BARTON PARISH COUNCIL 29th September 2026

BARTON VILLAGE HALL DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chair Frank Walsh, CV Jones, Cllr Cross, Cllr Burns, Cllr Dobinson, Cllr Wool, Cllr Lee

5 members of the public attended the meeting. Parish Clerk: Charlotte Liversedge-Gell

42 Apologies - with approval for apologies	None
43 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	Members to declare any interest under the following categories; pecuniary, outside bodies and family, friend or close associates None declared
44 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held 28th July 2026 approved and signed
45 Matters Arising	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none
46 Correspondence	1. YLCA updates/training circulated to the PC 2. Half Moon Pub correspondence shared with the and between the PC. The pub is now under new ownership. It will be available to let as a pub along with one of the two flats that will be available. To enquire further please contact Andrew Skaife on 07968310412. It was agreed to make Mr Skaife aware of the Catering Vans that frequent the Village to avoid friction. 3. Query from Revd Gillian Lunn regarding whether the PC were providing a Village Christmas Tree this year and for a Carol Service to be held around it. The PC did not have a tree last year due to the cost and the fact that only those living in the immediate vicinity had a view of it. A very successful Carol service has been held in the village hall that is well attended. The PC have been pursuing a power supply with the intent of lighting up the Village Cross. 4. Request for skip to be temporarily placed on the VG – granted and the PC thanked the resident for requesting permission 5. Email from Northumbrian Water: Ref Investment works at Barton Sewerage Works circulated to the PC 6. NYC Funding opportunities circulated to the PC including Northern Power where up to £20K can be applied for towards energy resilience measures. VH generator and Solar Panels were discussed. Clerk to forward information to Cllr Cross and the LOI requirements. 7. Beck Vegetation issues circulated to the PC – now cleared 8. Abandoned Car on East View – reported to NYC 9. Silver Street Bus Shelter Complaint circulated to the PC. The hedge that is growing from the Permison Homes side of the bus shelter is overwhelming it. FW has contacted PH and requested it be cut back. Clerk to update NYC.

	10. Email received from Ashes Farm Development Agents. Mr Edgar Lawson attended the meeting to answer any questions. Reserved Matters Application was submitted to NYC in April 2025 and have been sat with them since. Clerk to contact Cllr Thompson/Planning to establish if there is any update as there has been np feedback from the Planning Dept. 11. The PC are disappointed to still receive reports that dog fouling is still occurring in the Village. Particularly at Melrose Lane and the grass by the Long Bridge. Can dog walkers please do the responsible thing and pick up after their dog and dispose of it in one of the many waste bins within the Village. Thanks go to the many who do this already. If you witness dog fouling please report it with NYC online at Report dog fouling. 12. A large stone has been stolen from the graveyard at Barton. It has been reported to NYP – if anyone has any information on the stone please contact NYP. 13. The Rowlandson & Eggleston Relief In Need Chairty is looking for volunteers. The duties will be posted on Noticeboards and the Village Email Network in due course. 14. There has been lots of questions from residents regarding the new recycling bins that have been delivered and whether smaller bins are available. NYC have asked that residents trial the larger bins for a few weeks. If you require assistance with your bins because they are too large to move or you need assistance moving them please call 0300 131212. 15. An update was received regarding the building works at St Josephs Place. Works are being delayed due to getting approval from the Water Board for the proposed drainage system. It is hoped that construction shall recommence within two weeks. 16. The Long Bridge at Marygate is hoping to have an official opening on the 23rd of October. More information shall be circulated to the Village when finalised.
47 Public Participation	1. Representatives from 'Green Barton' attended the meeting with reference to the land at the junction of Silver Street & The Porch. An email was sent 15/09/2026 with ideas regarding the plot of land but was not received by the Clerk. There is a group of 5 that are willing to take the space on as a greener space project to encourage local wildlife, insects, birds and wildflowers. The Group offered to cover startup costs and ongoing labour such as mowing/pruning etc. Areas highlighted initially were that the steps to the plot need to be improved – FW to look into this. Email will be forwarded to the PC for discussion at the next meeting. Clerk to also forward the Plans that were

