

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th NOVEMBER 2025 at 7:00pm.

Attendees: Cllr Jackie Parker (Chair), Cllr Graham Bett (Vice-Chair), Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr Ben Powell, Cllr Derick Parker, Cllr Rachel Clipsham, Cllr Jo Woolley, District Cllr John Lee, County Cllr Janette Barlow, Helen Cowlan (Clerk).

Public: Neil Gribby attended later in the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Contributions from the public, District and County Councillors

Cllr Lee advised that retrospective planning permission for the Traveller site on Bulpit Road has been approved but will not be required to meet biodiversity net gain requirements.

He encouraged consideration be given to creating a Community Plan for Barnby (although a concern was raised about cost against effectiveness). Concerns were raised that development without permission is breaking the law.

4. Approval of minutes

It was unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2025 be approved as being a true record – proposed Cllr Derick Parker, seconded Cllr Jukes.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Bees - Cllr D Parker advised that the bees and hornets have gone – although immediate action is not required this will need to be reassessed in the New Year/Spring.

Chestnut Lodge – concerns were raised about the fact that the ‘temporary’ entrance appeared to have been made permanent as there is now a brick gateway/entrance with intercom system. There have also been deliveries of topsoil/stone. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk write to NSDC to share concerns.**

6. Finance

a) Current balances – Parish Council (inc reserves) £10317, Village Hall £5507.

b) Payments made since last meeting (Sept) inc VAT -

Parish Council

Mowing Fuel (Cllr D Parker) £22.86

Fencing nails (The Green) (Cllr D Parker) £7.09

Village Hall

Anglian Water / Wave (waste) £66.42

Drain Cover (Cllr D Parker) £79.20

Valda £61.01 total (£32.19 + £28.82)

Event – Fireworks (Cllr D Parker) £301.45

Window Cleaning £60.00

Porch maintenance £166.17

c) Payments upcoming (before next meeting) -

Parish Council -

MS Office

Mobile phone/SIM

Village Hall -

Chubb

PAT/Alarm

Music Licensing

RESOLUTION - it was resolved to approve the payments – proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Bett (unanimous).

d) Income received since last meeting (Sept) -

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NSDC Precept £2620.89

Village Hall

Hire (regular) £270

Hire (other) £20

Events total £918.25 (gross) = £195.05 + £723.20

Additionally – formal thanks were given to Cllr Barlow who will be donating funds to contribute to the Christmas Party that is being held for the children who live in the village. Any spare funds can be used for a future event that brings the community together e.g. one of the lunch events. This generous contribution is very much appreciated.

7. Planning matters

No new applications have been received.

8. Solar Farm Proposals

Correspondence received from the office of the Secretary of State appears to give contradictory information about the need for an Environmental Impact Assessment. No further information has been received from Starlight. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk write to clarify the position.**

9. Village Committee Report

The Fireworks event was successful and was a good joint venture with The Willow Tree. Future events are being planned including a Christmas party for the children in conjunction with the Church. Details of events to be shared soon. Cllr D Parker confirmed that he has now resigned from the Committee although will be happy to help ad hoc with events where possible. Cllr Bett, support unanimously, gave formal thanks for Cllr D Parker's hard work and commitment.

10. Committee Processes

Cllr J Parker confirmed receipt of the fireworks event funds for banking. The Committee will need to elect a new Chair at the next meeting. Cllr J Parker suggested meeting to see if and how they plan to take over the finances and bar stock purchase / control, and to see what assistance they would want. There is the potential to reduce the amount of bar stock held. This will be reviewed after the Committee has been able to discuss their way forward (carried forward to January's PC meeting). **RESOLUTION – It was resolved that the Clerk will update the Committee at next meeting and also speak to the Licensing team to check for up to date procedures.**

11. Village Hall maintenance

Tiles – Cllr Bett advised the slate tiles have been assessed (and some replaced) - works are not urgent but can be done in the future at an approx. Cost of £200-300.

Bees / hornets – although hornets (porch) and bees / wasps (back / extension) have gone, holes will need filling with lime mortar before Spring. Scaffolding will be needed. Cllrs Bett and D Parker will get quotes in the New Year.

Village Green – for information – Cllr D Parker has been liaising with Severn Trent who advised the main leak has been sorted but there may be issues with copper piping running out to two properties. They want to dig in the area to review and repair (and will make good the area is with previous works).

12. Use of Car Park

A local florist has enquired about using the Hall car park as a base once a week to sell fresh flowers from a bicycle. It was felt that this would be a low-risk activity so would be nice to support. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk will write to the florist to establish days/times to trial.**

It was resolved to revert back to agenda item 3 to enable resident Neil Gribby to give an update about the village newsletter.

Mr Gribby provided an update about the newsletter which is well received. Income from donations and advertising £ and expenses £612.69 means it is in profit in readiness for December's bumper issue. Consideration is being given as to how to use the surplus to give back to the community e.g. planting bulbs. Mr Gribby requested that the Parish Council

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continues with giving support of £210 (£35 per issue for six issues). Parish Councillors have feedback that it is a lovely newsletter and that support should continue to be budgeted for.

RESOLUTION – it was resolved to continue to support the newsletter to the sum of £210 (Mr Gribby will continue to provide breakdown / evidence of income and expenses as done today) - proposed Cllr Bett, seconded Cllr Jukes (unanimous).

Mr Gribby was asked for an update about BASiC – it was felt that there was a lack of attention to detail in areas of proposals and agreed that there was confusion about whether an Environmental Impact Assessment would be needed. BASiC have proposed different / additional (visual) viewpoints be used for consideration, and a photographer has been observed in the area. BASiC will be writing to Starlight.

Mr Gribby left the meeting, and the agenda order was resumed.

13. Correspondence

No correspondence of note had been received – emails for general information have been circulated if needed.

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

Amended to 15th January 2026 at 7pm (after originally being planned for 8th January).

Meeting closed at 20.10

.....Signed / Dated (Chair)