

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Barrowby Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026 at the Reading Room, Church Street, Barrowby at 6:45pm

Public Forum (6:45pm – 7pm) There were 3 members of the public present. Discussion points raised:

- i. **Representation was made by the Rectory Lane committee of the Barrowby Action Group.** Concerns were raised on the extent and scale of new development, and compromise to Butt Lane which is partly private. How are PC prepared to help raise awareness and outline what is at stake for community? Cllr Eaton reaffirmed that PC has unanimously voted to object to application. They have formed a planning working group to tackle ongoing development issues in the Parish. Discussion on difference between an Action Group who can lobby for an outcome and what PC can legally do eg. social media promotion encouraging comment and engagement.
- ii. Request for PC to positively contribute to plan to help maintain village identity.
- iii. **Neighbourhood plan:** The housing needs of the parish have already been met until 2041. The Neighbourhood Plan supports the SKDC Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan currently sits with SKDC who are conducting a consultation. It was **NOTED** that if there are too many changes SKDC will withdraw it leaving the Parish nothing.
- iv. An email was presented between a resident and Cllr Wimhurst regarding correspondence with senior LCC Highways. Email to be forwarded to Clerk.

The Public Forum ended at 7.07pm. Meeting started 7.08pm 2 Members of the Public left

Councillors in attendance:

Pam Bosworth, Michael Brown, Paul Brown, Phil Cupit, JP Durand, Nigel Eaton (Chair), Jo Footitt, Tim Lees, Anna McConnell-Good, Mark Whittington and Hugh Staunton

Officers in attendance:

Claire Dring (Assistant Clerk) 6.45pm-7.20pm Claire Vink (Parish Clerk) 7.20pm to close

District and County Councillors:

County Cllr Richard Litchfield

1. WELCOME (25/158)

Cllr Eaton welcomed members and members of the public to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES (25/159)

District Cllr Robert Leadenham's apologies were NOTED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (25/160)

- a) Cllr McConnell-Good declared an interest in 5a as a member of the BAG sub committee.
- b) It was **RESOLVED to approve** a dispensation for Cllr McConnell-Good for this meeting.

4. MINUTES (25/161)

It was **RESOLVED to approve** and sign the minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 9th February 2026. There were 3 abstentions. It was **RESOLVED to approve** and sign the minutes from the Parish Council EOM on 4th March 2026. There were 6 abstentions.

7.20pm Assistant Clerk left the meeting

5. PLANNING (25/162)

A verbal update on planning was received. Cllr Cupit, Cllr P Brown and resident R Sleaford requested to join the Planning Working Group.

6. VILLAGE WEIGHT RESTRICTION (25/163):

It was **RESOLVED to approve** to take this forward with Cllr Durand as the lead. It was **RESOLVED to approve** restricted roads: Rectory Lane, Main Street, Low Road (to Hedgefield Road intersection) and Casthorpe Road (next to Village Green) There was 1 abstention. Agreed next steps: collection of evidence to support the restriction and to explore cross over with 20's plenty. Cllr Litchfield to support

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7. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - CHURCH ST, MAIN ST & HIGH ROAD (25/164)

The Constitution by the TRO was discussed. It was **RESOLVED to approve** to provide comment such that Church Street should be resident parking only during school drop off / pick up times, and the intersection between Church Street, Main Street and High Road should be single yellow restricted parking during school pick up / drop off rather than double yellow. This is to minimise impact on local businesses. Support for pedestrian crossing(s) in this area. Request for a loading / unloading space outside the Reading Room. To include clarification of how this will be enforced. **Action: Clerk to write comment for submission** There were 2 abstentions

8. REPORTS (25/165)

a) Verbal update received from local government representatives:

