



Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting Minutes

Date:	24 August 2026		
Place:	Barrow Village Hall		
Present:	Councillors: L Street (Chair), L Crook, K Heyworth, E Kinder, M Ashforth		
In attendance:	S Dent, Clerk to the Council.		
Meeting started:	19:00	Meeting closed:	19:30

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

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

None declared.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

4. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk presented a report on behalf of the Village Hall Trustees to update on progress and make a formal request for additional S137 Grant Funding from the PC. Councillors discussed the hall's success to date, the formation of a formal Operations & Events Committee and engagement of a team of regular volunteers. The request for an additional S137 grant will ensure this success continues by providing funds for some final capital equipment purchases and a £3k reserves safety net for the next 12 months, whereon the hall will be self-sufficient. The village hall's finances show the hall can now cover its costs and the budget is robust. The hall's performance YTD has exceeded expectations.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Approve a further S137 grant of £6,000 to support the capital expenditure outlined in the hall's budget and provide a reserves safety net for the next 12 months

5. PLAYING FIELDS & PLAY EQUIPMENT

The Clerk presented the latest play inspection report which identified no major risks but did identify some repairs that could become high risk if not addressed at this point. Councillors discussed the report findings and agreed to prioritise all play equipment repairs and replacement/missing signage highlighted in the report. Other works identified to gates/gate post have already been addressed as the gate replacement works were completed the week after the Proludic play inspection. Agreed to address grass work in spring and use the Lengthsman for this. The 'watch and see' items from the report can be monitored during weekly

play area checks so that any repairs/replacements can be carried out in good time when identified. Issues identified in the report with the MacDonalds waste bin have already been addressed.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Approve the Proludic quote and instruct the Clerk to progress these repairs alongside the engineer's planned annual maintenance visit (Aug-Sept)
- Instruct the Clerk to ask Proludic to quote for the repairs to matting
- Approve the purchase of a replacement sign for the park (in line with Proludic's wording) and a replacement bench
- Add 'watch and see' items to the weekly play area checks
- Approve instruction of Lengthsman in spring to carry out grass works identified in the report
- Explore options for volunteers to sand and paint the football posts in spring

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