

PARISH OF BARLOW
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON 13 MAY 2024

Present:

Councillors Hall, Herrmann, Ibbotson, Marshall, Siddall and Taylor

Also in attendance were Clerk Emma Smith and PCSO Flower

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 Brougham and Cribley, Jones (NEDDC) and Foster (DCC)

ANN3 Minutes of the last Annual Parish meeting

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 May 2023 be moved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

ANN4 Chairman's report

The Chairman presented their Annual Report for 2023/24 to the members. This is given at appendix A. The Chair's report was noted. Councillors thanked Cllr Hall for doing an admirable job.

ANN5 Income and Expenditure 2023/24

The Parish Clerk presented a report on the Income and Expenditure for 2023/24. 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 5 May 2025

For consideration at the Annual Meeting 5 May 2025

Appendix A

Chair's Annual Report 2023/24

By the Chair Cllr Irene Hall

Starting with the positives.....

Looking back, we have achieved quite a number of constructive things during the last year.

It was so good to see the smart new bus shelter go up!

A new thermostat in the Hall now enables our Clerk, Emma, to access the heating remotely via the Hive system, which, together with the solar panels, helps to keep those challenging energy bills as low as possible.

Fencing has been installed on the recreation ground, the damaged boundary stone wall was smartly repaired and we now have a new height barrier.

The latest equipment on the play area is, hopefully, currently being enjoyed by the smaller participants and the sun protecting sail is now in place.

White lines have been secured for Furnace Lane and further yellow lines have, at least, been promised for Wilkin Hill.

Door guards are now in place, in the Hall, thanks to help from Councillor Pat Taylor, and the purchase of new barrier matting is in hand.

For the D Day celebrations, Emma has just acquired a commemorative plaque and, as regards the Remembrance Day poppies, Councillor Nick Ibbotson and family did a splendid job.

A donation was given to the church and the Christmas tree was gifted for the Village Green.

And last, but not least....

A beautifully repaired prow means that HMS Barlow is once again proudly negotiating her way through the waves of activity on the play area!

Now, on to the subject of the usage of the Hall....

As well as Pre School, Young Farmers, Pilates and the newly formed Barlow Nature Club, we still host the usual number of annual activities, such as the Carnival, the Christmas Fayre, the Harvest Supper and the Red Barrows Dinner. In addition, a number of private functions have taken place and a wreath making event is planned for December. There have also been recent applications for a Jazz Evening and a

Book Signing. Promising news, on the one-off front, but things are still in short supply in this area.

As always, there are loose ends....

The railings round the Coronation Tree have yet to be painted and we are still looking for someone to maintain the Village Green borders after Mark Jones leaves.

To date, the toilet drainage problems remain unsolved and decisions still need to be made with regard to the proposed Village Hall development.

Nevertheless, this time of year is not only an occasion to reflect, but it is an opportunity to thank, as well.

As always, we have so much to thank Emma for. Yet again, she has been our front line of defence in times of crisis. As we know, she is a mine of information when required and her enthusiasm, when asked to research ideas and funding issues has been second to none. Thank you!

Thanks also to Councillor Ingo Herrman, who bravely stepped up as Vice Chair and so willingly filled the role in February, in my absence.

The regular support and advice from PCSO Jon Flower and his colleagues have been invaluable.

Thanks too, to Louise Shore and Jon Cook for their ongoing Speed Watch work and a very warm welcome to new team member Emma Woods.

Then, there is someone, who is rarely seen, but who often works tirelessly in the background. That is Emma's Uncle, Richard. So much unrewarded work, so willingly undertaken! Please would you pass on a very sincere "Thank you!" Emma?

Finally, a huge "Thank you!" to you....the Team.

This year you inherited a Chair who is not only 'mature', to say the least, but who had no experience in this role.

Without your regular presence at meetings, eager, constructive discussion and much appreciated ideas, this year in office would have been a significantly less comfortable journey for me. Thank you!

Appendix B

Income and Expenditure 2023/24

Expenditure

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Training and Administration	3,716.07
Salaries	8,475.96
Hall Costs	14,099.90
Footpaths and Bridleways	7,773.45
Recreation Ground and Playground	7,607.80
Dog Bins	1,702.92
Loan	3,224.23
Section 137	2,225.00

Total Expenditure 2023/24 **48,825.33**

Income

Precept	36,620.00
Donations and Grant	14,370.00
Hall – Regular Hirers	5,784.96
Hall – Adhoc Hirers	2,162.50
Car Boot	31.20
Misc	3.45
Bank Interest	134.85

Total Income 2023/24 **59,106.96**