

Minutes of a meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Craig Barlow, Jacquie Huddleston and Chris Lee, four members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Neil Udale and Westmorland & Furness Councillor Hazel Hodgson.

In the absence of the Chairman, it was mutually agreed that Councillor Huddleston should chair this meeting.

26/1 Public participation:

- a. The Council was asked (in advance to support an amendment planning application that arrived too late for this meeting's agenda. Councillors are to make a site visit and then advise the Clerk, who is delegated to respond to this application.
- b. On behalf of the Trustees of the Village, the Council was encouraged to support the application for funding for a defibrillator. It had also been agreed to obtain/purchase a second litter bin to replace the one that had been removed from outside the Village Hall. The Clerk will check with Councillor Hodgson if there has been any progress with this.
- c. On behalf of The Trustees the possibility of a £2000 grant towards the running costs of the Village Hall was raised. The Clerk explained that £2,000 has been allowed for in the Precept for 2026-7 but it still has to be applied for, as there is no guarantee that it will be paid.
- d. On behalf of the Trustees it was also asked if they received this grant would it prevent them from applying for a s137 grant. They were reassured by the clerk that this wasn't the case, they could request a form and apply. The Village Hall Trustees may apply for a s137 grant at any time, subject to the limits of around £11.10 per Elector of the parish and it will be considered in the usual way.

26/2 Requests for Dispensations: None

26/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

26/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/5 Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors:

Councillor Hodgson had emailed a report and the Clerk had circulated this to all Councillors.

26/6 Finance:

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

Barbon Village Hall	£12.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£123.30	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. Barbon Charities. This Charity does not appear on the Charity Commission website, unless it is known by some other name. Councillor Huddleston will ask John Pedley and Lindley Thornber if they have any further information.

26/7 Emergency Plan

It was resolved to pay for a defibrillator, as follows, to which will be added the cost of the electrician.

zoll AED at £1,495
Sentry stainless steel at £795
Rescue safety kit £15
Annual support £784 for four years
Delivery cost £25
Total £3,114.00

The order will be placed in the name of the Parish Council, so VAT can be reclaimed and the invoice sent to the Clerk. The Village Hall committee will oversee the installation of the defibrillator.

At the last meeting, the possibility of the Village Hall committee holding a 'fund' in respect of the Emergency Plan, to pay for various items, should an emergency situation arise. A sum of £400 plus £200 was suggested and this will be confirmed at the next meeting, subject to agreement by the Council.

26/8 'Assertion 10 – Digital & Data Compliance':

The Clerk said that a website had now been set up for this Council. Councillors were asked for their mobile phone numbers (not for the public domain) so that A2A can email everyone with passwords/email address etc, in advance of the date for compliance of 31st March 2026.

A volunteer will be required to maintain the site and put minutes/agendas etc on it. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. A2A do offer an hour's basic training, including in the set-up charge.

26/9 Stiles and cattle grids:

Councillor Huddleston had been in touch with a Yorkshire Dales Ranger regarding the possible repair of some of the stiles in the parish that are damaged. A further response is awaited. She will also discuss the matter with Westmorland & Furness Highways.

Cattle grids were still to be investigate but these would most likely be the responsibility of Highways, and it would be very unlikely that they would be willing to pay for repairing them.

26/10 Planning: None.

26/11 Benches/seats in the parish:

This had been discussed and agreed at previous meetings but had not been brought to a conclusion. After further discussion, it was resolved to accept the quotation from David Ellershaw of £1,570.00 for three benches in Accoya (Acetylated Wood) with a 50-year guarantee. Councillor Barlow will place the order in the name of the Parish Council.

26/12 Correspondence: None.

26/13 Date and place of the next meetings:

Thursday 14th May 2026

(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Thursday 23rd July 2026

Monday 7th September 2026

Monday 7th December 2026 (Precept Meeting)

All at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed:

Dated: