

BARROW UPON HUMBER PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH HELD at THE
VICARS ROOM, HIGH STREET, BARROW on TUESDAY 19 MAY
2026 at 18.30.

Councillors: Cllr H. Anglum (chair), Cllr M. Szakal, Cllr D. Blakey, Cllr R Fletcher, Cllr J. Finnis, Ward Cllr P. Clark.

Also, in attendance: S. Scott (Proper Officer / RFO)

Members of the public: 13

Meeting commenced at 18.30

2605/1 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr C. Ellis, Cllr J. Hackney, Cllr M. Hughes, Cllr J Knapton. Ward Cllr Hannigan and Ward Cllr D. Wells.

2605/2 **Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the previous Annual meeting of the Parish dated 17th April 2025.

Proposed: Cllr R Fletcher Cllr J. Finnis

Resolved: That the council unanimously resolved to approve the minutes from the annual meeting of the parish dated 24th April 2025. Cllr H. Anglum adopted the minutes.

2605/3 **Chair's report**

Various items were discussed which have been noted below:

Purchase of telephone boxes

Smithy Lane – land

Toilets at Playing Fields

VE Day

Christmas lights – need to purchase gazebo and better lighting

Damage to bollards in the Market Square

Ferry Men in Sheds

The vice-chair addressed the Parish Councillors and residents in attendance with a verbal report as no written report had been submitted.

2605 **Public Session**

A resident noted that the figure in the 2026-27 precept that relates to contracts for grass cutting verges etc, and planters remained in the region of £32,000. Residents had complained about the cost in the previous years precept and believed that as private contracts had been obtained the cost would be less. Cllr H. Anglum advised that the volunteers who were tending to the planters had resigned and a contractor needed to be employed. volunteers from the WI would have been happy to continue looking after a bed, however, the council voted to reinstate contractors to look after the verges.

Additional query from a resident relating to cost of creating/looking after the planters – Cllr. J. Finnis confirmed funding had been received and was ringfenced to pay for this specific item in the precept. Further discussion arose surrounding the previous grass cutting contractor and why they had rescinded their contract with the Parish Council.

Query raised in relation to the £7,800 in the precept for Village Caretaker, but Ferry Men in Sheds seemed to be completing the work. Cllr J. Finnis confirmed that they are one, and the same. the previous caretaker had cost in the region of £600 -700 a month.

A resident advised that planters on College Road and Thornton Road are not being maintained – the clerk to discuss with the current contractor.

A resident raised the precept cost relating to the tapestry. Cllr H. Anglum confirmed that the majority of this had been received in grants.

A resident raised the state of Smithy Lane – Cllr M. Szakal confirmed it is on the Ferry Men in Sheds radar to review the fencing and tidy up the space. Discussion made as to how that could take place, and how the piece of land could be used. Residents seemed interested in a quiet space with seating and wildflower beds.

A resident raised the war memorial – A request had been made to the previous clerk in relation to having the lettering redone but this has not yet been actioned. Clerk confirmed that this has recently been brought to her attention and will be reviewed. Graves of Distinction were suggested. An additional resident mentioned the bench near to the war memorial and could he put some paving slabs down underneath the bench. Ward Cllr P. Clark confirmed that this land had been adopted by NLC. It was agreed that the Parish Council are to write to NLC to ask for permission.

A resident also noted that people are parking on the bank located at the junction of Thorngate Lane and Churchside which is causing damage to the memorial daffodils that are planted there. The resident has laid some stones, and in the process has found the existing stones. He will keep these clean to deter people from parking there. A request was made to Ward Cllr P. Clark to enquire into markers/double yellow lines on the corner.

Speeding in Barrow Haven was raised specifically on the bridge out of Barrow Haven. Cllr J. Finnis confirmed that this had been completed in the past. The Clerk has reviewed the analysis and 8% of the vehicles monitored between West Hann Lane to Marsh lane travelled over 35mph. 0 vehicles travelling on the North of Marsh Lane exceeded the speed limit. It was agreed to put in a request to carry out some more speed monitoring.

Meeting Close: 19:30