

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

30th June 2026 AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED

Present: Chair Frank Walsh, VC Jones, Cllr Lee, Cllr Cross, Cllr Burns, Cllr Dobinson.

Charlotte Liversedge-Gell Parish Clerk & three residents

14 Apologies - with approval for apologies	Cllr Wool
15 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None
16 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held 26th May 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair
17 Matters Arising	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none
18 Correspondence	Review any correspondence received in the previous month i. Response from Zurich ref the Parish Councils position regarding fallen trees. The PC are covered under Public Liability unless the trees fall in a storm ii. Pensions Regulator - compliance submitted by Clerk iii. St Cuthberts Green weeding request – this is NYC remit. Resident and NYC informed iv. YLCA updated circulated to the PC v. Parish Liaison Updates circulated to the PC vi. Streetworks notifications for the closures at Kettle End & Marygate circulated to the PC vii. Thanks were passed onto Ava Bell for a successful Armed Forces Day held within the Village.
19 Public Participation	i. Resident enquired as to whether the caravan at the top of Marygate is parked legally as it has been there a few weeks. The caravan is causing an obstruction on the road. Clerk to contact NYP to establish whether it can be moved. ii. The hedge at Back Lane is overgrown. It is the farmers responsibility to maintain. Clerk to contact Mr Hall to ask when it is due to be cut back. FW will look to move the bench under the tree/hedge.
20 Planning	ZD26/00326/FULL PROPOSAL: Full planning permission for proposed single storey rear extension and new front porch LOCATION: 9 Wells Green Barton Richmond North Yorkshire APPLICANT: Mr Christopher Braithwaite – no objections ZD26/00121/FULL Proposal: Full planning permission for internal alterations and reconfiguration of existing cellar/ancillary garage space to enhance trading and catering facilities ancillary to the existing public house with alterations to form new doors and

	sidelights, including installation of a rear commercial kitchen extraction system Half Moon Inn Silver Street Barton Richmond North Yorkshire DL10 6JH GRANTED The PC discussed whether the Plans that were submitted were lawful due to an incorrect red line boundary on the plans taking in area that is Village Green that terminates at the pub door - and does not belong to the Half Moon. There were several objections at the Planning stage that had pointed out this error in Boundary - but none are mentioned in the approval of the plans. The PC have raised the issue with Cllr Thompson who has raised it with NYC Planning who will investigate the granted planning permission and aim to respond within two weeks. Cllr Lee presented several questions from residents concerning the Half Moon: 1. How will NYCC enforce their conditions that the building must continue to function primarily as a pub? 2. What are the penalties for the applicant if he breaches these conditions? 3. The planning consent mentions the building continuing as a pub, but does not define what constitutes a pub. Given that the dictionary definition of a pub is "<u>a place where alcoholic drinks can be bought and drunk and where food is often available</u>" the regulars are concerned that the Half Moon could become a restaurant without breaching the planning conditions. Whilst these are valid questions the PC cannot provide the answers to them themselves. Clerk to forward the questions to NYP Planning and will circulate a response on receipt.
21 Police & Crime Update	To review Crime Bulletin for the Parish June Crimes: 2 x public order offences 2 x Criminal damage 1 x Theft 1 x Harassment 1 x Assault with injury 1 x Malicious communications
22 NYC Update	NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT JUNE 2026. REGISTERING TO USE RE-CYCLING CENTRES. I have had a number of comments from PCs and residents asking if this change will increase fly tipping? The change has been introduced to prevent people from outside the county using our 'skips'. At the moment 16% of visits to the likes of The Gatherley Road site are from outside the county. However, our residents invariably can't use the sites in other boroughs because they have the same registration scheme which we have introduced. There have been over 160,000 registrations to date and it is very straightforward to do. The saving to our authority is estimated to be £400,000 per annum, which is a significant amount of money. But will this lead to more fly tipping which costs us an annoying amount of money?

The answer is almost certainly no because fly tipping is done by a criminal element who would be very unlikely to go into a recycling site. They often come from outside the county, to the north in our case, and dump a large load of rubbish at a place easy to access. We have been successful in a number of prosecutions, but this is an uphill struggle. What is required in my opinion is action by central government to make it easier for local authorities to prosecute coupled with a dramatic increase in penalties.

Over the channel in France they have a system which is virtually identical to our new system, but I have never seen a fly tipping incident over there, and virtually no litter either. It is a British problem, sadly.

RE-CYCLING.

In a county like North Yorkshire where 7 district councils have merged into one, there are numerous different systems for things like re-cycling. Some former districts have glass, cans and plastic together for collection, others like the former Richmondshire have cans and plastic together, with glass separate. This means that quite often the collection vehicles are different in different localities.

By streamlining the system so that we have one system across the county, we can save money on bulk purchases of vehicles and bins etc. So the system in Richmondshire is to change from 12th October this year. We are to be given one bin for all re-cyclates, be it glass, cans or plastic. We have had many complaints from residents about the boxes currently used. Many were saying, 'Why can't we have a bin?'

From October one bin for re-cycling per house will be the system. These will be the 240 litre bins as are used for household waste, but will be green. A smaller bin can be requested which will accommodate households with perhaps only one resident. The only exception to this will be the sacks which are used for newspaper and magazines etc. These will continue as now. Every house will have a letter explaining the new system nearer the time.

