

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 12th May 2025

Present:

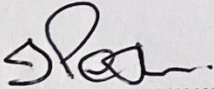
Cllr Pearson Cllr O'Brien Cllr Welbourn Cllr Ford Cllr Pettitt	Cllr Wesley Cllr Steer Cllr Holmes	Clerk in attendance: Minutes taken by Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6758	Election of Chairman Chairman Cllr Pearson Proposed: Cllr Pettitt Seconded: Cllr Wesley – vote: unanimous	
6759	Election of Vice Chairman Vice Chair Cllr Steer Proposed: Cllr Welbourn Seconded: Cllr Holmes	
6760	New Councillors No new Councillors	
6761	Register of Interest forms To be completed by all and returned to the Clerk before 28 th May to update all records.	
6762	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Bragg Cllr Rawlings	
6763	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer on Item 21 of the agenda.	
6764	PUBLIC FORUM: 12 members of the public present Member of the public – Would like to comment on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Planning application noted on the agenda, should Cllr Steer remain in the room (Cllr Steer left the room) Personal statement read out in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, Emerging Local Plan and the active Planning Application noted at Item 21 of the Agenda. No questions posed. Member of the public – Going back to the last Parish Council meeting on the 7 th April, the Examiner has asked the Parish Council to put on hold the Neighbourhood Plan. Were the Councillors aware of the proposed application the week before the Parish Council meeting. Parish Council response – No the Examiner has paused the Neighbourhood Plan himself. No Councillors commented that they were aware of the proposed application. Member of the public – Parish Councils don't have to allocate sites within a Neighbourhood Plan. Parish Council response – during meetings West Suffolk Council indicated to us that they were happy for us to select a site. At the beginning of the Neighbourhood Plan West Suffolk Council discussed with us if we accept the number of homes (165) we could select the site.	

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	<p>Member of the public – There was an article in the East Anglian Daily Times saying the site on Barrow Hill was an allocated site in the Local Plan. Parish Council response – it is within the supporting documents of the Local Plan along with several other sites. West Suffolk do not need to then identify further sites, they have been accepted as deliverable.</p>	
6765	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Cllr Steer rejoined the meeting. Proposed: Cllr Welbourn Seconded: Cllr Holmes</p>	
6766	<p>To receive the County Council Report See attached.</p>	
6767	<p>District Council Report Suggested Landowners will now come forward and submit sites for development as there is a push for development outside of the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. It puts pressure on infrastructure. Parish Council question to Cllr Holder – what do you think West Suffolk's attitude will be to this application with the stage that the Local Plan is at? Cllr Holder couldn't answer this specifically but suggested it could be delayed. Parish Council question to Cllr Holder – how did you get on with the request for sweeping the road by the School. This was done and done within a week of the request.</p>	
6768	<p>Community Police Report Attached.</p>	
6769	<p>Appointment of Officers and Sub-Committees Reviewed.</p>	
6770	<p>Community Infrastructure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) An incident took place where a Councillor requested a resident stop cutting large branches off a tree on The Green owned by the Parish Council and was verbally abused. We are to seek a Tree Surgeon to repair the tree. It was agreed the two options are – they agree to pay for the cost of repair or this is passed to the police as a criminal matter. b) The replacement panel has been ordered. c) We will request a new survey. d) Some lines have been refreshed – we are continuing to work with Cllr Soons on this matter. Requires a further TRO. e) Memorial repair – quotes still coming in but they aren't all the same specification. A decision is needed on two options: the brass plate or to replace the centre stone. The centre stone is more long lasting and cost effect. Proposed to go for quotes where we replace the centre stone and apply for a grant. The old central stone will be placed within the Churchyard if they accept. f) We received a complaint regarding removal of a hedgerow at Stoney Lane allotments. The area is overgrown in places. The hedge is on Parish Council owned land. They will reinstate a hedge along the back. Cllr Wesley will assist with suggestions. 	
6771	<p>Bio Diversity policy Councillors to review the policy before the next meeting to amend/accept the policy.</p>	

6772	Community Facility – S106 Monies The Clerk attended a SALC meeting and requested assistance with the Right to Build route.	
6773	Devolution deal for Suffolk No further update received.	
6774	Parish records storage Cllr Welbourn to pursue further quotes.	
6775	Fete and Flower Show 2025 Meetings have been great for planning. Suggested re banners around the main ring. General discussion over stallholders displays. Next meeting on 20 th May.	
6776	SALC Martin's Law should be considered by all those running events/venues/etc – this is something Parish Council's need to consider in the future for all events held and raise awareness and carry out the necessary checks/risk assessments. Suffolk Community Awards have been launched. We need to review and nominate. SALC AGM/75 th Anniversary Lunch on 1 st July – if anyone wants to go.	
6777	Financial Matters To approve accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr O'Brien seconded by Cllr Pettitt Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Wesley seconded by Cllr Ford Invoices approved	
6778	Planning Applications for Consideration DC/25/0562/OUT – it was agreed that the Parish Council need reassurance that the Neighbourhood Plan will be considered/defer this planning application until decisions are made on the Local Plan/Neighbour Plan and against the 2031/2041 plans and the number of homes already delivered.	
6779	Planning determinations DC/25/0358/HH - Approved. DCON(A)/24/0082 – Approved.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 2 nd June 2025 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:51pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 2/6/25