

BARLBY AND OSGODBY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual (ACM) Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at Barlby Library and Community Hub at 7.00 p.m.

Present : Councillor K McFadden (Chair)
Councillor J Cusson
Councillor S Duckett
Councillor A Collins
Councillor J Underwood
Councillor K Richards
Councillor N Cox

NY Councillor K Arthur

1. Election of Chairman

Nominations for Chairman for 2026/7 were taken. A nomination was received for Cllr K McFadden (JC)(SD). Cllr McFadden was duly elected, an Acceptance of Office form was duly signed.

2. Election of Vice Chairman and Representatives

A nomination was received for Cllr J Cusson (KMcF)(SD). Cllr J Cusson was duly elected as Vice-Chairman. Representatives and Members of Working Groups were proposed (SD)(AC) and confirmed as :

Community Assets

S Duckett, K Richards, B Hall, J Underwood, D Dumbell

Community Resilience

A Collins, D Dumbell

Barlby United Charities

S Duckett, J Cusson, C Leng, J Hall, E Bramley

Cowlam Close

J Cusson

Health and Safety

N Cox

YLCA

D Dumbell, J Cusson

Drax

J Underwood

Skipton BS

D Dumbell, S Duckett, J Cusson, C Leng

Emergency Plan

S Duckett, C Leng, J Cusson, B Hall, N Cox, D Dumbell

Rail Users Group

A Collins

3. Apologies : Councillor B Hall
Councillor C Leng

4. Declarations of Interest

Standard Planning items, otherwise as recorded. Changes to the Register of Members Interests (ROMI) to be notified to the Council Manager/NYC.

5. Public Session

No matters raised.

6. Minutes of last Town Council Meeting (29.4.2026)

The Minutes were approved and duly signed as a correct record of the Meeting.
Proposed (JC)(KR), agreed.

7. Matters Arising/Council Managers Report

1. Council Managers Report/Community issues – No matters raised.

8. Finance

Monthly Accounts circulated for payment (SD)(NC), agreed. Bank Statements and invoices available for inspection and payment.

A total expenditure of £9,281.86 was approved.

Income

1. NYC Precept 1st Instalment – £87,000.00
2. Allotment rents – £80.00

Annual Review

1. Annual Governance Statement (AGAR) and Accounting Statement – Internal Audit has been arranged for 17th of June and approval of the AGAR and the Accounting Statement is to be considered at the June Meeting.
2. Exercise of Public Rights notice to be displayed and documentation required by the External Auditor to be returned by 1st July. Audit Plan, Terms of Reference and Effectiveness of Internal Audit approved.
3. KTC confirmed as the Council's Internal Auditor.
4. Rates and Allowances, after due discussion on waiting lists and costs :
 - Magazine rates – adverts/delivery rates to be reviewed in 2027
 - Allotment rents – to be reviewed in 2027
 - Allowances – Chairman's Charity/other allowances to remain unchanged, except travel which is nationally approved at 55 pence per mile.
5. Charity Accounts – Barlby United Charities Accounts received. Year end Accounts/current information is available on the Charity Commission website. Cowlam Close – bi-annual dividends from rents are received in October.
6. Standing Orders/Financial SO – complete.
7. Review of Policies and Procedures – complete.
8. Insurance and risk review – the Policy has been reviewed, additional items to be added when necessary.
9. Grants and subscriptions – subscriptions to remain unchanged.
10. Bonds, investments and Bank Mandate – Bank Mandate revised and Internet Banking to be investigated as some organisations no longer accept cheques.
11. Staff, training and conferences – as previously approved.
12. Contracts and outstanding works – all current contracts to be renewed.
13. Authorise all outstanding works – agreed.
Proposed (SD)(JC) approve the review, agreed.

Other Correspondence

1. Autela advice notes – noted.
2. Requests for funding – none.
3. Estimates/Quotes from last Meeting – quotes have been sought for a proposed VAS on Barlby Road near the Meadow car park.

9. Reports

Police Reports

Neighbourhood Watch, consultations and surveys circulated. Police Surgeries continue to be held at the Library.

