

Minutes of a meeting of Barbon Parish Council held at Barbon Village Hall on Thursday 30th July 2026 at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Charles Howarth (Chairman), Craig Barlow, Jacquie Huddleston and Chris Lee, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Neil Udale.

26/29 Public participation:

Sandra Bann, as a Trustee of the Village Hall, requesting a letter of support from the Council for the Village Hall, as they plan to renew the kitchen, at a cost of around £33,000. This is to tie in with the resilience guidelines from central government.

This was agreed and the Clerk will supply a letter, as soon as possible.

26/30 Requests for Dispensations: None.

26/31 Declarations of Interest:

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

26/32 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/33 Westmorland & Furness Councillor: None.

26/34 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Barbon Village Hall		
	£16.00	Hire of hall
William H Hartley		
	£48.00	Maintenance
Lune valley Landscapes and Grounds Maintenance Ltd		
	£130.00	Weed spraying
K M Price	£148.51	Quarterly expenses, including use of home office and travel

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor was received with thanks. There were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention.
- c. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- d. The frequency and extent of grasscutting was discussed and this will be monitored regularly.

26/35 'Assertion 10 ' Digital & Data Compliance':

The Clerk said that the new website is compliant with all the new requirements, although it now appears that it is not yet a legal requirement (although considered good practice) for all Councillors to have a gov.uk address, providing the Clerk does.

A volunteer has been found to keep the website up to date, with agendas, minutes and financial details. It was resolved to pay an honorarium for this work of £100 for the year.

26/36 Planning: None.

26/37 Dog fouling:

As a first step to combat this problem, it was agreed to produce a leaflet for distribution in the village, alerting residents to the problem and asking for co-operation.

26/28 Parish Plan/Resilience Plan:

The content of the plan is being updated. It appears that no grant will be available if the box containing the defibrillator is left unlocked. It was agreed, therefore, to purchase a defibrillator and Councillor Huddleston to be responsible for the arrangements.

26/29 Waste bin:

Efforts to obtain a second bin to be sited on the edge of the Village Hall entrance are continuing. An email received today from Westmorland & Furness Council promised an update within the next few days.

26/30 Litter management:

Councillors Barlow and Lee will arrange a litter pick in the village, around October.

26/31 Location of post box:

This may be difficult, as the Post Office will need to be involved. Enquiries are continuing.

26/32 Appearance of village:

The Council felt that it would be appropriate to have some planters at various locations in the village, which would enhance its appearance. However, this Council does not own any land, so finding suitable locations could be difficult. It was agreed to have a walk around to see if there are any likely places where a planter could be placed.

26/33 Correspondence:

- a. Kirkby Lonsdale and District – Community Action Group. A letter had been received regarding the proposed West Lune Solar Farm, at Hop House Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale. This was noted, although no official response can be made until a planning application is made.
- b. Barbon Inn car park and 'pitch up' scheme. Similar schemes operate at locations country-wide and appear to be permissible, providing they do not cause a disturbance.

26/34 Date and place of the next meeting:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 7pm at Barbon Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: