

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED

Present: Chair Frank Walsh, Vice-Chair Jones, Cllr Lee, Cllr Cross, Cllr Burns, Cllr Dobinson, Cllr Thompson

Charlotte Liversedge-Gell Parish Clerk Members of the Public: Mr Grayson, Mr Howe

31st July 2025 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

29 Apologies - with approval for apologies	None
30 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None declared
31 Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held 26th June 2025 approved and signed
32 Matters Arising	None
33 NYC Update	<p>Cllr Thompson attended the meeting and explained he had met with residents of Church Lane to discuss access to the proposed new housing development and the problems with the speed of traffic travelling along Church Lane and ice at the bottom of the road in Winter. Cllr Wool agreed the ice is a concern in the winter. Chair Walsh highlighted that the water runs off a paddock at Piper Hill with a spring emanating out of the wall. Mr Grayson asked who owns that wall as boulders have been displaced, making it dangerous. Chair Walsh will look into who owns the wall.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson has asked for NYC Highways to take a site visit and was there potential for the speed limit to be reduced from 30mph to 20mph. Chair Walsh explained the PC had previously requested a consideration for the 30mph limit to be extended past the Playing Fields but this change had been turned down by NYC due to there not being enough urbanisation in that area.</p> <p>Residents had asked for a footpath along Church lane in the past but it was deemed to not have enough width to create one. Cllr Thompson suggested moving one of the matrix boards to Church Lane to establish what speed is actually happening.</p> <p>The works on the Scotch Corner development is supposed to be starting again 1st Sept 2025 with a view to open Easter 2027. Part of the planning for the Designer Village was that due to a 30% increase in traffic that it will create, the upgrade of the Scotch Corner round-a-bout needs to be completed first. Cllr Thompson contacted County Hall to establish what is in store for the round-a-bout. They stated that there was nothing happening with it at the moment and they did not have an estimate as to when anything will be.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson also confirmed that A66 duelling has once again been given the go ahead, new timescales have yet to be circulated.</p>

34 Correspondence

34(i) PC received feedback about Quickline from parishioners. A trip hazard was identified and plastic waste had been left outside some properties. This was resolved within 24 hours by Quickline.

34(ii) NYC Highways and Streetworks circulated an email giving background info on the various processes/procedures undertaken when Traffic Management is planned. This was circulated to the Village and PC.

34(iii) Dog fouling Facebook post was forwarded to the PC. It is becoming a serious issue within the Village again. Clerk to follow up with NYC the possibility of a dog waste bin at the allotment gates

34(iv) Local Plan Call for Sites. Cllr Thompson told the PC he had received a number of responses to his email – not all were negative. NYC has been given the target to build 4280 houses annually across the whole of NYC excluding the two National Parks. Historically the Council have built on average 1100 house per annum so it is a big jump and a big ask.

Cllr Thompson explained that there is a concern that planning will be taken from NYC and moved to London. This would not be a positive outcome and that despite people's perception, Richmondshire is currently falling behind the rest of the County for its targets. Cllr Cross asked what the issue would be with Planning moving to London, Cllr Thompson explained there would be no local site visits that currently happen with Local Planning Officers.

Call for Sites have been put out to the public – if you own a freehold of a part of land this can be put forward to the Call for Sites. This would then be followed up with Planning, if it is then deemed as being a possibility to be used; a full Planning Application would need to be submitted. A lot of areas have been included within Barton.

Chair Walsh highlighted that Rose Villa has had planning agreed for a long time and this 'land banking' held against Barton wanting to build as this Planning was already in place. Cllr Thompson explained with the law of the land, if planning is granted and nothing is done within three years then the planning needs to be renewed – however if the building process is started – no matter how small this is – it is classed as being started and the Planning Application remains in place permanently with no expiry.

Chair Walsh explained that a lot of Villagers had been worried and upset by the leaflet distributed about the Call for Sites. Cllr Cross agreed and said that it came across as unnecessarily alarmist as it looked like Barton was going to be overwhelmed with houses. Cllr Thompson took the feedback on board to consider when leaflets are being distributed to other Parishes.

