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**Minutes of the Meeting of Barrowford Parish Council
Held at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford
On Wednesday 18th February 2026**

Present

Cllr. R. Oliver – Chairman in the Chair

Parish Councillors

S. Nike

M. Iqbal

C. Ashton

T. Titchiner,

M. Waddington

145. Declaration of Interest: None

146. Apologies: Cllrs. A. Stringer, J. Gibson, L. Ashworth, Cllr. D. Gallea

147. Minutes of Meeting of the Council Meeting Held on the 28th January 2026:

Copies having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved: To adopt the minutes as a true record.

148. Planning Applications, Tree Orders and Highway Matters:

It was Resolved:

Number	Detail	Comments
26/0061/HHO	Full: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. 19 Ribblesdale Place Barrowford Lancashire BB9 6AX	No Objection if Concerns are Addressed: The proposed extensions are not disproportionate to the house due to the size of the plot of land. The neighbours at 17 may have concerns regarding proximity of the side extension to their dwelling. The two proposed extensions significantly increase the roof surface area and reduce the soft surfacing to the garden. This will lead to an increased rate of surface water runoff if the water catchment on the additional roof surface is not adequately dealt with. These houses sit within the catchment area for Pendle Water and additional water runoff rates into the river above the main village could cause additional problems lower down the village. Effective prevention of surface water runoff should be encouraged to mitigate potential future flooding risks through increased prolonged rainfall events through climate change.
26/0075/TPO	T1 is a Lime tree, the tree is 70% dead, there is still some life a large limb extending over the drive and some live shoots at the base of the tree. We wish to fell the tree on the grounds of safety. please see attached picture. 12 Francis Avenue Barrowford Lancashire BB9 6A. For Information Only	

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26/0076/TPO	T1 Oak - Crown Raise secondary branches up to 4m. 40 Bank Fold Barrowford Lancashire BB9 6JW For Information Only
26/0077/TPO	Remove one Sycamore tree in rear garden 21 Bank Fold Barrowford Lancashire BB9 6JW For Information Only
26/0095/TPO	T8 Beech Reduce Lateral limbs back from property by 2 mtr's, Crown lift to 5 mtr's (secondary limbs only) marked on picture supplied. A3 Sycamore x2 crown lift to 4mtr to facilitate road construction. Locations marked purple on plans. Development Site to the North East of Saint Thomas Church Wheatley Lane Road Barrowford Lancashire. For Information Only

149. Financial Matters: Documents having been previously circulated.

It was Resolved:

- a) Virements for January 2026 None
- b) To Note the Outturn to the 31st January 2026
- c) To approve payments of £13,495.60 for February 2026

150. Pride in Place Fund /Three Year Plan: The Clerk gave verbal update on progress.

151. Barrowford Library: No set date has been given for work to commence at the Library the Clerk will keep the requisite slots in the booking diary open.

152. 117 Gisburn Road: No planning application has been submitted yet the Clerk will ask for a progress report.

153. New Council Website: No Update

154. Report of the Clerk:

- 1) **Bench at Dicky Nook:** The Council need to formally Resolve the provision of the bench at Dicky Nook.

It Was Resolved:

- 1) That the Council Apply for a Licence from LCC to site a bench on the highway.
 - 2) That the Clerk I A Lord can sign the Licence on behalf of the Council.
 - 3) To Provide the bench at Dicky Nook.
 - 4) Install as to LCC recommendations.
 - 5) Maintain the bench in perpetuity.
 - 6) Provide a copy of the Councils Public Liability Insurance to LCC.
- 2) **Bollards at Ridgeway:** The Clerk received a phone call from a resident that additional bollards had been installed at Ridgeway. The three new bollards are used at night and are let into the carriageway and lifted with a key preventing vehicle access past the doctor's surgery at night. The caller a resident of Wheatley Sprins was under the impression that the existing bollards between Wheatley Springs estate and Ridgeway were removable as an emergency access for the Fire and Ambulance Services. The new bollards will prevent this access outside surgery operating hours. The Clerk will make enquiries and report back.
 - 3) **Silver Birch to Rear Holmefield House:** A neighbour has complained to Pendle Borough Council regarding the two Silver Birch situated near the exit to the field onto

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the Nora Street as they would like to see extensive reduction in the size of the trees
The Clerk contacted the Tree Officer at Pendle to discuss the trees which are two native Silver Birch with a good shape and form. The Tree Officer recommended that we ask Choyce Contractors to look at the tree and see if he thinks it needs work to reduce the size whilst retaining the shape and character of the trees. The Council may wish to consider having TPO's put on the trees to protect them for the future. The Clerk will report back.

- 4) **May Elections:** The May Borough Council Elections are going to take place.

155. Report on the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee Meeting:

Cllr. Oliver gave a brief update.

156. To receive reports (if any) from County & Borough Councillors and members appointed to other bodies. None

157. Date, time & place of next meeting: *The next Council meeting will be held 18th March 2026 Starting at 7pm at Holmefield House Gisburn Road Barrowford.*