

Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council (BPC)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 10th December'25 at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Heap (Chair) Cllr. D. Goldsbrough
Cllr. L. Rushworth Cllr. McGregor Cllr. J. Harthan

In Attendance: C A Heap (Clerk & RFO) **Public:**

1.	Apologies: Cllr. J. Connor & G. Grimshaw	Absent:
2.	Councillors Declaration of Interest: None	
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 12th November 2025. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting should be APPROVED and that the Chair sign them as a correct record.	
4.	Public Participation:	
5.	Financial Matters: The following payments were approved / ratified for payment:	
	November'25	Expenditure
	12	RFO Expenses Audit/Roof Sample /LB
	14	G Pegg Clean Turning Area Remembrance Service
	14	Octopus Energy Elec October
	18	PwE Commission Cash October
	20	Wilkinson Toilet Clean October
	20	Travis Perkins Coldlay Macadam
	24	UU Water Toilets 3Oct - 2Nov'25
	25	Toilet Block CL Danson Interim 1
	December	Wilkinson Toilet Clean November
	8	Xmas Light Hooks
	8	Festive Lights VH White Front & Icicle Side
	8	Pensioners Xmas Gifts
	9	CMS Live Web Site Host GS
	9	Playground & Car Park Clean Oct-November
	9	Chapel / Events Committee Repayment Xmas Party
	10	Octopus Energy Electricity November
	10	J. Maunder Gardening Oct-November
6.	Planning Applications for Consideration by Members & Any Updates	
A	APPLICATION: 25/0588/HHO Proposal: Full: Erection of a two-storey side extension at Bollards Barn, Barley New Road Barley – Refused at BwP Committee meeting (Scale and Design).	
B	APPLICATION: 25/0557/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension, removal and replacement of windows and roof to the single storey rear conservatory. AT: Pendle Inn, Barley Lane, Barley - Approved.	

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	<p>both toilets opened for the Xmas period. On the 8th of January, the windows are due to be delivered to site, and the contractor plans to install them immediately along with the cladding and soffits to the barges etc. Electricians are scheduled for Friday the 9th to reinstall the lighting and sockets removed from the external cladding area. They should also catch any other outstanding items during this 1st week of the new year.</p> <p>An interim payment of £31k has been made to the contractor. Cllr Heap reported that he had concerns relating to the layout of the drainage downspouts and connections which he thought looked clumsy and could suffer from vandalism. The layout was as per the design, and he would have to issue a Project Manager Instruction to change the layout, and this would be at an additional cost to the Council. Members agreed and it was RESOLVED to change the layout.</p> <p>c Update on Signage – Pendle Lay-By Waste, Resident Parking & Playground Restrictions The Chairman reported signs designs were confirmed and an order placed. Action Cllr Heap</p> <p>d Removal or dead or dying trees and pruning of Laurel bushes. Chairman reported on the works completed earlier in the day including removing dead trees and thinning and reducing height of laurel bushes and shared photographs. Action: Cllr Heap.</p> <p>e Xmas Decorations 2025 The Xmas tree had been decorated with lights on 30 November by Cllr Connor & Goldsbrough. The RFO reported she had travelled to Wigan to collect the new lights for the Village Hall. Cllr Heap would meet the contractor the next day and provide the PC Xmas lights and advise where they should be placed and the timer settings etc. He would also instruct a new socket with timer is fitted in the shelter which could be used by the Women’s Institute for their Xmas lights and the replacement of lights bulbs in both toilets and the Cabin toilet. Action: Cllr Heap.</p>
8.	<p>Traffic Issues, Turning Area, Car Park & Planned Events</p> <p>a Large Public Busses passing through Barley causing congestion and damages. Clerk reported that she had written to and spoken to Preston Bus, but whilst promises were made to give feedback, nothing had been received.</p>
9.	<p>Reports from Chairman</p> <p>a Village Green Registration – LCC have still not processed this though they received it in March.</p> <p>b Whitehough Access Road Following resurfacing work on the access road off Barley Lane, LCC have raised an order to temporarily close the bridleway to horses because the new surface could cause them to slip. The order is likely to last six months.</p> <p>c Whitehough to Narrowgates Bridleway Sign - Grant Application Members further confirmed a willingness to support this group of residents with a sign to discourage delivery vans and others that try to use the Whitehough to Narrowgates Bridleway, as led by google directions. Members RESOLVED to make a 60% contribution anticipating costs to be circa £200. Residents to determine size and location. Action: RFO.</p> <p>d Update Pendle Local Plan 4th Edition 2021-40 Pendle Council received the Planning Inspectorates Report on the examination of the Pendle Local Plan. The Inspector has concluded that, subject to the main modifications set out in his report, the Plan the tests of soundness set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>

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<p>e</p> <p>f</p> <p>g</p>	<p>The receipt and publication of the Inspectors Report mark the completion of the examination of the Local Plan. The Inspectors' Report and adoption of the Local Plan will be considered at the Council meeting on Thursday 18 December 2025. Councillors discussed the proposed modifications to section DM11 (FoB and AONB) and the removal of paragraphs 2, 7 and 8.</p> <p>P2 listed Barley, Newchurch, Roughlee and Spen Brook as settlements within the AONB, P7 referenced Vibrant Communities and P8 addressed development outside settlement boundaries. Council could see no merit in these modifications and agreed to raise with PBC. Action: Clerk.</p> <p>Resident Parking Briefing to post on website – Outstanding Action: Cllr Grimshaw</p> <p>Update on Playground Inspection Reports It was confirmed that reports should be sent to the Clerk each month as evidence they had been done on time (and not retrospectively) should a claim be submitted. Action: Cllr. Harthan. Cllr Harthan and Goldsbrough were planning to meet and discuss the annual inspection report.</p> <p>Television for Village Hall Members agreed they were willing to purchase a TV for the Village Hall which would remain in the ownership of the Council. Action: Cllr Heap & Rushworth to discuss with the VH Chair</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Members to arrange delivery of Xmas pensioners gifts. The Clerk issued a distribution list to members along with the chocolates and biscuits they had to deliver to pensioners. Agreed target was to distribute within one week. Action: All.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Clerk & Financial Officers Report Reports to be presented upon Accounts, Financial Matters & Correspondence. The current bank balance was £87,452.25 and after setting aside commitments and reserves, the monies available for the Council to spend is £18.7k. The Events Committee had withdrawn £400 of their monies (Children's Xmas Party) held by the PC leaving a balance of £1k.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>General Maintenance Issues Cllr Heap reported that following repeat notices to LCC of two blocked gullies on Barley New Road that had been attended and cleaned this week. The gully emptier was working in the area.</p> <p>Members agreed that the Clerk should continue cleaning the playground, footpaths and car park areas as required; frequency would be less now that leaf fall is completed.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Reports from Councillors & Borough Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Connor previously reported the cigarette ash box in the bus shelter was broken. Outstanding Action: Cllr Connor to inform Barley Mow and encourage them to repair asap.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 14th January '25 (agenda items by 8th January '26)</p>