- i. County Councillor Litchfield: Ongoing issues being progressed, namely:
 - I. School traffic. See consultation above. Pedestrian crossing to be assed 1st April
 - II. Bridge over A1 onto Dysart Road barrier height: this section of the road passes to National Highways responsibility. Options being explored with them.
 - III. Drop curb / extension of the footpath along Low Road opposite the Coop: currently no funding but it is on the list for review when more funding becomes available. Clerk will follow up in April.
 - IV. Grit Bin along Hedgefield Road have been installed.
 - V. Lights on A1/A52: National Highways communicated that this would be fixed in March. Cllr Litchfield to follow up.
 - VI. Resurface of footpath between Mill Road and Lowfields ongoing: Cllr Litchfield to follow up.
 - VII. Gate at Mill Row ongoing
 - VIII. Areas inappropriately used as 'laybys' on Rectory Lane increasing litter in the area: LCC spoke with the Low Road developer. They are not responsible for the latest area of destroyed verge however they have said they will rectify the problem. **Action: Clerk to work with Cllr Litchfield to identify how the 'laybys' can be closed off with physical barriers, and grass verge reseeded**
 - IX. Resident request for appropriate cycle markings being looked into.
 - X. Low Road Speed limit exiting the village: Request for speed limit assessment being pursued.
 - XI. Litter on A1/A52: working with National Highways to clear away contractor litter
 - XII. A1 footpath discussed.
 - ii. District Councillor Leadenham: (Report from EOM): Joint Parish Planning meeting to be held on 16th March 7pm in the Pavilion.
- b) A verbal update from the RAGS group was received: Due to the wet weather an extension to the Orchard Project has been requested. All work on the Lowfields is being completed with engagement of Groundperson. **Flower Group:** No update at this time. There will be a joint meeting between RAGs and the Flower Group on 30th March 7.30pm in the Reading Room. **20's Plenty:** A call for volunteers has been put in the Barrowby News. The 1st meeting will be in May to allow time for resident's engagement.

8.32pm 1 member of the public left

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES (25/166)

No committee meetings held in the last period.

10. FINANCE (25/15167)

- a) The February 2026 bank reconciliations were **RESOLVED to approve**.
- b) The summary of receipts, precept and expenditure figure was **NOTED**
- c) The income for February 2026 was **NOTED**.
- d) The expenditure for February / March 2026 was **RESOLVED to approve** as outlined in the payments list.
- e) It was **RESOLVED to approve** purchase of new litter and dog poo bins for the Lowfields. It was **RESOLVED to approve** reallocation of the 25/26 budget to fund this.
- f) It was **RESOLVED to approve** specialist grass treatment for the Lowfields by J Pask. It was **RESOLVED to approve** reallocation of the 25/26 budget to fund this.
- g) It was **RESOLVED to approve** acceptance of the LCC grass cutting grant for identified verges.

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11. CLERKS REPORT (25/168)

A verbal update was received from the Clerk in respect of the Clerk's Report, and the outstanding actions listed therein were **NOTED**. It was **NOTED** that Cllr training will take place in April or May depending on availability.

12. USE OF THE PAVILION (25/169)

It was **NOTED** that the pre-school who hire the pavilion will be closing on the 31st March. The Parish Council thanked all those involved in the running of the pre school over the 50 years it has been in the village and **NOTED** that it was a great loss for the parish. Alternative use was discussed for the Pavilion including lease to Football, mothballing, S106 redevelopment, alternative child care provider. To be explored further at the Buildings and Assets meeting

13. LETTER TO NEW RESIDENTS (25/170)

It was **RESOLVED to approve** the letter to new residents. **Action: Clerk to contact developers to see if it can be included as part of the welcome pack.**

14. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING(25/171)

It was **RESOLVED to approve** the date for the Annual Parish meeting: 13th May 2026 6.30pm in the Reading Room. **Action: Clerk to explore options for a community interest presenter.** Cllrs McConnell Good and Footitt will provide the refreshments. It was **RESOLVED to approve** a maximum spend of £70. **Action: Clerk to ask CoOp for a grant.**

9.05pm Cllr Whittington left the meeting

15. POLICIES (25/172)

It was **NOTED** that each committee needed to review their ToR and relevant policies in advance of the May Annual Parish Council Meeting

16. CAPTURE OF FUTURE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION / AGENDA ITEMS (25/173)

Option for veterans housing in New Developments. 1st Allocation to those with a local connection. 2nd Allocation to veterans.

Proposal for wards within the parish to allow for equal representation across the parish e.g. East of the A1, Westry Corner etc.

