

BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BARLOW

- Present:** Councillors Mrs J. Brougham, D. Curtis, Mrs J. Hunter, J. Rushby, Mrs. J. Siddall and S. Woodhouse.
- Also in attendance:** Clerk Mrs A. Jones, District Councillor Huckerby, PCSO 12812 Stefan Broadhead
- 198/17** **Apologies for Absence**
Councillors B. Allcock, T. Crowley, and County Councillor Foster had sent apologies.
- 199/17** **Variations to the Order of Business**
It was agreed that Planning be brought forward to earlier in the agenda, and that PCSO 12812 Stefan Broadhead would address the meeting as the first item to advise on arrangements for setting up a Community Speed Watch Group.
- 200/17** **Declaration of Members' Interests**
There were no declarations of Members' Interests.
- 201/17** There were no requests for dispensations for Members with DPI's.
- 202/17** **Public Participation/Report of the Police/District and County Councillors.**
- a) No members of the public were present.
- b) PC 2722 Sally Horner had sent a police report for December which was circulated to Councillors. There had been 2 thefts from vans on Springfield Road. No Antisocial Behaviour reported.
- One of the key issues of concern to Barlow residents arising from the Village Survey is the amount of speeding traffic through the village.
- PCSO Stefan Broadhead had been invited to the PC meeting to explain the arrangements for setting up a Community Speed Watch Group. There is a Speed Gun available to loan from Killamarsh Parish which could be used for an initial training session before making the commitment to purchase a gun for Barlow. The individuals who have indicated they are willing to volunteer as part of the group will need to be registered and there is a vetting process. The Clerk will contact the individuals and check they are still happy to have their names put forward. Stefan is on leave for the next few weeks, so arrangements will start after his return.
- Councillors asked Stefan for clarification on the speed range which could be covered. (Later confirmed 30 mph areas are included.) Must be used between 8 am and 6 pm in daylight hours. The Group must be in pairs and wear hi vis jackets. Motorists recorded over 30 mph would be listed for police to follow-up with 1st written warning, 2nd written warning, and 3rd prosecution. The 'three strikes' would also capture speeding offences at any other location.
- There is also a Speed Camera Police Van which covers a wide area but could be set up for a session in Barlow. Stefan will make the specialist officer concerned aware of Barlow's request for support on this issue.

The Clerk will put an item in the Parish Magazine explaining what is happening. Councillors also asked Stefan for support in policing the parking problems in the village. Stefan will make sure the Barlow's needs are flagged up but made Councillors aware that police resources are stretched. A new PCSO Rebecca Basford has recently joined the team. Stefan left the meeting after this item.

- c) District Councillor Carol Huckerby gave her report under the Planning item. There was no report from County Councillor Foster.

203/17

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the BPC meeting on 4th December 2017 had been circulated. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of 4th December 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair, Cllr Hunter.

204/17

Matters Arising

- a) Cllr Siddall reported that residents are delighted that following correspondence from BPC, DCC has widened the footpath up Hackney Lane making it much safer for the walk to school.

- b) **Village Survey**

Thirty responses had been received, some quite lengthy covering several issues. Barlow Parish Council had held a separate meeting to discuss the feedback in detail and establish which issues could be acted upon, and to agree next steps for the process. A summary of the survey responses and next steps is given as Appendix B to these minutes, and will also be posted on the website.

205/17

Clerk's Report/Correspondence

- .1 A letter had been received promoting Community Clean-Up using Community Service offenders. Councillors considered the pros and cons of using this service for village projects and decided not to pursue this option.
- .2 National Village Halls Week. Information regarding daytime events w/c 22nd January had been received on 13th December and circulated to Councillors. It was felt that this was too short notice for Councillors to guarantee availability to attend, but Cllr Curtis will try and make one of the events.
- .3 Playground Inspections. Cllr Rushby will carry out weekly inspections from now until Cllr Woodhouse returns from holiday, and then they will alternate.
- .4 Proposed Proms in the Park 2nd June. The organiser has been in touch and it appears to still be planned to go ahead, although the details requested by BPC are still awaited. It was agreed that the Clerk will stress that this is not to be promoted as a Barlow Event or in any way connected with Barlow Parish Council. The extent of the arrangement is that BPC is hiring the field to the organiser, and the responsibility for every part of the arrangements rests with the organiser. BPC requires certain assurances regarding stewarding and general event management before permission for the hire will be confirmed.
- .5 Park Hall Website hosting. An on-line bookings diary will shortly be up and running. It will not contain any personal information in observation of GDPR regulations, however it will show when the hall is booked out to enable potential users to check availability. Park Hall have given notice they will cease operations in October (retiring). The Clerk will investigate other options and bring proposals to a future meeting. It was appreciated that Park Hall have given plenty of notice.

