

BARNBY VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Draft minutes from the meeting held on 25th November 2025 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Attendees: Clare Powell (Chair), Vicky Appleby, Marie Burgess, Karan Jaram, Amanda Foster, Yvette Wellard, Gill Powell, Helen Cowlan (Clerk)

1. Chair

Clare Powell was voted in as the new Chair of the Committee – proposed Yvette Wellard, seconded Gill Powell (unanimous agreement).

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Graham Bett following the meeting.

3. Contributions from members of the public

Dog bins – concerns have been received about the fact that the bin on The Green was overflowing. As this is a relatively new issue, the situation will be monitored before reviewing the need for either a bigger bin, or more frequent emptying schedule.

4. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2025 were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Gill Powell, seconded Karan Jaram.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

6. Recent events

- i) Walking Treasure Hunt (5th Oct) - the event did not go ahead.
- ii) Fireworks Event (1st Nov) - made £405.00 - this was a successful event in conjunction with The Willow Tree.
- iii) Village Lunch (12th Nov) - made £230 from which expenses will be deducted. Future events could have the bar or bring your own drinks.

7. Events

- i) Wreathmaking (6th Dec) - ticket price £10 with 15 currently sold / pledged. All greenery can be obtained with guests to bring their own decorations / trimmings. Karan will provide mince pies, Vicky will provide prosecco, and Clare will organise tea, coffee and hot chocolate.
- ii) Children's Christmas Party (13th Dec) - children will have food and gift bags; they will make decorations for the Church Christmas Tree; 2pm at the Hall before going to the Church for 3pm, returning to the Hall at 4pm for a party; everyone welcome at Church with donations appreciated but not compulsory.
- iii) New Year's Eve Event (31st Dec) - it was agreed not to hold an event to prevent clashing with The Willow Tree.
- iv) Quiz Night – date confirmed as 7th February with Clare and Amanda creating the quiz. 7pm start with fish and chip supper (pre-ordering required). Clare will organise collection/delivery!
- v) Music Night (21st March) - high levels plans to include buffet and bar – details to be confirmed in the New Year.
- vi) Fashion Show – Helen to contact Graham to clarify the information he had received – review at next meeting.

8. New Proposals

- i) BarnbyFest – consideration is being given to how a 'whole village' event could be run – possibly in early May – details to be shared once options have been researched.
- ii) BBQ – there was a discussion about whether it would be worth buying a second-hand BBQ, rather than continuing to borrow one. Amanda to research this.
- iii) Gazebo leg weights – research to be done to see if these would be a sensible investment.

9. Finances

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As the budget is being prepared, detailed figures will be provided when available to set expectations for expected costs, and ringfenced funds. This will enable clear expectations to be set for the next financial year. It is likely that works will be required to ensure the safety of the Hall's electrics.

10. Parish Council updates

It is hoped to improve 2-way communication to ensure that the Committee and Parish Council have clear expectations about who is responsible for what, and to ensure full recognition is given / received as needed. This will also build trust.

It was agreed that a stock check should be done to look at best before dates, as well as amounts held, to have a clear picture to hand-over. It was agreed that consideration should be given to the process of buying stock (in terms of who and how). Parish Councillors have previously done this, however, this could, potentially, be the Committee's responsibility. Helen will ask Derick to liaise with Yvette for the stock check.

Vicky confirmed she has the Committee float for events.

11. Card Machine and Wi-Fi

Wi-fi - Research suggests that a company called Daisy will be the best option; installation should be straightforward but there would be a new quote for any additional works with the option of postponing / cancelling if needed. The Parish Council will be presented with the information to vote on at the next meeting. Installation could be relatively quick if approved.

Card machine – research options were shared, and it was agreed that Sum Up was the best option with Black Friday deals reducing machine costs to approx. £45-£50, and the transaction fee being 1.69% per transaction which is similar to the cost of paying cash in. It was agreed that having a machine with its own SIM would be more beneficial than only linking with an app. Consideration will need to be given to who has responsibility for handling transactions, and Helen will look at access levels and how to programme tickets/events. The Parish Council had no objections so Helen will buy a machine and look at set up.

12. Matters of note

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting A

Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7pm.

Meeting ended 20.35