

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th January 2026 at 7:00pm.

Attendees: Cllr Jackie Parker (Chair), Cllr Graham Bett (Vice-Chair), Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr Ben Powell, Cllr Derick Parker, Cllr Jo Woolley, County Cllr Janette Barlow, District Cllr Kay Smith, Helen Cowlan (Clerk).

Public: District Cllr Kay Smith, County Cllr Janette Barlow

1. Apologies for absence

It was **resolved** to accept apologies provided by Cllr Rachel Clipsham. Apologies were also given by Cllr John Lee.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Contributions from the public, District and County Councillors

Cllr J Parker formally welcomed Cllr Kay Smith who is our new District Councillor. Cllr Smith introduced herself and is looking forward to working for/with us. Key concerns raised were regarding the solar farm proposals for which Cllr Sith said she would review and provide support/speak on our behalf in the future.

4. Approval of minutes

It was unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2025 be approved as being a true record – proposed Cllr Derick Parker, seconded Cllr Jukes.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Chestnut Lodge – no further updates have been received. Cllr Smith to investigate this too.

Licensing updates – **ACTION** Clerk to follow up to check up to date procedures.

Florist – awaiting news of whether Bloom Bike will be coming to Barnby.

6. Finance

a) Current balances – Parish Council reserves 3946.46, current £4940.82, Village Hall £7696.70.

b) Payments made since last meeting (Jan) inc VAT -

Parish Council

Newsletter (N. Gribby) £210.00

Village Hall

Valda Total £69.07 (£31.02 + £38.05)

Event – Fireworks (Y.Wellard & G.Powell) Total £66.70

Event – Lunch (Y.Wellard & G.Powell) Total £18.41

Event – Wreathmaking (C.Powell) £50.94

Event – Christmas Party (C.Powell) £83.29 (from donation)

Chubb (fire equipment) £219.60

Banking fees £12.35

c) Payments upcoming (before next meeting) -

Parish Council -

Mobile phone £60

SIM will be approx £5-10 p/mth

Second monitor £75.00 (as part of previously approved £600 budget)

Printer ink £45.00

Village Hall -

Awaiting invoices for:

PAT/Alarm £300+VAT (awaiting invoice)

Music Licensing (January – approx £300)

Gas (approx £76)

RESOLUTION - it was resolved to approve all the payments – proposed Cllr Jukes, seconded Cllr Powell(unanimous).

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d) Income received since last meeting (Nov) -

Parish Council

Bank interest £26.91

VAT reclaim £159.59

Village Hall

Donation from County Councillor Barlow £250.00 (Clerk to write formal thanks)

Hire (regular) £60

Hire (elections) £240

Hire (other) £20

Events total £380 (gross) = Lunch and wreathmaking

e) Budget

Monies received and spent for the current financial year to date were reviewed. Costs for the year ahead were estimated, with consideration being given to inflation, legislative requirements and increasing reserves to allocate towards potential longer-term costs (such as elections).

RESOLUTION: It was resolved to approve the budget (unanimous).

f) Precept 2026-27

RESOLUTION: After thorough discussion it was resolved to increase the annual precept from £5241.78 to £5661.12 (vote 4 in favour, 2 against). This equates to £51.60 for the average band D property (an increase of £4.06 p/year, £0.08 p/week). This will show as 8% on Council Tax bills. **Action** – Clerk to draft explanation to circulate to residents via newsletter or leaflet drop.

g) Internal Auditor – **RESOLUTION – it was resolved to appoint the same internal auditor as for previous years.** The Clerk advised that costs are likely to increase going forward due to regulatory requirements (approx £250/300+).

7. Planning matters

a) 25/01685/HOUSE - The Hatchings, 1 Hen and Chicken Yard – replacement windows and doors. **OUTCOME** – NSDC advised permission granted (info only).

b) 25/01998/FUL - 1, Front Street – change of use from one dwelling to two dwellings. **RESOLUTION – Clerk to submit response of no objection to proposals but objection to tress being cut down**

c) 25/01954/AGR - Plots Farm, Newark Rd – application to determine if prior approval is required for the erection of an agricultural storage building. **OUTCOME** – NSDC advised prior permission not required (info only).

8. Solar Farm Proposals

The Clerk is awaiting confirmation of the position regarding the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Starlight is unlike to submit further proposals until at least the summer.

9. Village Committee Report

The Village Hall Committee report was received and noted (with information about events), with recognition given to ongoing hard work. Cllr J Parker has met with Committee Chair Clare Powell to handover the bank card and discuss a handover. **RESOLVED – it was resolved that the Committee purchase new microwave with a budge of £60.**

Standing order were suspended to allow District Councillor Barlow to give updates about local road schemes, Matha's Law (an NHS patient safety initiative), flu jabs and the Mayor's transport consultation. Cllr J Parker raised concerns about road conditions along Barnby Lane and Newark Road, with one resident having had a burst tyre as a result. Cllr Barlow advised of attempts to get the roads added to the gritting scheme, but it is harder for rural roads.

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Standing orders were reinstated to continue the rest of the agenda.

10. Village Hall Charges

Cllr J Parker proposed that village hall hire charges are reviewed including the charge for use of the kitchen. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved to add to the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.**

11. Village Hall maintenance

Bees / hornets – Cllr Parker advised that works to outside pointing (and tiles) on the porch and gable ends will need to be done in the spring to prevent insects returning. A quote is being prepared.

Fire safety – emergency exit signs and two bulkhead lights need to be replaced/installed to meet fire safety regulations. Quotes were reviewed. **RESOLUTION - it was resolved to approve a quote of £458.50 (no VAT) with works to be completed within three weeks.** Proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Jukes.

Fire Alarm – quotes for a new fire alarm system were reviewed. Testing has confirmed that the wiring is not the issue so a full upgrade will be needed. **RESOLUTION - it was resolved to approve a quote of £858 with works to be completed within three weeks (in liaison with the electrician).** Proposed Cllr J Parker, seconded Cllr Powell.

12. Internet

Quotes for internet installation were reviewed. It will help with streaming music for events (which will need to be included in music licensing costs). **RESOLUTION – it was resolved to appoint the internet provider at £27.95 p/mth for 2-years, at which point it can be reviewed. Costs will be paid for from Village Hall funds. Proposed Cllr Jukes, seconded Councillor Powell.**

13. Dog Bins

It was confirmed that the village has general bins, not dog bins specifically. There was an instance of the one on The Green overflowing, however, it was felt that this was not likely to be a long-term issue. A concern was raised that it may be that residents had used that instead of their own bin. Costs of providing dog bins were reviewed. **RESOLUTION - it was resolved not to replace or add additional bins at this time, but it will be monitored. Cllr J Parker to arrange for an update to be included in a future newsletter.**

14. Correspondence

- i) The Mayor's Big Transport Conversation – info only (email)
- ii) Rural Watch – update on the set up of a volunteer scheme
- iii) Potholes – support Cllr Barlow in reporting issues to NCC.

Additionally, there were sad updates to share about resident Martin Hewitt, and local District Councillor Laurence Goff who had died recently. The Parish Council extended condolence to their families.

15. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting - 12th March 2026 at 7pm

Cllr Powell gave apologies for being unable to attend the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.55

.....Signed / Dated (Chair)

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