

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr O'Brien Cllr Welbourn Cllr Holder Cllr Steer Cllr Cousins	Cllr Bragg Cllr Pettitt	Clerk in attendance: Minutes taken by Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6843	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Rawlings Cllr Pearson Cllr Ford Cllr Wesley Cllr Holmes Cllr Soons	
6844	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None.	
6845	PUBLIC FORUM: 7 members of the public present Member of the Public asked about the Neighbourhood Plan amendments and if these were complete. Parish Council update - we are continuing with our work on the Schedule of Modifications which will be with West Suffolk (as agreed) by the 14 th November 2025. We should expect their response and agreement by the 18 th November, which then enables us to amend the NP and submit by the 25 th November 2025. West Suffolk will then organise the referendum. Member of the Public raised concerns that Parish Council have not requested the Bury Road planning application possibly deferred and West Suffolk Council set the precedent for deferment. That we also have a Neighbourhood Plan stating 165 homes and that this can be used as another option that the village potentially could have the 174 in the Bury Road application plus 165 homes in the Neighbourhood Plan. Parish Council would refer the question back to the working party.	
6846	Minutes of the last meeting Proposed: Cllr Welbourn Seconded: Cllr Pettitt Amendments = section numbering at last two sections.	
6847	To receive the County Council Report Not in attendance.	
6848	District Council Report Bottle banks are being withdrawn by the County Council. These will be replaced by doorstep collections. The money that the Parish Council receive will be paid up to 2027. Expects elections to be delayed until May 2027.	

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	Cllr Bragg raised about the bins at the Cemetery and lack of collection due to contamination.	
6849	Community Police Report Please see attached.	
6850	Community Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) No further update – TRO amendment outstanding. b) Further quotes awaited. c) The pergola work is ongoing, current structure due to be removed. Request for them to remove the wooden benches. d) No further update from Citi Fibre. e) This should have been cleared – Cllr O'Brien will inspect. f) The removal of the Salvation Army clothing bin will take place on 24th November. The whole of Europe is struggling with textile waste and so the decision has been made by the Salvation Army. We did ask if there was any way it could stay but we were unsuccessful in our plight. 	
6851	Community Facility We have just received the drawings for the foundation base points which allows to arrange these to be put in place. Construction of the building is underway at the manufacturer's factory and is progressing well. Final date for installation to be confirmed but will be conditional on the weather and state of the playing field. There was a request that the photos/plans be emailed to all Cllrs.	
6852	Media Policy Request for Cllrs to assist with updating this policy. Cllr Steer and Cllr Pettitt volunteered.	
6853	Clock Tower, Barrow No further update.	
6854	Fete and Flower Show 2026 Meeting to be arranged and notices to go out for volunteers (more for the Flower Show). Cllr Steer will be in touch to get a first meeting underway.	
6855	2026 Precept We have submitted a Freedom of Information request regarding funds collected in this respect. We will need to make a decision regarding the precept at the latest in the December meeting.	
6856	SALC Putting a lot of effort into Devolution. You can now get urgent dental care via NHS 111 service 7 days a week. Suffolk County Council are inviting resident to give feedback on Budget preparations. Newsletter to go on website with link. They are also focusing on Mental Health. Cllr O'Brien's induction to SALC board takes place on 25 th November.	

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6857	Financial Matters To approve accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr Cousins seconded by Cllr Pettitt Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Welbourn seconded by Cllr Cousins Invoices approved	
6858	Planning Applications for Considerations DC/25/1603/FUL – no comment. DCON(A)/25/1159 – no comment.	
6859	Planning determinations DC/25/0706/FUL – Approved.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 1 st December 2025 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 20:03pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 1-12-25.

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – 3rd NOVEMBER 2025

MESSAGES CASCADED - NONE

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025 = 4

Anti - Social Behaviour - 1

Other Theft - 1

Criminal Damage & Arson – 1

All other Crime - 1

All recorded crimes are on or near the location mentioned below.

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
Anti-Social Behaviour	Watsons Way	N/A
Other Theft	Church Road	N/A
Criminal Damage & Arson	The Street	N/A
All other Crime	Simpson Way	N/A

Note – as at date, no details for September

During this month the Police conducted a Community Engagement event at the village hall on Saturday 18th October commencing at 11 am for one hour. We had no prior knowledge this was occurring, other than a notification the evening before. I did meet with them and suggested that they should provide ample warning to enable us to communicate with residents and to promote the event; evidently, they advertise this a couple of days beforehand on their website! I doubt if anyone turned up although I have not received any feedback.

Ralph Rawlings

31st October 2025