

MINUTES
Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on
Wednesday 07th January 2026 at 7.30pm

01.26 Present: Councillors Fennell (chair), Howell, Ibison & Harkins.

Apologies: Cllr Reilly – Work commitments, Cllr Commander – Work commitments, Cllr Webster – work commitments, Cllr Tomlinson – work commitments.

02.26 Minutes from the meeting held on 12th November 2025 were discussed.

Resolved - Cllr Fennell (Chair) would sign the minutes as a true record.

03.26 Declarations of interest – None.

04.26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.

Meeting closed at 19.31

Cllr Ibison updated the Council on his preliminary discussions with Prosperous Group regarding a potential project in Calder Vale. The new project if agreed would involve a new data centre for use at the Club in Calder Vale. Initial talks only but a positive green energy project.

Cllr Howell provided a report to the Parish Council of the details provided at the Councillor refresher training that was attended by himself, Cllr Ibison and Cllr Fennell. Slides from the training were forwarded to the Parish Councillors by the Clerk.

An update regarding the fallen tree on Footpath 100. This tree has been removed and there is no longer an obstruction.

Meeting reopened at 19.45

05.26 **Barnacre Solar Farm** – The clerk updated the council. The letter previously sent in May regarding the discussion for a community benefit fund with Noventum Power had been resent to representatives, no response received. **Resolved** – Clerk will add to the agenda in March, no further action at this time.

06.26 **Meeting start time** -Councillors discussed changing the start time of the meetings to 7pm. **Resolved** – This item was added to the agenda by Cllr Reilly and as he was not present at the meeting it was resolved to add to the agenda for the March meeting.

07.26 Community Events 2026 – Councillors discussed event locations, format and attendees. **Resolved** – Cllr Fennell would contact Mrs Hesmondhalgh regarding joining a CRY Charity screening meeting at Garstang Community Academy. Clerk to contact the school to see if there are any other events the Parish Council may be able to attend.

08.26 Future projects – Funding for future projects would include upgrading IT equipment and mobile phone options for the Parish Council. Bowgreave rise project – monitor maintenance schedule. Councillors discussed, rises in Employer NI, Inflation and salary increase and inclusion in the planned precept for 2026/27.

09.26 Precept amount for 2026/27. The budget papers circulated prior to the meeting were discussed in detail. **Resolved** – The precept would be set at £15,008. The clerk will send the precept amount and all other requested information to Wyre Council on 08th January 2026.

10.26 Canal towpath reserve – Cllr Tomlinson was not present at the meeting to give an update.
Resolved – Money raised for the Towpath will stay in the Parish Council reserves.

11.26 **Finances** - The bank statement (£28,243.79 02.01.2026) and bank reconciliation were signed by the chair. Payments agreed.

5.11.25 Autela Payroll £84.00
18.11.25 Mrs H Adair (Wreath) £40.00
19.11.25 HMRC employers NI £29.62
25.11.25 Mrs H Adair (Nov wage) £566.90
25.11.25 GTC (donation xmas lights) £550.00
25.11.25 Mrs H Adair (Printer ink) £32.99
25.11.25 LANPAC subscription £60.00
28.11.25 Lloyds bank service fee £4.25
01.12.25 Easywebsites £36.96
05.12.25 HMRC NI £18.39
29.12.25 Mrs H Adair (Dec Wages) £566.90
29.12.25 Service fee Lloyds bank £4.25
02.01.26 Easywebsites £36.96

Retrospective payments

25.11.25 Mrs H Adair (Printer ink) £32.99

12.26 **Planning**

Planning Application - 25/00937/FUL **Proposal:** Proposed change of use of 2 no. agricultural buildings to a commercial equine livery with 10 stables and an internal sand exercise area, proposed change of use of agricultural land for the creation of an equestrian menage and formation of passing place to the existing access road (part retrospective) @ Turners Farm, Turners Lane, Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 25/00948/FUL **Proposal:** Proposed erection of an agricultural building for a manure store @ Heald Farm Parkhead Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 25/00958/FUL **Proposal:** Proposed erection of an essential dwelling for agriculture @ Land Off Eidsforth Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 25/00972/FUL **Proposal:** Alterations and conversion of reservoir tank to single dwelling Pursuant to variation of conditions, 1 (Plans), 3 (Materials), 5 (Landscaping) on planning permission (19/00596/FUL)@ Equilibrium House Eidsforth Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 25/01011/FUL **Proposal:** Proposed change of use of a granulation plant yard (B2) to B8 (storage and distribution) and siting of shipping containers for use as a selfstorage facility @ Woodacre Hazelhead Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 25/00997/FUL **Proposal:** Erection of proposed dwelling and associated vehicular access within garden curtilage of existing bungalow @ Stonecroft Byerworth Lane South Bowgreave Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

13.26 Next meeting dated noted (already agreed), Wednesday 11th March 2026

Meeting closed at 20.35

Prepared byMrs H Adair 14.01.2026