

Minutes of a meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Charles Howarth (Chairman), Janatha Anstiss, Chris Brown, Jacquie Huddleston and Neil Udale, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

25/12 Public participation:

Solar panels are to be installed at the Village Hall, the Hall is now registered with Electricity North West as a 'warm space' a 'procedure' is being written, to deal with emergency situations, and this will be an addendum to the Parish Councils' Plan.

Members of the public present also joined in with Councillors in discussion relating to the Parish Plan/Resilience Plan.

Proposed speed restrictions: It is not possible to have a 20mph speed limit in Barbon but application could be made initially for a 30pmh limit. The Clerk will ask Helen Karasslan at Westmorland & Furness Council and Councillor Peter Thornton to ascertain if an expression of interest can be put forward.

25/13 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/14 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/15 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/16 Parish Plan/Resilience Plan:

This has been advertised in the newsletter and online, in the hope of forming a confidential list of contacts that could be used in the event of an emergency. It is now planned to visit from door to door, asking residents if they are willing for their contact details to be included on the list, which will be securely held by the Parish Council.

25/17 Reports: None.

25/18 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

CALC	£158.88	Annual subscription
K M Price	£128.21	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, including Use of home office and travel.

- b. It was resolved to pay the grant of £1,500 to Barbon Village Hall – this had been allowed for in the Budget/Precept.
- c. Councillor Udale said he is in touch with Andrew Brayshaw, following the last meeting, and the maintenance issues are in hand.

25/19 Planning: None.

25/20 Benches/seats in the parish:

It appears there are six benches/seats in the village and it was resolved to replace four of these now and two at a later date. Councillor Udale will obtain an estimate of the cost of fitting them, before an order is made. Any plaques will be removed from the seats and Councillor Howarth agreed to clean them up, before contact will be made, if possible, with the owners, whereupon these will be asked if they wish to pay for the new seat.

25/21 Sedbergh Post Office:

The Clerk had responded to the consultation the day after the last meeting, in the terms agreed, but had only received an acknowledgement. It is not known at present if the Barbon Outreach closed on 24th March as had been indicated.

25/22 Correspondence:

None, but the Clerk said that his other Councils, where there is street lighting, have received correspondence from Westmorland & Furness Council asking if the Parish/Town Council wishes to pass over the ownership and maintenance of street lighting to Westmorland & Furness Council.

He will make enquiries. Should this apply to Barbon, it was resolved that a request will be made for the street lighting to be taken over as suggested.

25/23 Agenda item for the next meeting:

To appoint a representative on the Village Hall committee.

25/24 Date and place of the next meeting:

***Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: