



Parish Council Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Date:	27 July 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, and 1 member of the public		
Meeting started:	18:30	Meeting closed:	20:00

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JUNE 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. Councillors completed new declaration forms providing additional information requested by RVBC.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member of the public requested finance reports be posted on the website.

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.
- Approved the village hall accounts to date. Clerk will forecast Village Hall finances to end of financial year so Councillors can review any support needed from the PC before VH finances transfer to its own bank account

6. PLANNING REPORT

The PC has no comments to submit on recent planning enquiries.

7. LENGTHSMAN & GARDENER

Lengthsman contract overdue renewal and a schedule of works needs to be drawn up for the remainder of the year. New contract should reflect the current hourly rate. There has been some communication confusion with the Lengthsman taking instruction from more than one person. The gardener also needs a

schedule of seasonal activities and costs to facilitate budgeting. Both contractors also undertake ad hoc jobs in addition to their usual activities which need estimated costs attached. Regular activities and ad hoc jobs need reviewing annually prior to budget-setting.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Approved the hourly rate of £25 for the Lengthsman
- Instruct the Clerk to clarify estimated costs for ad hoc jobs, liaise with the Lengthsman going forwards, monitor spend against budget
- Cllrs. Ashforth and Crook to speak with the gardener and draw up a schedule of seasonal regular jobs and call-off jobs, with estimated costs for each.

8. PLAYING FIELD – BINS & PLAY EQUIPMENT

There had been a report from a resident about litter and rats around the playing field bins. The bins now appear to be being emptied regularly. The area needs weekly checks which can be done in conjunction with regular basic checks on play equipment, gates and fences. Two quotes were requested for replacement gates some months ago but only one quote has been received. There are some loose flags on the playing fields which can potentially be fixed by one of the village hall volunteers.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

- Agree a rota for Councillors to check the playing field – play equipment, bins/litter – and send a brief note to the Clerk when this is done, highlighting any issues. Initial rota will be:

Check	Who	w/c
Play equip & litter	Cllr. Street	27 th July & 3 rd August
Play equip & litter	Cllr. Kinder	10 th Aug & 17 th Aug
Play equip & litter	Cllr. Crook	24 th Aug & 31 st Aug
Play equip & litter	Cllr. Ashforth	7 th Sept & 14 th Sept
Play equipment only	Cllr. Heyworth	21 st Sept & 28 th Sept
Litter only	Cllr. Ashforth	21 st Sept & 28 th Sept

- Approve the quote for replacement gates and instruct the company to proceed
- Cllr. Ashforth will ask a volunteer to check the loose flags and advise on work needed

9. VILLAGE HALL

Discussed under finance.

10. TRANSFER OF WOODLAND PATH

Still waiting for solicitors to complete documentation so that Councillors can sign the transfer. Budget of £10k already previously approved. Estimate for tree survey between £200-400 which will come from the approved budget. Cllr. Street will organise the survey and chase the solicitors for progress report.

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

None.

S Dent

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Future Council Meetings:

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