

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE READING ROOM ON WEDNESDAY 9th JULY 2025

MEETING OPENED: 6.05pm

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (25/001)

- 1.1. It was **Resolved** to approve the selection of councillor Mark Whittington as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

2. WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN (25/002)

- 2.1. Councillor Whittington welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. Those in attendance: Councillors Brown and Eaton, Mr C Billing RFO.

3. APOLOGIES: TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN (25/003)

- 3.1. Councillor Lees was unable to join.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 (24/031) (25/004)

- 4.1. None Received.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (25/005)

- 5.1. It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th April 2025.

6. QUARTER 1 REPORT (25/006)

- 6.1. It was **Noted** that reserves covered less than six months expenditure and that a plan should be considered to increase this to 12 months over coming years.
- 6.2. It was **Resolved** to investigate setting up a capital reserve from the precept to ensure funds were available to invest in capital projects in the parish over the next 3-5 years.
- 6.3. It was **Resolved** for the RFO to send a Freedom of Information request to South Kesteven District Council to obtain the number of houses within the parish falling into each council tax band. The information to be used in the next precept calculation.
- 6.4. It was **Resolved** for the RFO to speak to the chair of the BGA to understand if their water bills were based on rateable value or metered consumption.
- 6.5. It was **Noted** that the pre-school would have reduced numbers next term and that a section 137 grant may be required to provide support. It was **Resolved** to discuss the options for extending opening hours as a way of increasing attendance with the Pre-school.

7. EVENTS TEAM BUDGET (25/007)

- 7.1. It was **Noted** that the £5,000 transfer to the business current account previously agreed hadn't been necessary.
- 7.2. It was **Noted** that no major event was planned for next year.

8. AGAR (25/008)

- 8.1. It was **Noted** that the councils AGAR submission had been made in line with the deadline and confirmation of receipt had been received.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1. Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 6.30pm at the Reading Room.

- 9.2. It was **Resolved** to add the review of the Finance Committee terms of reference and agenda structure to the September Parish Council meeting. To allow greater flexibility in the setting of meeting dates. RFO to co-ordinate with the Clerk.

The Meeting closed at 6.55pm