Countryside Report

Barlby Woodland and Meadow – there will be some improvements made to the path from Turners end when the trees under the overhead lines have been cut back. There are reports of excessive dog fouling on the site, path widths to be investigated to see if this could reduce the problem. Barlby Ponds – TCV have been out on site this week and will be returning later in June. Dog fouling is also a problem on this site. Old Railway Walk – no issues reported. Osgodby Pond – there was a discussion relating to sightings of rats, which could be coming from fields or farms and being attracted to bread left out for the ducks.

NYC Councillors

Cllr K Arthur gave an update on Locality Budgets, the bridge on the bypass and a Service 4 meeting to discuss increasing services on the Selby to Hemingbrough route. Cllr S Duckett gave updates on a recent NY Council meeting, increased workloads for Community Libraries and the lack of paid support, (Barlby Library and Community Hub has no paid Library staff).

Representatives

There will be a YLCA meeting on 9th June.

Health and Safety

No issues raised.

10. Correspondence

For consideration and action

None.

For distribution – circulated

1. SLCC/YLCA Advice Notes/Bulletins
2. SLCC/YLCA Training Events
3. NYC Media Releases/Parish Liaison/Charter
4. SADRUG Minutes/Agenda
5. Drax Liaison Meeting – Agenda/Minutes

Newsletters – circulated

6. SD AVS/Age UK
7. Community 1st Yorkshire
8. Up4Yorkshire
9. Rural Services/Rural Arts
10. CPRE/Keep Britain Tidy
11. White Rose Update/Bulletins
12. Healthwatch/Public Health News
13. Local Community Groups/organisations

11. Correspondence since agenda

For information only

None.

12. Planning

No current applications.

Applications Granted

1. Extensions at 9 Cherry Tree Court, Barlby
2. Single storey conservatory (part retrospective) at 2 The Orchard, Osgodby

Applications Refused

None to date.

Correspondence/other matters

1. Major development sites in the Parish – no updates
2. NYC – Local Plan updates. Circulated.

13. Play Areas/Amenity Open Space

For consideration and action

1. Play Areas/Open Space – all 3 zizpwire cables have been replaced.
2. Play Areas – new equipment quotes were circulated, additional quotes are required. Local Schools will be contacted for suggestions.
3. Reports/Allotments – it was agreed to investigate extending the water supply at the St Leonards site and inform all Plot holders that rents will be subject to review in 2027. Community Plot – after due discussion, it was proposed (AC)(JU) to plant the plot with fruit trees and herbs, agreed.
4. Equipment leaflets – noted.

14. Street lights & Furniture, Roads & Paths

For consideration and action

1. Streetlights – one street light at the top of the Village reported out.
2. Highways – there have been some concerns from residents about proposed changes to yellow lines on Howden Road. The changes are intended to increase safety at the junction with York Road and make more spaces for on-street parking, not to reduce parking spaces.
3. NY Highways – Parish Workshops have been booked.
4. Equipment leaflets – noted.

15. Barlby Library and Community Hub

For consideration and action

1. Library Service – Annual Service Level Agreement meeting will be held in July.
2. Library – Craft and Chatter is proving popular and an Adult Reading Challenge has been a success.

16. Community Cohesion

1. Osgodby Institute – the Coffee Morning will be on 6th June, a Fashion Show and Bingo are planned.
2. Fun Day – an Ice Cream Van has now been booked. After due discussion, it was proposed (JC)(JU) to source a new pop-up gazebo for the event, agreed.

17. Community Resilience

Community safety, Environmental improvements, Anti Social behaviour/nuisance, Emergency Plan, Youth Projects, Climate Change, Broadband, Cycleways & safe routes to School, Health & wellbeing.

1. Climate Ambassador – water testing is in hand for the Ponds. There will be a Nature Recovery Seminar at Elvington on 6th June.
2. Speed Camera Campaign – circulated.

18. Matters for Councillors Attention and Information

1. YLCA/NALC Advice notes – circulated.
2. Issues raised by residents – trees/vegetation, housing, parking on Howden Road, residents' letters and antisocial behaviour near bus shelters.
3. FOI – update on requests. None
4. Vacancies for Councillor – no updates.
5. Staff issues – no matters raised.

19. Next Meeting Wednesday 24th June 2026 at 7.00 p.m. at Barlby Library and Community Hub

20. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

The Town Council may, by resolution, exclude the public whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the nature of the confidential business to be transacted. Extract Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.