	drawn up in. The PC thanks the group for the positive work that has already taken place.
48 Planning	**ZD26/00094/FULL** Full planning permission for installation of a ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array with associated inverters, cabling, and access, to provide approximately 1.27 MW of renewable energy for Middleton Lodge Estate; including seeding of species-rich grassland beneath and around the panels (revised plans and documents attached to the case file on the 16.9.26) at Middleton Lodge Kneeton Lane Middleton Tyas Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 6NJ - AMENDED PROPOSAL No objections
49 Police & Crime Update	To review Crime Bulletin for the Parish – at the time of the meeting the report had not yet been circulated by NYP
50 NYC Update	Cllr Thompson Report circulated to the PC. This can be found on the PC website
51 NYC Transport Plan	The Mayors Local Transport Plan and X26 X27 Corridor consultation is now open and views on it are invited to be submitted. FW & DC have previously put a case forward to Arriva to add a bus stop within Middleton-Tyas – this was unsuccessful as was Cllr Thompson request with Arriva sighting that it would not fit into the timetable/scheduling. Cllr Cross proposed at the meeting to formally ask for a review to take place on the possibility of introducing a stop at Tyas. As this consultation from the mayor is a vehicle in which to put the request forward. Cllr Lee queried if that was something Barton residents wanted and whether there was a demand. Evidence suggests that there is a want/demand. An example being the Lodge serves as rural employer for many within the Village and it should be able to be accessed via Public Transport. DC resolved to take this request forward via the consultation.
52 Memorial Bench	Request received from a previous resident to donate a Memorial Bench for the Village. It was agreed that the bench under the Willow Trees is decaying – this could be moved to the Village Hall garden and a new on placed by the Ford. The bench would need to meet latest H&S Guidelines and the cost of install also be covered. It was also asked whether Ashes could be buried by the Ford – this request was declined. Clerk to request examples of the bench to be forwarded and then pass onto the PC for approval.
53 Catering Van Pitches	Several catering vans are requesting pitch arrangements outside the Half Moon Pub. Clerk to liaise with them and look to get a monthly rota arranged for businesses coming to the Village.

	Pitch cost is £20 a night
54 Clerk Salary	NALC National Pay Scale Agreements for 2026-27 was set by NALC at 3.3% to be back dated to April 2026. SC proposed an increase of 4%. This was unanimously agreed. Resolved – Clerk to arrange 4% increase back dated to Apri.
55 Playpark Inspections	Following the car crash at the Play Park an insurance claim has been submitted and funds received to replace the fencing and equipment. Two items from the gym equipment are no longer manufactured - four new pieces shall be installed within the budget from the insurance. Clerk highlighted that the £11K insurance payout will push the PC income over £25K for the AGAR self-certification and that an External Audit shall need to take place for 2026/27. The 'School Crossing' sign that is illuminated at school start/end was also destroyed in the crash but is yet to be reinstated by NYC. This is an important sign for the safety of children and parents. Clerk to enquire when this will be replaced. Swings within the playpark had been flagged as needing replacement swings and chains in the latest inspection report. FW received a quote for £804 to replace them. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead.
56 Financial Matters	**56(i)** Salary Payment & Accounts Payable **Outgoings:** £1334.40 Walkers Grass Cutting £270.20 Clerk Sept Wage / £25.80 HMRC PAYE £650 E Hall Allotment rent £59.92 Compost & Thank you for bridge stonemasons £252 PFK Little John External Auditors **Income:** £7622.50 Precept from NYC External Auditors PFK Littlejohn completed the review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for Barton Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2026. The external auditor report and certificate (Section 3 of the AGAR Form 3) was received and published on the noticeboard and website along with Notice of Conclusion of Audit.
57 Next Meeting	**To confirm the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

MEETING CLOSED 20:51