



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date:	1 June 2026		
Place:	Barrow Village Hall		
Present:	Councillors: L Street (Chair), L Crook, K Heyworth, E Kinder, M Ashforth		
In attendance:	1 member of the public part-meeting and S Dent, Clerk to the Council.		
Meeting started:	19:00	Meeting closed:	20:30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Heyworth.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2026

The above minutes were approved as correct and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS.

None declared.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None (MOP arrived after this item).

5. FINANCE REPORT

- Accounts to date.
- Schedule of Payments as set out in the Report.
- Reconciliation of Receipts and Payments as shown in the Report.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Approved the accounts, payments and reconciliation.
- Agreed to discuss with the gardener a schedule of seasonal plans to assist with annual budgeting

6. PLANNING REPORT

Report of the Clerk provided to consider planning matters since previous meeting. There were no contentious applications to discuss.

7. ASSET REGISTER & RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY & REGISTER

Review underway.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Cllr. Street and the Clerk will finalise the updates to both documents.

8. UNITY BANK MANDATE UPDATE

The Clerk requested approval to remove Cllr. Chiappi as signatory on the bank mandate and add Cllr. Ashforth.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Approved the updating of the Unity Bank mandate and instructed the Clerk to proceed with this.

9. TRANSFER OF WOODLAND PATH

Cllr. Street gave a verbal update on progress. We have received the final account from the solicitors with the cost of legal fees around the Woodland Path transfer totalling £3,527. Bowland Tree Company has been contacted to quote for a tree survey, estimated around £300-400, which will determine whether and what works are required to make the woodland path safe. The transfer is therefore almost complete, subject to discussion and agreement on one matter which should take part as a Part II item due to legal sensitivities.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Agreed to move remaining discussion of this item to Part II

10. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

None.

PART 2 ITEMS for DECISION/DISCUSSION

Council voted to move to Part 2 items.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk updated on correspondence arising from an issue connected to the WWB Joint Burial Committee which is being handled by Whalley Parish Council. There is currently nothing Barrow PC needs to act on.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Acknowledged the situation and requested that the Clerk update further if necessary

12. WOODLAND PATH – LEGAL PROCESS

Cllr. Street updated on progress which involved sensitive and confidential legal issues.

The Council needs to set aside significant funds for tree surveys and path improvements to ensure the asset is safe and usable.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Agreed legal processes to finalise the transfer.
- Agreed a budget of £10,000 be set aside to improve the path over the next 12 months and to look for grants to offset this spend.

S Dent

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Future Council Meetings:

2026: 27 July, 5 Oct, 23 Nov. **2027:** 18 Jan, 15 Mar
