

## BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**Present:**

Cllr O'Brien Cllr Welbourn Cllr Steer Cllr Holmes	Cllr Bragg Cllr Rawlings Cllr Pearson Cllr Ford Cllr Wesley	Clerk in attendance: Minutes taken by Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6860	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Cousins Cllr Soons N/A Cllr Pettitt Cllr Holder N/A	
6861	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</b> Cllr Steer in Item 14	
6862	<b>PUBLIC FORUM: 8 members of the public present</b> No representations	
6863	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> Proposed: Cllr Welbourn Seconded: Cllr Bragg Amendments = none noted.	
6864	<b>To receive the County Council Report</b> Not in attendance.	
6865	<b>District Council Report</b> Not in attendance.	
6866	<b>Community Police Report</b> Please see attached. Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January community Police officers will be in Barrow at the Village Hall.	
6867	<b>Community Infrastructure</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) School/Parent parking - Barrier has been repaired, TRO update outstanding.</li> <li>b) Memorial repair - We have 2 out of 3 quotes.</li> <li>c) Cemetery pergola - The pergola has been removed. 3 quotes to be sought for replacement. To be produced in time for next meeting. General discussion over designs.</li> <li>d) CitiFibre footpaths - No further action from CitiFibre. It was mentioned that The Street is now flooding worse than ever, could this be due to the works carried out. Parish Council will report to Suffolk Highways regarding the blocked drains.</li> <li>e) Meadow Way/Watsons Way footpath - The fallen part of the tree has been removed. The remainder needs to be attended too. The fence needs to be</li> </ol>	

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replaced along with a second deep water sign. Parish Council to write to the landowner regarding this. Suffolk Highways already have. Also to note that pathway leading to Ley Road is full of debris, slippery and dangerous. Parish Council again to write to landowner.

- f) Cemetery bin - New bin delivered to cemetery. Still the same problem of general waste being placed in the green waste bin. Stickers to go on the bins. Request for the brown bin to be emptied.
- g) Memorial tree planting request - Need to confirm the location for the tree and also the sizing of the plaque to be confirmed to the correspondent. All in favour.
- h) Christmas lights on The Green - We need to seek someone (a Tree surgeon) and an electrician to rectify the electrics problem and to test/place the lights. Proposed: Cllr Steer Seconded: Cllr Welbourn – All in favour.
- i) Speeding - General discussion over the increased problem of speeding in the village. Some noted there had been speed monitoring by Suffolk Police over the last few months. Other local villages had a meeting with Nick Timothy but there has been no outcome from this so far.
- j) Football Pitch use request - Not for the Parish Council – this has been passed to Village Hall Management.

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**Community Facility**

The building is under construction. We had requested the drawings for the standing points. The information requires some further detail from the contractor. Due to the weather it is unlikely the building will be in place before Christmas. Cllr Rawlings to check that if the building is completed but installation is hampered by the weather, the contractor is able to store the building until we are able to take delivery.

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**Media Policy**

This will be actioned in the New Year due to those dealing with this having other commitments this side of Christmas.

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**Devolution**

SALC meeting to update on this is tomorrow 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The link to review the information is on our website.

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**Clock Tower, Barrow**

We have received documentation from the owner. We are working on the legal process to purchase.

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**Planning Matters**

Correspondence received was read out. It was noted that Parish Councillors are volunteers and have a multitude of skills. General discussion over viewing of information for meetings and how we can improve this. We as a Parish Council can offer training opportunities to the Cllrs and all planning matters will be circulated to all Cllrs in the future, rather than just the subcommittee.

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**Neighbourhood Plan – West Suffolk Local Plan**

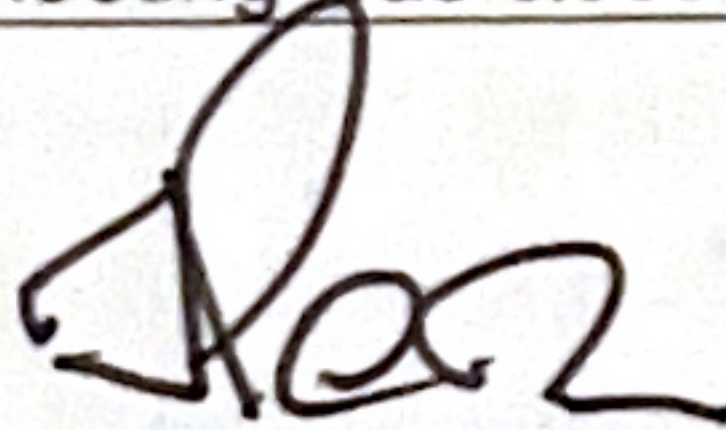
See attached.  
To seek advice whether it is still relevant for Cllr Steer to leave the room.

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**Fete and Flower Show 2026**

We have agreed the date being 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026. The theme is Cowboys. We need volunteers for both the Flower Show and the Fete.

6875	<b>2026 Precept</b> It was discussed that there has been a lot of increases to people with the new budget and the cost of living crisis. No increase was agreed. FOI request due in 4 <sup>th</sup> December. Proposed: Cllr Wesley Seconded: Cllr Steer – All in favour.	
6876	<b>SALC</b> The agenda is mostly taken up with the Devolution process at the moment. Cllr Steer and Cllr O'Brien attending the meetings in December.	
6877	<b>Financial Matters</b> To approve accounts.  Approval proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Steer  Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Wesley seconded by Cllr Rawlings  Invoice approved	
6878	<b>Planning Applications for Considerations</b> None.	
6879	<b>Planning determinations</b> None.	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm.  The meeting was closed at 21:10pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 2/02/26