Royal Mail lists Barrowby postcodes as Grantham

17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING (25/174)

Monday 12th April 2026 at 6.45pm in the Reading Room for the Parish Council Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT MARCH 2026: Members noted the following income in February:

Customer	Description	Total
Private Hire	Hire of Reading Room	-£50.00
Private Hire	Hire of Reading Room	-£50.00
Virgin Money	Interest	£144.77
Private Hire	Hire of Pavilion	£80.00
Barrowby Pre School	Pre-School hire	£1,311.00
Private Hire	Hire of Reading Room	£18.00
All Saints Church	Hire of Reading Room	£30.00
Virgin Money	Virgin Money Cashback	£6.46
Private Hire	Hire of Reading Room	£127.25
InHale	Hire of Reading Room	£344.00
East Midlands Scrabble Club	Hire of Reading Room	£36.00
Grantham and Kesteven Bridge Club	Hire of Reading Room	£270.00
Mr Bridge Club	Hire of Reading Room	£288.00

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Members approved the following expenditure in February / March 2026:

Supplier	Description	NET	VAT	Total
Aldi	Bin bags	£2.08	£0.42	£2.50
Amazon	Paper towels	£36.37	£7.28	£43.65
Amazon	Gloves	£7.42	£1.48	£8.90
Amazon	Security	£23.31	£4.66	£27.97
Amazon	Dog waste bin	£209.98	£42.00	£251.98
Andrew Belson Ltd	Tree works	£540.00	£108.00	£648.00
British Telecommunications Plc	Broadband	£69.86	£13.97	£83.83
Claire Dring	Asst Clerk printing	£2.50	£0.00	£2.50
Clean My Windows	Window cleaning	£17.00	£0.00	£17.00
Cloudy Group Ltd	IT Support	£623.58	£987.34	£1,922.71
Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator battery	£214.00	£42.80	£256.80
EDF Energy	Electricity Supply	£195.09	£9.75	£204.84
EE Ltd	Broadband	£59.00	£11.80	£70.80
Epson Ready Print	Printing	£2.91	£0.58	£3.49
Epson Ready Print	Printer ink cartridges	£2.91	£0.58	£3.49
Grafton Nursery Ltd	Trees - Orchard	£267.01	£53.40	£320.41
Greenstripe	Grass cutting specialised	£1,238.00	£0.00	£1,238.00
Grenke	Lease of ipads	£309.84	£61.96	£371.80
HMRC	PAYE/NIC	£979.65	£0.00	£979.65
Home Bargains	Mop and Bucket	£2.97	£0.60	£3.57
Information Commissioner's Office	Annual fees	£47.00	£0.00	£47.00
Lebara	RFO mobile phone	£4.12	£0.83	£4.95
Lebara	Clerk mobile phone	£8.24	£1.66	£9.90
Lebara	Asst Clerk mobile phone	£7.79	£1.56	£9.35
Mileage	Mileage	£4.95	£0.00	£4.95
Monthly Salaries	February Salaries	£3,529.34	£0.00	£3,529.34
Monthly Salaries	WFH Allowance	£156.00	£0.00	£156.00
Monthly Salaries	March Salaries	£3,370.89	£0.00	£3,370.89
Monthly Salaries	Mileage	£5.13	£0.00	£5.13
NEST	Pension payment	£202.79	£0.00	£202.79
Pittam Property Improvement	General repairs	£30.00	£6.00	£36.00
Post Office Ltd	Postage	£20.40	£0.00	£20.40
Powershift Cleaning Service	Equipment protection	£295.00	£0.00	£295.00
SAFE I.S.	Fire Risk Assessment	£265.05	£53.01	£318.06
Screwfix Direct Ltd	Gardening equipment	£33.32	£6.67	£39.99
South Kesteven District Council	Waste collection	£155.38	£0.00	£155.38
SSE Business Energy	Gas supply	£1,876.73	£299.59	£2,176.32
Starboard Systems Limited	Scribe Bookings Subscription	£46.00	£9.20	£55.20
Starboard Systems Limited	Scribe accounts renewal	£561.60	£112.32	£673.92
Stripe	Stripe Transaction Fee	£2.85	£0.00	£2.85
The Works	Stationery	£0.83	£0.17	£1.00
UK Garage Doors Ltd	Repair to shutters	£432.48	£86.50	£518.98
Unlimited Web Hosting	Web hosting	£7.99	£1.60	£9.59
Virgin Money	Bank charges	£26.40	£0.00	£26.40
Wave Anglian Water Business	Water rates	£312.21	£0.00	£312.21