Mr Grayson stated that with 10,000+ houses being built in Darlington – they do have an impact on neighbouring areas –

	<p>regardless of which side of the boundary you sit. Cllr Thompson agreed but this would need to be taken up with Angela Raynor as she sets the targets that Councils have to conform to.</p> <p>Cllr Cross asked if it would be possible to share the stats for Call for Sites, with tens of thousands of pounds being spent on plans by NYC – what/how much land is currently land banked.</p> <p>Cllr Lee asked what the timeline is for the Call for Sites, Cllr Thompson told the PC the timescale is between now and 2029 which is when sites are looked at across the whole County.</p> <p>34(v) Tree Survey – booked for September/October 2025. The PC are aware the Tree Survey costs money as does the actions that MUST be taken as a result of the survey to ensure the Trees are stable and safe. Cllr Lee will distribute information on why the PC has the Tree Survey carried out using Precept funding.</p> <p>34(vi) The Long Bridge (White Bridge) has now been listed with Historic England. Clerk contacted NYC to establish where we stand with carrying on getting it fully refurbished as was arrange for this Spring. It is hoped that refurbishment will take place Summer 2026 as the mortar used needs to be a specific HE grade (lime) and this needs to be used in warmer months.</p> <p>This is Budget permitting if monies are available – NYC to update upon receipt of new budget.</p> <p>34(vii) Recent works undertaken by North Yorkshire Water have left the area in an unsatisfactory state. Clerk contacted NYW and they are investigating.</p> <p>34(viii) Trees on Wells Green – resident enquired whether the PC are responsible for these trees. They are not part of the PC tree inventory. Resident advised.</p> <p>34(ix) Speeding complaint received from a resident asking for a 20mph limit to be introduced within the Village. Cllr Cross suggested accessing the Matrix Board data – this information may help the limit reduction cause.</p> <p>34(x) Listening Bench – the PC have received some very positive feedback since the Listening Bench has been put in place. Thank you to Chair Walsh for installing the plaques with they're important message.</p> <p>34(xi) Asset of Community Value Application for the Half Moon Pub has been submitted. NYC has eight weeks since the date of submission to inform the PC of their decision.</p>
35 Public Participation	Members of the public contributed to various items as minuted
36 Planning	<p>To consider the planning applications within Barton Parish</p> <p>ZD25/00158/FULL PROPOSAL: Full planning permission for installation of access road LOCATION: 23 Kettle End Barton Richmond North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr Steven Calvert</p> <p>Chair Walsh explained to the PC that Mr Calvert declined the previous PC offer of a Wayleave and permanent access when this was setup for the buyers of 25 Kettle End. There is a Covenant by</p>

	<p>Mr Hall Snr to Tom Whitaker to create a roadway from the property to the entrance to Back Lane. Mr Edward Hall was not aware of this Covenant.</p> <p>There is a concern that it will take up meadowland that will contribute to the decimation of hedgerow. The proposed access point is on the most popular loop walk for Barton residents and visitors alike. The land at this part of Back Lane is soft and would easily churn up – this could affect walkers/horse riders using the Lane. VC Chair asked if the proposed driveway is limited to Back Lane or could it go onto Silver Street? Chair Walsh confirmed it must be onto Back Lane.</p> <p>Cllr Cross commented that the Covenant is between Mr Hall and Mr Calvert. The PC concern is the destruction of the environment and access onto Back Lane.</p> <p>Mr Howe commented that he believed the Covenant was actually granted for access and not vehicular access. Cllr Cross asked if anyone has seen the wording of the Covenant – if not it will be listed in the title deeds.</p> <p>Clerk to write letter on behalf of PC to NYC Planning objecting to the proposed plans and for clarification on the actual wording of the Covenant.</p>
37 Police & Crime Update	Two Crimes within the Parish – 1 Public Offence and 1 Interference with a vehicle
38 Play Area Inspections	The PC have had positive feedback around the installation of the latest play park equipment. The PC are aware that the area around the new AstroTurf flooring needs to be turfed/seeded – when this is done the area will be taped off.
39 Financial Matters	<p>39(i) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable – Clerk salary (two months to cover August) £593.84 & stamps £6.96. Status Promotions Ltd £94 for Listening Bench plaques, Walkers £624.00 grass cutting. Streetscape – new play area and flooring £22866</p> <p>39(ii) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance £28380</p>
40 Next Meeting	To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 25th September 2025 at 7pm held in the Village Hall