

MINUTES
Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on
Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 7.30pm

14.26 Present: Councillors Fennell (chair), Reilly (Vice), Ibison, Howell & Harkins.
County Councillor James Tomlinson
One member of the public
Clerk – Mrs H Adair

Apologies: Cllr Commander – Work commitment
Cllr Reilly – work commitments
Cllr Webster – Resignation received

23.26 Minutes from the meeting held on 14th May 2025 were discussed.
Resolved - Cllr Fennell (Chair) would sign the minutes as a true record.

24.26 Declarations of interest – None.

25.26 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion.
Meeting closed at 19.33.

Cllr Howell updated the Council on the Wyre area committee meeting attended on behalf of the Parish Council. It was noted that a list of assets from Wyre Council can be requested. **The Clerk is to request a copy of the asset register for the Parish Council records.**

Issues within the Parish can still be logged at Love Clean Streets. Champion Grants can be requested through Janet.nuttall@lancashire.gov.uk.

It was noted that there are crisis resilience funds available for low-income families within the Parish.

Cllr Tomlinson advised that there had been no further progression with the canal towpath project and that there were no plans to move forward with this. Cllr Tomlinson also advised that he would again raise the enquiry for a bus shelter being erected at the bus stop near the Church Inn carpark.

Cllrs discussed and accepted Cllr Liz Webster's resignation from Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council and they thanked Liz for her hard work and dedication within the Parish. Cllr Commander has not attended three consecutive meetings, and it has been requested that the Clerk sends an email to ask for clarity of his role as a Councillor and advise that resignation is required if he no longer wants to be present on the Council. The clerk will send a copy of a vacancy for Parish Councillor role for agreement and add to the noticeboards in Bonds and Calder Vale.

Meeting reopened 7.50pm.

26.26 Change of meeting time – **Resolved** - Item to be added to the July agenda as Cllr Reilly is not present for the meeting.

27.26 Calder Vale Feasibility study - Councillors discussed the consultation for use of the electricity northwest grant remaining funds £10,735. **It was resolved that the funds would be used to complete the study for progression of the project.**

28.26 Bowgreave Rise playing field – Cllr Fennell updated the Council on the meeting held with Garstang Tennis Club regarding future use of the field. It was recognised that LCC are not allowing any use for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council noted that they are willing to help and work with Garstang Tennis Club in the future on the project if the opportunity arises.

28.26 It was resolved that the LALC invoice would be paid at £512.15.

29.26 It was resolved to set up the direct debit for Plexio at £12 per month plus VAT.

30.26 Finances – It was resolved to approve all payments and receipts for the financial year 2025/2026. Cllr Fennell signed and approved the end of year bank statement and bank reconciliation.

31.26 Exemption certificate for the Annual Audit 2025/26 - As the Parish Council neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000 in the tax year ending 31st March 2026, **it was resolved that the Parish Council wished to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the exemption certificate be signed by the Chair and the Clerk. An analysis of variances and bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights would be fully completed and along with the exemption certificate, published on the Parish website.**

Section 1(Annual Governance Statement) and section 2 (Statement of Accounts) Annual Audit for the year ending 31 March 2026 were reviewed by the Council **and approved and signed by the RFO (Mrs H Adair) and Chair Cllr Tony Fennell.**

Accounting Statements 2025/26 (section 2 on Annual Return) – **Approved and signed by RFO and Chair Cllr Fennell.**

32.26 It was resolved that the chair Cllr Fennell would sign the bank statement dated 04.05.2026 and note available funds £40,110.22 and bank reconciliation. Payments out agreed and payments to be authorised agreed.

33.26 Planning

Application Number: 26/00174/OUT **Proposal:** Outline application for extension to existing class B Buildings. With Access, Appearance, Layout, Scale applied for, all other matters reserved @ Creamery Industrial Estate Kenlis Road Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 26/00288/FUL **Proposal:** Single storey rear extension @Oak Glen, 62 Garstang Road, Bowgreave. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

Application Number: 26/00348/FUL **Proposal:** Loft conversion with front & rear dormers, internal reconfiguration & erection of a detached garage @ 28 Bonds Lane Barnacre. **It was resolved, that following review, there are no comments to be made.**

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

Meeting closed 8.20PM.

Prepared by.....Mrs H Adair 18/05/20

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