised. Further meeting scheduled for end of April.</p>	
6735	<p>SALC There is a local consultation from 4th March to 15th March regarding Devolution. Suffolk are running a campaign to get activities going in villages. Poster on the website. Jane to find out further information regarding SALC standards to make sure we meet all requirements for the bronze, silver and gold awards for best practice.</p>	
6736	<p>Financial Matters PC comments that there should be no increase in Council Tax. To approve accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr Bragg seconded by Cllr Wesley Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Welbourn seconded by Cllr Pettitt Invoices approved. Outstanding amounts owed to the Parish Council to be paid.</p>	
6737	<p>Planning Applications for Consideration None.</p>	
6738	<p>Planning determinations None.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7th April 2025 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:17pm</p>	

Signed:  (Chairman) date..... 7/4/25

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – MARCH 2025

MESSAGES CASCADED - NONE

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY = Stats not yet published

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION

SUMMARY OF REPORTED CRIME FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY – DECEMBER 2024

LOCATION	V & S	ASB	CD/Arson	Theft	Drugs	PO	Vehicle crime	B'lary (S' Lift)	Totals
Dale Tree Rd	2								2
Car Park			1					(1)	2
Church Road								1	1
Cedar Rd			1	2				1	4
Orchard Barns	2	1	1			1			5
Coalpit Lane				1		1	1	1	4
Barrow Rd Denham	4								4
Barrow Hill				1					1
Simpson Way/Lylleyes Field Drive	1	1						1	3
Stoney Lane				1				1	2
Brittons Cres						1			1
Brittons Rd	3					1			4
Meadow Way	1								1
Sharpes Hill							1		1
Poplar Cl	3	1	1						5
New Road				1				1	2
Mill Lane		1							1
McDonald Way	1	1	1						3
Watson Way	1		1		1				3
Ley Rd	1								1
Johnson Rd				1					1
Papeley Md			1						1
Bury Rd	1								1
Totals	20	5	7	7	1	4	2	6 + (1)	53

YEARLY COMPARISON

CATEGORY	2024	2023	2022	2021	COMMENTS
Anti-Social Behaviour	5	7	8	8	
Public Order Offence	4	1	3	3	
Violence & Sexual	20	33	25	31	
Theft	7	5	16	7	
Burglary	6	0	1	0	
Shoplifting	1	0	0	0	
Vehicle Crime	2	2	9	0	
Criminal Damage/Arson	7	4	5	5	
Drugs	1	0	0	0	
Totals	53	52	67	54	

During W/c 10th February there were many rumours within the village concerning an 'incident' in the Weeping Willow car park.

Having spoken with the manager, it transpires that an incident had taken place elsewhere and the police were questioning the suspect in the Willow car park. The Police confirmed this and that the matter is still under investigation.

We also queried with the Police why a burglary that took place in November was not recorded in either November or December crime statistics. They confirmed that they had the details however unable to explain why it was not included in the figures.

The Police have diarised the date for our Fete and will endeavour to attend on the afternoon of 13th July 2025

Ralph Rawlings

1st March 2025.