

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2026 at 7:00pm.

Attendees: Cllr Jackie Parker (Chair), Cllr Graham Bett (Vice-Chair), Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr Derick Parker, Cllr Rachel Clipsham, Cllr Jo Woolley, County Cllr Janette Barlow, Helen Cowlan (Clerk).
Public: None

1. Apologies for absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies provided by Cllr Ben Powell. District Cllr Kay Smith also sent apologies for being unable to attend.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Contributions from the public, District and County Councillors

Cllr Barlow advised that there may be a judicial review for the One Earth solar project. The Planning Inspectorate had refused it, and County/District have been overruled. It could, however, be costly if they lose. The A17 is having new surface dressing near the showground. Long Lane is due to have some road repairs done. Long Lane appears to have traffic monitoring tubes installed (awaiting details of who requested it). Issues with the 7.5T weight limit sign near the crossroads, and the stop sign at the Long Lane/Front Street junction have been reported. Formal thanks were given to Cllr Barlow for additional funding of £300 that has been requested to support community events run by the Committee.

Cllr Bett enquired about what is happening with proposals for changes to the marketplace in Newark. Cllr Barlow advised that County are aware of proposals and are reviewing to potentially give feedback.

Cllr Barlow advised if being aware of the current tenants leaving the pub. Consideration can be given to requesting an Asset of Community Value status but any proposed changes to the use of the building would have to go through the Planning Dept due to listed/conservation area status. Changes to NSDC Planning processes mean that case officers will make decisions, and Cllrs won't be able to request an application is 'called in' for review any more. A decision on the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) is expected over the next week or two.

4. Approval of minutes

It was unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 23rd June 2026 be approved as being a true record – proposed Cllr Derick Parker, seconded Cllr Jukes.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

6. Finance

a) Current balances – total fund £15075.15 (PC £8376.83 / VH £6698.32) including ringfenced funds totalling £1844.71 (PC £1161.54 / VH £683.17).

b) Payments made since the last meeting (May):

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Talk Mobile £8.90 SIM (First payment) and £7.95 (monthly)

D Parker £20.42 Mower fuel

Zurich Insurance £817.02

Village Hall

Valda £27.79 electricity

D Parker £24.69 Cleaning stock items

D Parker £142.98 storage racking

C Powell £16.99, £18.99 and £22.99 BarnbyFest prizes

Vulcana £204.00 heater servicing

Wilkins £439.92 alarm/PAT testing/porch light (late billing)

NSDC BBQ TEN £21.00

Valda £25.36 electricity

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BBQ event £250.00 band

c) Payments upcoming (before the next meeting):

ICO £47.00 Annual Subscription

d) Income received

VAT reclaim £145.27 to be allocated between accounts as needed

Hall hire – regular hire £45.00

Hall hire – other / private hire £165

Events – BBQ £168 (not full amount)

It was **resolved** to approve all payments – proposed Cllr CLipsham, seconded Cllr Jukes (unanimous). Cllr D Parker enquired about the cost of using the card machine. At the time of the meeting the Clerk advised this would be confirmed. A part of the minutes, it can be confirmed that Sum Up charges 1.69% per transaction. When paying cash at HSBC the fee is 1.5% plus a handling fee of £1.50 (this would be payable each time cash is paid in).

7. Planning matters

No planning applications have been received – details are also available on NSDCs website.

8. Solar Farm Proposals

No further updates received as yet.

9. Village Committee report

An overview of events was given. Their next meeting is later in the month.

10. TV Licensing

TV Licensing have confirmed that if the Village Hall provides the device to watch live TV, the Parish Council would be responsible for the license. If people hiring the Hall are using their own device, running from its own internal batteries, the individual would be covered by their own license. If a projector is being used, a license is required. This confirms that the Parish Council would not need a license at this time, but this would need to be a consideration for future events that may need one.

11. Wi-Fi

Two quotes were reviewed – neither charging an installation fee (due to one now price matching the other) and both had similar upload and download speeds (19-29mbps and 76mbps respectively). BT Fibre essential would be £33.29+VAT p/mth for 36mths. Daisy Sorgea BB1 would be £25.95+VAT p/mth for 24mths. Each with a standard annual price increase of £4. Discussion points did counter with the possibility of cancelling at the end of term if it wasn't as useful as hoped, however, key concerns related to coverall cost versus value, potential impacts of increased usage on parking, and it was felt that mobile phone coverage could be enough. Overall, there was a lack of certainty that installation would drive increased hire income.

12. Correspondence

i) NSDC Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation – deadline for comments 31/7 (circulated).

ii) Grass Cutting – the Clerk shared an update from Cllr Lee about how to request cutting (but that it should primarily be where there is a health and safety / visibility concern)

iii) Clerk Holiday – holiday dates were noted.

13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting - 10th Sept 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 19:40

.....Signed / Dated (Chair)