

PARISH OF BARLOW
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 15 MAY 2023

Present:

Councillors J Brougham, Hall, Herrmann, McNeill, Marshall, Siddall and Taylor

Also in attendance were Clerk Emma Smith

ANN1 Appointment of Clerk to the Meeting

Emma Smith, Parish Clerk for Barlow Parish Council was appointed as Clerk to the meeting.

ANN2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence for Cllr Jones and Cllr Foster

ANN3 Minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2022 be moved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

ANN4 Chairman's report

The Chairman presented their Annual Report for 2022/23 to the members. This is given at appendix A. The Chair's report was noted. Councillors thanked Cllr McNeill on his time and effort put into the Council during his term.

ANN5 Income and Expenditure 2022/23

The Parish Clerk presented a report on the Income and Expenditure for 2022/23. This is given at appendix B the reports were noted.

ANN6 Matters raised by Parishioners

There were no Parishioners present and no matters had been raised.

ANN7 Matters raised by the Parish Council

No matters were raised.

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Chair 13 May 2024

For consideration at the Annual Meeting 13 May 2024

Appendix A

Chair's Annual Report 2022/23

By the Chair Cllr Alastair McNeill

Another year has passed as Chair of the council, and I believe we have built on our strengths from last year to deliver even more for the local community. This year has seen the introduction of new speed gates at either end of the village to encourage vehicles to lower their speeds on reaching Barlow, we hope you have noticed them and more importantly noticed a reduction in speeds as a result. Furthermore, the village playground has undergone an upgrade for younger residents to enjoy as well as installing solar panels to the village hall to lower costs and our carbon footprint.

I do not believe any of the improvements mentioned previously would be possible without the fantastic work that Emma our Clerk does, she has personally secured funding for all the schemes through grants and other sources which is a fantastic achievement. As ever I would like to thank Emma for the amazing role she undertakes as Clerk, frequently going above and beyond and we are all very grateful.

At the time of writing, we are approaching the coronation weekend and look forward to enjoying celebrations as part of the joint venture between the Parish Council, Barlow Church and Barlow Carnival. As a small village we all rely on each others support and I would like to thank both parties for their support and efforts in making Barlow special.

I would like to thank each of the councillors for their effort and support over this year, giving up their free time to help the village and would also like to thank Irene as vice chair for her support over the year.

We have exciting news that the long-term vision for the village hall redevelopment is a step closer and has been granted planning permission by the local authority. We now look to secure funding to make the most out of the space and views we have from the building. We hope the development delivers benefit to the users of the hall and hope you will enjoy it in the years to come.

This year I will be handing over to one of my colleagues to take the lead going forward as I have moved out of catchment. There are too many individuals to thank personally but I would like to express my gratitude for everyone I have worked with and met during my time in the village. It is a rare place where so many people give up their free time to volunteer for the benefit of the village. It is a truly special place to live, and I am sure I will cross paths with many of you again.

Appendix B

Income and Expenditure 2022/23

<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Training and Administration	4,580.93
Salaries	9,627.40
Hall Costs	30,779.37
Footpaths and Bridleways	8,586.21
Recreation Ground and Playground	21,313.08
Dog Bins	1,558.08
Loan	6,448.48
Section 137	1,402.75
Total Expenditure 2022/23	84,296.30
Income	
Precept	36,682.50
Donations and Grant	15,480.48
Hall – Regular Hirers	5,472.46
Hall – Adhoc Hirers	1,880.00
Car Boot	0.00
Misc	3,696.93
Bank Interest	52.16
Total Income 2022/23	63,264.53