

MINUTES
Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on
Wednesday 08th July 2026 at 7.30pm

35.26 Present: Councillors Fennell (chair), Reilly (Vice) & Harkins
Councillor James Tomlinson
Clerk – Mrs H Adair

36.26 Apologies - Cllr Commander – No apologies received
Cllr Ibison
Cllr Howell

Resolved – That the apologies of Cllr Ibison & Cllr Howell be approved and accepted.

37.26 Minutes from the meeting held on 13th May 2026 were discussed. **Resolved** - Cllr Fennell (Chair) would sign the minutes as a true record.

38.26 Declarations of interest – Cllr Reilly – Easy websites.

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

Meeting closed at 19.32

County Cllr James Tomlinson updated the Council on several issues:

- ❖ Bus Shelter at The Church Inn bus stop – It has been agreed that a new bus shelter will be erected on the north side, opposite the former Church Inn site as previously requested by the Parish Council.
- ❖ Albert Terrace flood concerns – Following representations made by Cllr Ibison to County Cllr Tomlinson regarding the potential for flooding at Albert Terrace, Calder Vale, it was confirmed that Albert Terrace is a private road. It is the responsibility of the residents to implement flood defences.
- ❖ Cornmill Nursing Home request for SPID – The Cornmill Nursing home has requested a Speed Indicator Device (SPID) to assist with traffic calming near the home. The home has indicated that they are willing to fund raise to contribute to the cost of this equipment and work with the Parish Council to make this possible. The Parish Council agreed that this would be beneficial within the Parish and the clerk is to add this to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting in September. Information on costing etc will be researched prior to the meeting.

Cllr Reilly provided an update from the LALC meeting attended by himself and Cllr Norman Howell.

- ❖ Wyre food waste project – Feedback received indicates that the new community food waste project is operating successfully and working well with good participation within the local community.
- ❖ Police update – SGT Elliott delivered a presentation on the dangers of cold-water swimming. Clerk to source posters for the noticeboards.

Meeting reopened 19.47

40.26 Meeting time change 7pm start – **Resolved** to add to the agenda in September as all Councillors not present.

41.26 Councillor Vacancy & Resignation Policy - Proposed Cllr Fennell ,seconded Cllr Harkins **Resolved** - It was agreed that the policy be accepted by the Council and added to the website

42.26 Councillor Commander – The Clerk updated the Council regarding the action taken following the last meeting to contact Cllr Commander regarding non-attendance and his lack of communications with the Parish Council.

At the request of the Parish Council the clerk sent an email requesting clarification of Cllr Commanders position and asking whether he wished to tender his resignation. Communication explicitly stated that no response was received by 31st May 2026 the Council would assume he wished to resign and the resignation would be formally considered for acceptance.

As no response or communication has been received by the Clerk or the Chair in attempts to communicate with Cllr Commander it was proposed by Cllr Fennell and seconded by Cllr Reilly and **Resolved** that, the resignation of Cllr Commander be formally accepted by the Council. The Clerk will notify Electoral services at Wyre Council to declare the vacancy.

43.26 Lengthsman – Cllr Fennell updated the Parish Council on his contact with the Lengthsman and plans for the PROW grant received. Discussions regarding the work to be carried out on the Footpath 100 by LCC may overlap with the potential upgrades the Parish Council had proposed. Painting of the railings and the war memorial white posts at Calder Vale were discussed. **Resolved** – The clerk would contact the Lengthsman and advise plans for Footpath 100 are on hold until LCC works are completed. Clerk to get quote for painting the railings in Calder Vale on the road in and at the War Memorial and add to the agenda in September for further discussion.

44.26 Councillors discussed the proposed plans for the Rally planned for 2027 – **resolved** – No further comments to be made – Clerk to request responses to questions sent previously.

45.26 Section 106 Funding questionnaire – **Resolved** – Questionnaire would be passed to Cllr Ibison for review, the clerk is to email Jan Finch to request speakers at LALC meeting on the subject of Section 106 funding.