Another alteration which is unique to Richmondshire and Ryedale are the 'brink banks'. Tesco car park at Catterick springs to mind, also Nunns Close car park in Richmond where there is a recycling service for bottles, cans and plastics. These are very expensive, costing £160,000 per annum to run, and cause immense annoyance to the likes of Tesco, where especially after the Christmas break, people either fly tip or leave huge amounts of bottles on the ground when the metal containers are full. These are to be withdrawn in due course. But again, worth noting, the likes of Hambleton never had them.

Collecting food waste to use in digestors for the generation of electricity is still a long way off, possibly until 2043, for a variety of reasons. I am hearing very mixed reports from residents in Darlington where it was introduced recently.

RICHMOND LEISURE

The leisure centre and swimming pool at Richmond is due to open towards the end of the year having benefitted from a spend of £1.65 million on it.

HOUSING.

I am frequently asked why there are NYC properties vacant, often having been in that position for a year or so. This happened only this week in Eppleby where there are 4 vacant properties and a resident in the village is looking for a house because their tenancy has been terminated by a private landlord.

We have across the county some 8,500 social houses and the void rate is currently just under 4.5%. This figure should be down to 2.5% by March. The reason for it being way above the 2.5% target is because we are carrying out an extensive upgrade program and this can only be done when the properties are vacant. An EPC of C is to be a government requirement by 2030 so where possible we are carrying out the necessary work now.

If a property has been empty for sometime and the garden has become overgrown, please let me know and I can request that it is tidied up.

FORCETT TO A66 ROAD.

This road is scheduled to have money spent on it in September. It is a mess down the edges of the tarmac caused by HGVs probably destined for the Agricore Plant at Winston. The part from Forcett to the Durham boundary was done last year. There really is nothing that can be done about the articulated lorries heading for Agricore which almost certainly cause the deep ruts down the sides of the road and are a great hazard to motorists. So we put the mess right whilst County Durham collect the business rates for the plant at Winston. Such is life.

PLANNING.

The department looking after Richmondshire and Hambleton continues to have difficulties, but I have noticed applications beginning to be determined in a more timely fashion. The number of cases outstanding after a year is certainly decreasing. Software updates are meaning that the former Hambleton staff will be able to work on Richmond cases and the same the other way round. The pre app service is also being introduced on a softly softly basis. We are told that the Designer Outlet is on target to open in 2027 but I think it is fair comment to say that there is a long way to go with this.

New applications are being validated in 14 working days on average, which is still a long way short of the target of 3 days, but is much improved from 20 plus days which was the case until recently.

However, an area of great concern to me is the new guide lines recently circulated by the government, which I feel are most unwelcome. These relate to Planning Committees which we have in Richmondshire and which I sit on. The government's aim is to dramatically reduce the number of cases that go to the Committee for determination, rather than being delegated to a Planning Officer. And the reason for this is quite simply to make Nimbyism much more difficult. Nimby being, 'Not in my back yard.' So when applications come forwards for 30 or 40 houses to be tagged onto a village, it will be much more difficult for residents to resist.

It would appear that the government intension is to effectively dispense with Planning Committees by starving them of the oxygen of work to do. This is not a healthy situation from any perspective, especially for residents of villages in my division. This will be one way to force the target through of 4,300 houses to have permission granted and built in North Yorkshire per annum.

HOPE MOOR WIND FARM.

There is to be a site visit in conjunction with the North Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority on Thursday this week. What is proposed will go within 400 meters of the National Park boundary. The NYC Planning Officers who will produce our response as statutory consultees, are in regular contact with the County Durham Planning Officers, and should have their report ready towards the end of the year.

The officer's final report will go before the Strategic Planning Committee, whose members will vote on the report before it is submitted to the Planning Inspector.

We understand that Olsens are hoping to submit their full application by mid 2027.

A66 UPGRADE.

We were originally told by National Highways that it was their intention to carry out the upgrade of the A66 in terms of the six sections all at the same time. This does not now appear to be the case in that the 3 sections in Cumbria are at a more advanced stage than our one section in North Yorkshire. I spoke to Rishi only this morning about the timetable but he didn't appear to know any more than we do regarding timing. He promised to keep pushing National Highways for a decision. And of course, we know nothing of the final plan for Scotch Corner roundabout.

30th June 2026. Angus Thompson

	Cllr Thompson has offered to cover the cost of one replacement dog waste bin for approx £600+VAT from his Locality Budget. FW has carried out an audit of the existing dog waste bins within the Village and has a rolling plan to replace one bin/year. The first replacement will be the bin at Crossways but sight it at the bus stop – Clerk to establish with NYC if it possible to move the bin location. Clerk to update to Asset Register with the forward plan and costings for replacements.
23 The Porch Marker Posts	Two Parish Councillors attended an incident at the Porch that concerned damaged Marker Posts. The PC would like to note that posts had been damaged prior to this incident. The PC have agreed to supply and install replacement posts. FW to action.
24 Changes to requirements regarding publication of councillors' usual residential address	Discuss Changes to requirements regarding publication of councillors' usual residential address on Declaration of Interest Forms – all PC's requested personal addresses be removed and uploaded to website/NYC. Clerk to action.
25 Rent Review	Proposed Rent Review for the land adjacent to the school was discussed. It was agreed to pay the revised rent of £288/year and the arrears of £264 (3 years of £88)
26 Financial Matters	12(i) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable CE & CM Walkers Ltd Ref 26052 £667.20, Clerk Salary & Sundries £304.80 + HMRC Rebate £41.20, Rob Skelton works £90 12(ii) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance £16235.00
27 Next Meeting	To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Tuesday 28th July 2026 in the Village Hall 7pm