

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

31st March 2026 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

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

PCSO Vincent Long. 65 members of the public attended the meeting

Parish Clerk: Charlotte Liversedge-Gell

109 Apologies - with approval for apologies	Cllr Lee
110 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None declared
111 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held 24th February 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair following the next meeting date change correction
112 Matters Arising	None
113 Correspondence	<p>(i) Northern Power - action taken by them following request from the PC for them to investigate woodland growth interfering with power lines opposite 80 Silver Street</p> <p>(ii) Charity Reception of the Chairs of North Yorkshire Council and Yorkshire Air Ambulance: Invitation circulated to the PC.</p> <p>(iii) YLCA updates and newsletters circulated to the PC.</p> <p>(iv) Email of thanks received from resident regarding the No Parking on Village Green sign being put in place so quickly.</p> <p>(v) Long Bridge Update requested from NYC by the Clerk.</p> <p>(vi) PLANNED ROAD RESTRICTION NOTIFICATION - The Green & Marygate – Barton RAF Armed Forces Day circulated to the PC and Village email network</p> <p>(vii) NYC Parish Liaison newsletters circulated to the PC.</p> <p>(viii) 2025/26 AGAR external auditor instructions received from PKF Littlejohn. To be prepared for the May Annual Meeting</p> <p>(ix) Resident alerted the PC to a precarious branch on one of the Willow trees by the Ford – this was dealt with safely.</p>
114 Public Participation	<p>See items 115 & 117</p> <p>A resident raised the issue of dog fouling on the Village Green and that it is getting worse.</p> <p>The PC would like to thank the majority of dog walkers who do pickup – but can those that do not, please do the responsible thing and pickup after they're dogs. This can be disposed of in any of the bins provided within the Village.</p>

	<p>A resident asked if they could varnish two of benches on the Village Green – the PC were grateful for this and agreed that they could.</p>
<p>115 Planning</p>	<p>To consider the planning applications within Barton Parish - 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. LOCATION: Half Moon Inn Silver Street Barton Richmond APPLICANT: Mr Gary Chin</p> <p>65 residents attended the meeting to hold a discussion on the above Planning Application. Questions were heard, debated and noted. These comments and concerns have been taken on board by the Parish Council to facilitate they're response to this application.</p> <p>Queries raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long does the Asset of Community Value (ACV) remain in place? This is in place for five years, after which it would need to be applied for again • Uncertainty of whether a cellar is being incorporated in the plans, how would draft beer be served? It was agreed more detail is required. • The ACV status encompasses the pub as being used as a 'Community Asset'. Do the proposed plans allow it to operate as such – for the Community. • Concerns that keeping part of the entity as a pub that is separate to the restaurant may become eroded over time. • Parking was a concern for many – over where cars would park and the safety concerns over this increase in volume of vehicles - given there is no designated parking for the pub at present. • The current Catering Vans that come to the Village create a variety of takeaway food and extra footfall to the pub – with people going in for a drink whilst waiting for food. This choice would be taken away from locals. • Concerns were raised over losing access to the pub when local events are held such as the Duck Race, Armed Forces Day, Leek Club etc. • Would the restaurant also be a takeaway – this would increase traffic issues even more. Cllr Cross stated that it wasn't listed on the Plans as being so. • It was suggested that the front of the pub maybe developed/changed so that it is not in keeping with the Village and may devalue properties in the area. • It was asked if there would be people in residence above the restaurant. The plans do not state this.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plans state that the building will be a pub with an ancillary restaurant. The question was raised over what the percentage split of pub Vs restaurant was to be. <p>Cllr Thompson commented that the application may be Called In to NYC Planning Committee.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the possibility of a committee coming together to purchase the pub as a group. Cllr Cross highlighted that if this was to be formed then there are people within the Village who can help to make that a success – however it is not the PC responsibility to run that committee.</p> <p>Chair Walsh thanked Cllr Cross for all of the work that went into achieving the ACV for the Half Moon Pub and to everyone that assisted and provided input for the application.</p> <p>Responses to the Planning Application need to be submitted by the 13th April.</p> <p>The Planning Portal can be found here</p>
<p>116 Half Moon Pub Outdoor Seating</p>	<p>This is not being pursued by the current landlord at the moment.</p>
<p>117 Village Green Damage</p>	<p>PC sent a letter to a resident on Kettle End asking for more care and consideration on the management of their development to be taken as they have large works vehicles moving in the area that are causing damage to the VG and poor management of the development is creating inconvenience for residents in the area.</p> <p>Residents expressed frustration at the very short notice they were given about delivery trucks arriving which would be blocking access to their properties for several hours which caused a great inconvenience to them.</p> <p>Heavy vehicles from the development are still going over the VG and the rocks that are in place to try and prevent this from happening. Residents raised concerns that there are much heavier vehicles going to be accessing the road as the development continues. Pot holes are increasing and the strip of VG is getting narrower due to the damage.</p> <p>It was asked if there was a right of way to this property. Clerk to contact Land Registry and forward to the PC.</p> <p>A resident explained that the VG outside they're property was getting thinner due to vehicles driving over it/parking on it and asked if pots could be put down. The PC agreed to this.</p>
<p>118 Police & Crime Report</p>	<p>PCSO Long attended the meeting and discussed recent Crimes within the Parish- including a recent burglary that is under</p>

	<p>investigation. Anti-Social Behaviour and the theft at the school are being dealt with by the relevant authorities. There is a Safety Hub that attempts to prevent the behaviour in the first instance and this involves a lot of different agencies.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson asked if speeding was still an issue through the Village? PCSO Long asked if a Speed Watch was in place for Barton – it is not. He suggested the PC contact NYC Highways in the first instance to have rumble strips installed on the road to ascertain current speeds. Clerk to make contact with NYC.</p>
119 NYC Update	Report due April/May
120 Play Area Inspections	<p>Annual Inspection of the Play Area has been carried out. No major issues were highlighted.</p> <p>Chair Walsh has given the Play Area a full power wash and algae treated.</p>
121 Financial Matters	<p>121(i) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable Clerk Salary £296 Printer Toner £74.32 E. Hall half yearly allotment rent £650 Play Area Annual Inspection £300 No Parking on VG Sign £31 Rob Skelton works £150</p> <p>121(ii) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance £13942</p>
122 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 28th April 2026 at 7pm held in the Village Hall</p>

MEETING CLOSED 9:10pm