46.26 Finances – **Resolved** - Cllr Andy Harkins would sign and note - The bank statement (£ 37,752.98 05.07.2026) and signed the bank reconciliation and statements. Payments agreed:

27.04.26 Mrs H Adair (April salary) £566.90
28.04.26 Lloyds Bank Service fee
01.05.26 Easywebsites (May DD) £36.96
20.05.26 Barnacre-Memorial Hall Hire 2025/26 £150.00
20.05.26 Plexio (EE Sim) £23.22
20.05.2026 Zurich Town & Parish Council Insurance (2nd year) £ 324.61
20.05.26 LALC Subscription £512.15
26.05.26 Mrs H Adair (May salary) £566.90
29.05.26 Lloyds Bank Service Fee £4.25
01.06.26 Easywebsites (June DD) £36.96
08.06.26 Plexio (Annual 365 License) £116.64

47.26 **Planning**

Application Number: 26/00390/FUL **Proposal:** Erection of 4 dwellinghouses following demolition of agricultural buildings @ Clarksons Farm Parkhead Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 26/00269/REM **Proposal:** Reserved matters application for 4 dwellings (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) following planning permissionst 22/00669/OUT) @ Land Off Castle Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved that the following comments would be submitted;**

The Parish Council have given consideration to the Reserved Matters Application detailed above and have the following comments:

The Parish Council is aware that planning permission for this development has been granted by Wyre Planning and the access to this development via Castle Lane has been approved by Lancashire County Council Highways. However, The Parish Council still has concerns for the safety of both pedestrians and traffic on this narrow lane with regard to the increased traffic movements that further development on Castle Lane will bring. The Parish Council still believes that the issues it raised in relation to the original planning application are still valid and these are as follows:

1. Castle Lane is a narrow, single-carriageway road with no footpaths. It forms the main pedestrian route linking the footpaths along the River Wyre to those at the end of the lane that provide access to the Barnacre countryside. With limited alternative recreational space within Bonds, this lane is heavily used by residents for walking and outdoor activity. Any development that increases traffic along this route will significantly compromise pedestrian safety.
2. The proposed access is also in very close proximity to St Mary and St Michael's Primary School and Hummingbirds Nursery. This section of Castle Lane already experiences severe congestion at school drop-off and pick-up times, with vehicles and pedestrians mixing on a narrow stretch of road. Additional traffic generated by the development will only exacerbate existing highway safety issues.
3. Castle Lane also serves as the sole access to St Mary and St Michael's Church, where parking and entry are only possible via this route. Furthermore, the Cornmill Nursing Home is situated directly opposite the Castle Lane/Bonds Lane junction, requiring staff, visitors, and residents to navigate this already difficult junction.
4. Two public footpaths—Footpath 100 and the Wyre Way—lie within proximity to this junction. Pedestrians must cross the road here due to the presence of a footpath only on the eastern side of Bonds Lane. This crossing point is particularly hazardous given its location near a mini-roundabout, a bridge summit, and blind bends in both directions.
5. Bonds Lane is the primary southerly route out of Garstang and is used not only by the public but also by many children travelling to Garstang Academy, all of whom must cross this junction. The cumulative impact of increased traffic from the proposed development would therefore present a significant and unacceptable risk to highway and pedestrian safety.

In view of the above the Parish Council requests that Wyre Planning ensures that the Highway and Street Lighting improvements detailed within the approved outline planning application are made a requirement of any further development approvals.

The Parish Council has noted that the Environment Agency indicative flood map identifies this site as being partially within Flood Zones 1, 2 and 3. Whilst the development is proposed within the area of the site which is designated Flood Zone 1 local residents have advised the

Parish Council that this site is subject to flooding. There are also flooding issues to the north of the site in a wooded area located between St Mary & Michael's school playground and the sports playing field. There is concern that this development will cause this surface water to be diverted to nearby properties resulting in flooding.

The majority of the site access road lies within the Environment Agency Flood Zone 2 which is a medium risk of flooding. This poses a risk as there is only one way into the site and should a flood occur residents will not be able to access or egress from the site. The plot for proposed property 4 is extremely close to the boundary between Flood Zones 1 and 2 and is likely to be at a high risk of flooding.

The Parish Council requests that Wyre Planning evaluates the proposed Drainage Plan and Flood Risk Assessment for this development to ensure that adequate measures are adopted for the management of foul and surface water to protect both residents of the new properties and owners of properties adjacent to the development from flooding issues.

The Parish Council would like these points to be considered for planning purposes and look forward to your response.

48.26 It was resolved to note the next meeting date of 08th July 2026 as previously agreed.

Meeting closed 20.21

Prepared by.....Mrs H Adair 13.07.2026