

Barrow upon Humber Parish Council

MINUTES of the EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD at THE VICARS ROOM, HIGH STREET, BARROW on THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026 at 19.00

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs M. Hughes, R. Fletcher, J. Finnis, J. Hackney, D. Blakey, M. Szakal, H. Anglum

Also in attendance: None

Members of the public: None

Started at: 19:00

Minutes

Item	Discussion
2606/01	<u>Apologies</u> None received
2606/02	<u>Declarations of interests / dispensations</u> Cllrs M. Szakal and H. Anglum declared an interest for item 2606/03.
N/A	<u>Proposal to discuss item 2606/03 last.</u> Proposed: J. Finnis Seconded: M. Szakal Resolution: The council resolved by majority to hear item 2606/03 last owing to Cllrs Anglum and Szakal's declarations of interest.
2606/03	<u>Planning</u> Cllrs Anglum (Chair) and Szakal (Vice-Chair) left the meeting owing to declarations of interest. The remaining councillors proposed that Cllr Hughes should chair the item. Proposed: Cllr. Finnis Seconded: Cllr. Hackney Resolved: The council unanimously resolved that Cllr. Hughes should chair item 2606/03. Application No: PA/2026/344 Proposal: Planning permission to erect 44 dwellings including an area of open space served by estate roads, sewers and a foul water pumping station Site Location: Land accessed via Ferry Road East, Barrow upon Humber DN19 7AZ Applicant: Mr Mark Snowden Case Officer: Jennifer Ashworth Proposed: Cllr. Hackney Seconded: Cllr. Fletcher

	Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to submit the objection detailed at the end of the minutes.
2606/04	<u>Bookings</u> Booking application received from Bill Hindson re. Market Square on 6 and 7 June for the Better Barrow event. Proposed: Cllr. Finnis Seconded: Cllr. Hughes Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to approve the booking of the Market Place for the Better Barrow event on 6/7 June 2026.
2606/05	<u>Market Place.</u> Clerk emailed an update for the criminal damage to Cllr. Anglum to be read out, however Cllr. Anglum said she had not received anything to read out. Proposed: Cllr. Finnis Seconded: Cllr. Szakal Resolved: The council unanimously resolved to defer the item to the next meeting owing to Cllr. Anglum not having the information available.
2606/06	<u>General Correspondence</u> • Damaged dog poo bin on Thorngarth Lane has been reported to Neighbourhood Services email to be repaired. • Waste and dog poo bins have been reported to NLC as they have not been collected for over 2 weeks. Response from NLC – other operational priorities resulted in them not being collected. Will be emptied 03/06. Now emptied. • Clerk to attend the ERNLLCA 2026 conference.
2606/07	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> Ordinary meeting of the Council: 10 June 2026, Vicars Room at 19.00.

Meeting closed: 19:20

2606/03 Objection:

Barrow upon Humber Parish Council wishes to formally object to the above planning application. The Council has carefully considered the proposal and raises the following objections based on national planning policy and local concerns.

1. Unsustainable Development (*NPPF Section 2 – Achieving Sustainable Development*)

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) establishes a presumption in favour of sustainable development, but only where proposals align with economic, social, and environmental objectives.

The Parish Council considers that this development fails to meet these criteria, particularly in relation to environmental protection and infrastructure capacity. The scale of 44 dwellings in this location represents disproportionate growth that is not demonstrably sustainable.

2. Highway Safety (*NPPF Section 9 – Promoting Sustainable Transport, Paragraph 115*)

Paragraph 115 of the NPPF states that development should only be prevented or refused on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety or severe cumulative impacts on the road network.

The Parish Council considers that the proposal would significantly increase traffic on Ferry Road East and surrounding routes, which are not designed for such volumes. The application does not provide sufficient evidence that the cumulative impact would not be severe, nor that safe and suitable access can be achieved for all users.

Ferry Road East is a straight road on which vehicles frequently speed. This, coupled with the location and proximity to the school will potentially cause further safety issues.

3. Flood Risk and Drainage (*NPPF Section 14 – Meeting the Challenge of Climate Change, Paragraphs 173–175*)

The NPPF requires that development should not increase flood risk elsewhere and should incorporate sustainable drainage systems.

The Parish Council notes that the inclusion of a foul water pumping station indicates potential constraints within existing infrastructure. There is insufficient confidence that the development will not exacerbate local flooding or drainage issues, contrary to national policy.

The Parish Council further notes that this proposal constitutes development in the open countryside, clearly outside the accepted limits of the settlement's natural boundaries. The natural boundary is the low-lying flood land to the north of Ferry Road East and the frequently flooded plain of the River Leaden to the south of the proposal.

The site identified is low-lying flood land. The bungalow to the east of the development, 'The Paddock', has a front garden and driveway that sit in flood water for many winter months. Blow well springs erupt from the ground at the end of the grassed part of Cherry Lane where it meets the identified development site.

The dyke to the east of the development site that runs along PROW FP43 is piped for a portion of its length (under the non-curtilage part of the garden to The Paddock) before emerging alongside the

footpath further down the field. This is believed to be the watercourse referred to by the Water Authority as not being identified in the planning application.

This piped section is blocked and slow to clear and, in wetter seasons, forms a wet area of standing water at the end of Cherry Lane which then drains along the lane to the nearest drainage point at the junction of North Street.

The recreation area to the north of the development site is also in an area of standing water in the winter.

4. Design and Local Character (*NPPF Section 12 – Achieving Well-Designed Places, Paragraph 135*)

Paragraph 135 states that developments should be sympathetic to local character, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting.

The Parish Council considers that the proposed scale and density are not in keeping with the character of Barrow upon Humber. The development risks urbanising a rural edge location and fails to respond appropriately to its context.

In addition, the Parish Council considers that the 'gated access to field' is a thinly veiled attempt at suggesting there will not be further development; however, it is clear that this will lead to further development phases in the next couple of years, as has been shown during phase 2 of this development.

5. Loss of Greenfield Land and Biodiversity (*NPPF Section 15 – Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment, Paragraphs 180 & 186*)

The NPPF requires planning decisions to contribute to and enhance the natural environment, including minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains where possible.

The Parish Council considers that this proposal results in the loss of undeveloped land and that there is insufficient evidence that biodiversity net gain will be meaningfully achieved or sustained in the long term.

6. Infrastructure and Community Impact (*NPPF Section 8 – Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities, Paragraph 96*)

The NPPF requires that planning decisions ensure that infrastructure such as education, healthcare, and utilities can support new development.

The Parish Council considers that there is no clear demonstration that local services have the capacity to accommodate the additional demand arising from this development, which undermines its sustainability.

For the reasons outlined above, Barrow upon Humber Parish Council considers that the proposal conflicts with key principles of the National Planning Policy Framework. The Council believes that the adverse impacts of the development would significantly and demonstrably outweigh any benefits.

Accordingly, the Parish Council strongly objects to this application and requests that it be refused.