

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 6th October 2025

Present:

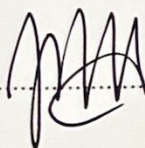
Cllr Pearson Cllr O'Brien Cllr Ford Cllr Welbourn Cllr Wesley Cllr Holder	Cllr Holmes Cllr Steer	Clerk in attendance: Minutes taken by Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6828	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Rawlings Cllr Cousins Cllr Bragg Cllr Soons Cllr Pettitt	
6829	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer – Item 10 of the Agenda.	
6830	PUBLIC FORUM: 6 members of the public present Member of the public – Putting question to Bloor Homes representative - When the inspector recommends around 150 homes on the Bury Road site, why have you gone for 174? Bloor Homes Rep – when a site is allocated it is always an around number and there are no layouts and no firm/precise number. The inspector was clear they would accept the around number +/- 20%. We feel the 174 fits comfortably within the site. Parish Council adding – you've been involved in the process for sometime and are surely aware of the work we did on the overall allocation of 165 for Barrow. Within the Local Plan there is a second allocation of up to 20, we could be looking at 194 in Barrow. Why have you gone above our allocation number? Bloor Homes Rep – When it's an allocation it is not a precise number. General discussion over the numbers allocated. Bloor Homes Rep – 174 is an appropriate number for this site. There are two applications, they are almost identical. There is a full application and an outline application, we made them simultaneously. Member of the public – Bearing in mind the Neighbourhood Plan was delayed by the Inspector and the Local Plan was adopted and a determination on the Barrow Hill site was delayed by West Suffolk Council. Would the Parish Council look to be writing to West Suffolk Council to request a delay in any determination on the Bury Road site to allow your Neighbourhood Plan to get to referendum and so that the Bury Road site could be assessed under a voted for Neighbourhood Plan in the referendum. West Suffolk Council have set a precedent for determinations with the Bury Road site and the Neighbourhood Plan by delaying those. Parish Council have already challenged why our Neighbourhood Plan was delayed in order to allow the Local Plan to be completed ahead. It was never a competition. We are still in dialogue with West Suffolk Council. We have noted that none of the objections put forward to the Barrow Hill site have been put forward on the Bury Road application.	<div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;"> [Signature] </div>

	Member of the public – Not sure if the Parish Council is aware that the West Suffolk Local Plan is subject to a legal challenge. The Parish Council can still put their thoughts through.	
6831	Minutes of the last meeting Proposed: Cllr Wesley Seconded: Cllr Welbourn One amendment 6820f – the straw bales will be placed in the pond.	
6832	To receive the County Council Report Not in attendance.	
6833	District Council Report Bury Road site has caused a stir. There is no way that the Barrow Hill site will not be in the next allocation. On the numbers, when the outline planning permission comes in and is then firmed up the original layout and numbers change. General comments over planning applications and comments made on them.	
6834	Community Police Report Please see attached.	
6835	Community Infrastructure <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Clerk chased – no further update on the progress of the amendment to the TRO in place. b) We have 2 quotes, a third is to be sought. c) Demolition quote of £250 for removal – Proposed: Cllr Wesley Seconded: Cllr Steer All in favour. Quotes required for new structure. d) We requested a representative from Citi Fibre to attend – nobody attended. We have raised with them regarding the dumping of materials, cable drums and steel plates onto our nature reserve. Removal using a hydraulic grab and there is concern there will be damage to the orchids. We won't know what has been lost until next season. We've had a lot of comments over the standards of their work throughout the village. They are liable for 10 years post completion. e) Barrow footpath – query with Suffolk County Council is outstanding. Denham footpath, resolved and works being carried out. f) Church Road, ditch maintenance – it appears the ditch was cleared and it was placed on the road therefore narrowing an already very narrow roadway. The Playground has moved to this area. It has been reported to Suffolk County Council. g) Flooding around Foundry Close – Suffolk County Council have said they are aware of the problem and sadly they have no available budget. There has significant flooding and damage to the road and property. There are two issues, one affecting the school and two affecting nearby property. Suggestions of writing to Nick Timothy MP to see if this can be escalated. h) Cllr Wesley and Cllr Welbourn to inspect and seek quotes if required. i) Request for tree planting at the Churchyard in memory – approved. 	
6836	Community Facility We have placed the order. WSC have confirmed the planning arrangements under the Right to Build following a meeting. UKPN box installed ready for the connection. The weather will dictate when the installation of the building takes place.	

6837	Neighbourhood Plan and West Suffolk Local Plan See attached.	
6838	Clock Tower, Barrow Parish Council are in negotiations to purchase this to keep as a community asset. It is in need of restoration. We will need to get volunteers and look for fundraising opportunities. £2000 cost of purchase – plus legal costs. Vote: All in favour.	
6839	SALC Cllr Steer said at the last forum the discussion was on Devolution and that a decision will be made March 2026. May 2027 there will be elections. Cllr Steer raised that the speeding and motorbikes were an increased problem and it was noted not just our village. There is a sustainable community meeting on 8 th November. There is a Mildenhall meeting re Suffolk Police Safer Suffolk – Cllr Steer will speak to Cllr Rawlings.	
6840 6841	Financial Matters To approve accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr Wesley seconded by Cllr Holmes Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Steer seconded by Cllr Ford Invoices approved – confirmed. Audit Conclusion; proposed: Cllr Holmes seconded Cllr Steer	
6826 6842	Planning Applications for Considerations DC/25/1455/FUL – no comment DC/25/1403/FUL – Objection letter to be drafted and sent. Objection points Housing numbers, style of layout not in keeping with other developments in the village. Entrance opposite a Grade II Listed property, width of pavements. DC/25/1417/CLE – no comment	
6827	Planning determinations DCON(A)/24/1374 – Approved.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 3 rd November 2025 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:48pm	

Signed:



(Chairman) date.....

3rd Nov 2025.

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – 6th OCTOBER 2025

MESSAGES CASCADED - NONE

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2025 = 10

V & S – 6

Other Theft - 1

Vehicle Crime – 3

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

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
V & S	Poplar Close	N/A
V & S x 2	Mill Lane	N/A
V & S x 3	Barrow Hill	N/A
Other Theft (not defined)	Petticoat Lane	N/A
Vehicle Crime	Beale Road	N/A
Vehicle Crime x 2	Barrow Hill	N/A

Note – as at date, no details for August

Ralph Rawlings

6th October 2025

Barrow-cum-Denham Neighbourhood Plan Update – Presented at Parish Council Meeting 6th October 2025

Since the last meeting, we received the final report from the Examiner (via West Suffolk Council) on the 22nd September 2025.

This report can be viewed on West Suffolk's website, sub-section at Neighbourhood Planning in Barrow cum Denham

As part of the process, we are required to provide a modification table which details the deletions plus the recommendations the Examiner has made. In addition, we have to cross reference with the Local Plan where appropriate.

The Modification table is then returned to West Suffolk for double checking. Once agreed we then adapt the Neighbourhood Plan accordingly, return it to WS ready for referendum. As this is a time consuming exercise it is unlikely that the referendum will take place on the 13th November as previously stated.

Ralph Rawlings

6th October 2025