

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

24th February 2026 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

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

Five members of the public attended the meeting

Parish Clerk: Charlotte Liversedge-Gell

96 Apologies - with approval for apologies	VC Jones
97 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None declared
98 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held 29th January 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair
99 Matters Arising	No matters arising from the previous meeting minutes
100 Correspondence	<p>(i) The installation of the power to St Josephs Place is being reconsidered by Northern Power. It will now run from the Beck up Marygate to the housing development. Statutory notices displayed have been displayed. No objection from the PC</p> <p>(ii) SWARCO Faults Team are yet to contact the PC with regards to downloading data from the Matrix Board. Chair Walsh to follow up.</p> <p>(iii) Waterfall Terrace footpath is now part of NYC Spring Works to fully restore the footpath. NYC will also cut the grass adjacent to the footpath twice a year.</p> <p>(iv) Correspondence received around problems with parking at Piper Hill Close along with whether the grass is Village Green. This area is not VG and is NYC responsibility. NYC Highways have sent they're reinforcement team and some tickets have been distributed to illegally parked cars.</p> <p>(v) NYC "North Yorkshire Landscape Character Assessment" email circulated to Councillors</p> <p>(vi) The North Yorkshire Local Plan – Third Public Release of 'Call for Sites' Submissions (sites submitted up to and including 30th November 2025) circulated to Councillors. Please see the letter from NYC below:</p> <p>Third Release of information on the North Yorkshire Local Plan 'Call for Sites' We are writing to let you know about an important milestone in the preparation of the local plan for North Yorkshire. We started with the 'call for sites' in April 2024 when we invited landowners, site promoters and developers to submit sites for consideration as allocations in the local plan. These submissions are for a range of uses. The majority are for residential use with additional submissions for employment, retail, and so on. The 'call</p>

for sites' closed on 30th November 2025 and we are currently in the process of assessing the 2000+ sites that have been put forward for consideration. We will re-open the call for sites later this year, following the completion of the current site assessment work. Further details about the re- opening of the call for sites will be available on our website in the coming months.

In January and June 2025 we released information about the first and second batches of submitted sites via our public sites map. We are now making a third release of the public sites map available. This map includes any registered sites submitted up to and including 30th November 2025, when the 'call for sites' closed. We are not consulting on the release of the sites at this stage, and are not accepting comments on them, although we are making the information available to ensure greater levels of transparency and to allow you, the community and other interested parties the opportunity to have sight of the submitted sites as early as possible. A comprehensive consultation will take place later that will seek the views of the community on all sites – at which stage further work will have been completed to give a greater direction as to whether such sites are likely to be recommended for allocation or dismissed. You will be able to share your views at that time.

The sites information is available from the Call for Sites webpage which can be found using the link below:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/planning-and-conservation/planning-policy/call-sites-north-yorkshire-local-plan>

The map allows you to move around the whole of North Yorkshire and see what sites have been submitted for consideration. By clicking on each site, you will see a brief description including the location, site size and the proposed uses that have been put forward by the site promoter. If you have any queries on this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Planning Policy & Place Team at callforsites@northyorks.gov.uk

(vii) Rotary Club best kept village invite circulated. PC declined to enter for 2026

(viii) Notification that the Catterick A1M Motorway Service Area has been turned down by High Court.

(ix) Request made by the PC to Powergrid to remove debris from tree works that occurred opposite 80 Silver Street and to remove further limbs threatening power lines. As the power lines go through private woodland the PC cannot take any action. Await response from Powergrid.

(x) The PC have not received any response to date with regards to the potential for a Youth Club creation.

	<p>(xi) Middleton-Tyas PC is working towards trying to get the Public Bus to go through the Village rather than straight to Scotch Corner. Barton PC are to begin joint communication with them to support this attempt at a change in route. Clerk to update at the next meeting.</p> <p>(xi) Email received from the previous Barton PC Chair about documents that need to be collected. Chair Walsh to arrange.</p> <p>(xii) Cllr Lee notified the PC of builder's vans causing damage to the VG adjacent old School House. PC to investigate and speak to the builders working near the property.</p>
101 Public Participation	<p>Five members of the public attended the meeting. Issues discussed:</p> <p>(i) Resident spoke about the VG outside they're property being driven over by cars and vans resulting in the strip of VG being greatly reduced in size and damaged. It was agreed that white stones will be but along this area for topsoil to be laid and grass seed sown to re-establish this section of VG.</p> <p>(ii)Resident spoke to the PC about a gully grate that was originally situated on the VG but is now partly on the road. The VG has receded and not been built back up following the pothole in this area being filled. The pothole is reported to be inadequately repaired – PC to follow up with NYC Highways.</p> <p>It was also noted that the general surface of the whole of Kettle End needs a full resurface as an increase in traffic and heavier vehicles using it has created a less than adequate road surface. PC to contact NYC Highways.</p> <p>(ii)Resident reported that large vans/lorries making deliveries to the top end of Kettle End have caused damage to the VG where the large white stones are laid. The resident offered to lay more white stones in an attempt to keep vehicles on the actual road and not on the VG.</p> <p>Can all drivers please be mindful when driving and parking within the Village – the Village Green must not be parked upon or driven over under any circumstances.</p>
102 Kettle End Parking	<p>Parking issues on the Village Green at Kettle End were discussed following an email of concern from a resident. It was agreed that a sign will be purchased and put on one of the posts to the entrance of Kettle End. Clerk to arrange.</p>
103 Planning	<p>Resident asked if there had been an update on ZD25/00158/FULL 23 Kettle End Planning Application. The PC confirmed there was no update at present.</p>
104 Police & Crime Update	<p>Next update in March</p>
105 NYC Update	<p>Next NYC Report in March.</p>
106 Play Area Inspections	<p>Annual Inspection of the Play Area to be booked by the Clerk.</p>

	Full clean of the Play Area to be carried out when the weather improves - before the Easter Holidays.
107 Financial Matters	<p>107(i) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable Clerk Salary £296 Rob Skelton works £230</p> <p>107(ii) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance £14225.90</p>
108 Next Meeting	<p>It was agreed that Barton Parish Council meetings will continue to be held on the last Tuesday of the month (with exception to August and December).</p> <p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7pm held in the Village Hall</p>