

Minutes of a meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Charles Howarth (Chairman), Janatha Anstiss, Chris Brown and Neil Udale, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jacquie Huddleston.

**25/1 Public participation:**

The financial needs of the Village Hall were mentioned and the Clerk explained that an application for the £1,500 allowed for in the Precept for 2025-26 would be applied for at the next meeting. In the meantime, the Chairman and Clerk will check how much can be given, under Section 137, to local projects, in the light of possible further applications for funding next year.

**25/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**25/3 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**25/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. A member of the public had felt that those of 6<sup>th</sup> January were not accurate, as 'not unanimous' in the case of the vote recorded and did not reflect the possible 50% for and against. After discussion it was resolved that the minutes stand as published.

**25/5 Parish/Resilience Plan:**

Requests for updated email addresses and phone numbers have gone out in the newsletter and on Barbon Facebook page. If that fails to generate the information needed then Councillors Brown and Huddleston will be undertaking door to door contact next month.

**25/6 Reports:** None.

**25/7 Finance:**

*a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

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| Barbon Village Hall | £40.00  | Hire of hall   |
| Barbon Village Hall | £80.00  | Hire of hall for meetings during 2024  |
| CALC                | £30.00  | Councillor Training  |
| K M Price           | £128.01 | Quarterly expenses to<br>31 <sup>st</sup> December, including use of<br>Office and travel. |

- b. It was resolved to ask Andrew Brayshaw to do a 'tidying up' purge around the village, using the £1,000 set aside in the Precept for this. Councillor Udale agreed to be put in touch with him and to make arrangements.
- c. Councillor Anstiss circulated some photographs of the benches in the parish. Some of these need repair and refurbishment. The Clerk will forward details of the supplier Kirkby Lonsdale TC uses, to the Chairman and Councillor Udale. If details of donors can be located, they could be asked if they wish to pay for a bench/plaque. The Clerk thought that Andrew Brayshaw may be able to help with fitting any new benches. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**25/8 Planning:** None.

**25/9 Sedbergh Post Office:**

The forthcoming relocation of Sedbergh Post Office has sparked a review of the provision in Barbon. The consultation is still 'live' but in an email received today, Councillor Hazel Hodgson had indicated that the service in Barbon would cease on 24<sup>th</sup> March. It was agreed to make representations concerning the possible loss of the service in Barbon but also that a decision seems to have been made before the consultation period has ended. It was also agreed to ask if a 'stay of execution' could be granted.

**25/10 Correspondence:**

- a. Details of the Sexual Harassment Policy that Councils are recommended to adopt were discussed and it was resolved that the Council adopts the Policy as it stands and it will also be sent to the website.
- b. The Clerk will check why Councillor Udale's Declaration of Interests has disappeared from the Westmorland & Furness website.

**25/11 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 8pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*