- 206/17** a) **Planning Applications**
- i) 17/01324/FLH Proposal: Proposed underground leisure extension following removal of void under/around/to existing swimming pool. Addition of rooflight (flat). Sedum roof in lieu of pool cover and retention of existing pool apron or removal (Amended Scheme of 16/01281/FLH) Address: Reservoir House Wilday Green Lane Barlow Dronfield Applicant: Mr John Hill.
This or very similar application has been considered by BPC previously. The Clerk was instructed to check previous records and make the same comments. (*Clerk's note – Objection on basis of over-development of green belt.*)
- ii) 17/01332/FL Proposal: Application for change of use from C3 (Residential) to a mixed (Sui Generis) use Address: Barlow Woodseats Hall Johnnygate Lane Barlow Dronfield Applicant: Mr Nicholas Todd.
Also 17/01333/FL – as above for Listed Building/Conservation Area.
BPC had no objection to this application.
- iii) 17/01284/FL Proposal: Change of use of first floor to create a first-floor guesthouse including new entrance door to rear for access (Conservation Area) Address: Hackney House Cafe and Gifts Hackney Lane Barlow Dronfield Applicant: Mr And Mrs Turner.
BPC had no objection to the application per se but the Clerk will send a comment on existing extreme problems with parking in this area to be borne in mind.
- iv) 17/01320/FLH Proposal: Application for two-storey front and side extension, first floor extension with raising of ridge height and detached double garage Address: Byways Millcross Lane Barlow Dronfield Applicant: Mr Ian Mawbey.
BPC had received an email raising concerns from a resident about this application. BPC considered the height and the overall footprint and front of property building line of this application and had concerns that this would be out of keeping with the row, and may create a precedent. The Clerk will write to planning control to ask for a site visit in view of these concerns.
- 206/17** b) **Planning Decisions Received**
- i) 17/01138/TPO Application to crown lift 5no Beech Trees (T1, T2, T3, T10 + T13) and 1no False Acacia (T6) covered by TPO Number 5 at St Lawrence Parish Church Hackney Lane Barlow S18 7TR for Mr William Thornhill - St Lawrence Church Barlow
CONDITIONALLY APPROVED - 13 December 2017. NOTED.
- ii) 17/00830/FL Application to vary conditions 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (Coal Mining and remediation) of permission 14/00948/FL at Grange House Stables Grange Lane Barlow for Mr W Rodgers
CONDITIONALLY APPROVED/P.D. REMOVED - 20 December 2017. NOTED.
- 206/17** c) **Other Planning Matters**
- i) District Councillor Carol Huckerby reported on planning matters, including a felling licence consultation concerning TPO No. 158 for trees to be felled to open up a ride in Kitchen Wood neighbouring Barlow Parish. Planning at NEDDC are keeping an eye on how many trees are to be felled.
Cllr Huckerby left the meeting after this item.

- 206/17 c) Cllr Rushby reported on the Planning Meeting of 12th December 2017 re
 ii) 17/00790/FL Proposal: Conversion of existing stables and garage to residential dwelling (Amended Plans) Address: Highbrook Far Lane Barlow Dronfield.
 Cllr Rushby had attended. The meeting observed that pre-existing development was not really permanent dwellings, and that therefore this was substantially a new build and the footprint much larger out of all proportion with the genuinely pre-existing property. BPC noted that an inappropriate planning application could be passed if the terminology on the application paperwork was unclear/ inaccurate, and if the plans had not been thoroughly examined. NOTED
- 206/17 d) The DCC Consultation – Local Information Requirements for the validation of Planning Applications was NOTED.

207/17 **Financial Report**

- .1 The Clerk presented the balances of the Reserve and Current Accounts with itemised transactions since the previous balances. The Financial Report is given at Appendix A and includes income and expenditure. This was received.
- .2 Accounts for Payment were approved as listed subject to item .3 below.
- .3 It was noted that contrary to minute 189/17.8 (04/12/2017) that *'no further decorations seemed to be needed'* there had been additional expenditure of £16.04 on Christmas decorations for the village hall. Councillors reviewed and ratified this expenditure in retrospect. It was clarified that apart from ongoing Village Hall supplies which the Clerk had authority to purchase, any future spending must be agreed by the Parish Council as a body ahead of the purchase.
- .4 Problems with Refunding hall hire deposits – request for cheques to be signed in advance. The Clerk outlined difficulties for hirers over delayed refunds of hall hire deposits because of the need to wait for cheques to be signed at the following monthly meeting. It was approved that cheques could in future be signed in advance in respect of specified refunds due to go out in the following month. The Clerk would simply destroy the cheque if deposits were to be forfeit.
- .5 Correspondence had been received from the former Clerk querying the amount of her gratuity payment and whether it should be subject to income tax. The Clerk had verified through HMRC website that all contractual payments were liable to income tax. Cllr Siddall will carry out further research to make sure there is no exemption for this particular case. If Cllr Siddall finds there is an exemption this will be brought back to the February meeting. Otherwise the Clerk was instructed to reply that proper procedures had been followed and refer the former Clerk to HMRC. *(Clerk's note: The employment contract and advice from DALC confirm the gratuity is liable to income tax. The former Clerk has been informed as instructed.)*
- .6 Budget item for February Agenda. The Clerk drew to the attention of Councillors that timing will be tight. Some spending plans will depend on the outcome of the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting on 29th January. The budget proposals are to be circulated ahead of the 5th February BPC meeting. BPC will need to have a working party meeting to follow the VHMC Meeting, to identify spending requirements. This was agreed.

208/17

Village Hall/Recreation Ground Issues

- .1 This month's inspection was carried out by Cllrs Curtis and Crowley. The report was given at the meeting.
 - i) Store Room Lights left on.
 - ii) Boiler cupboard light bulb was out (Cllr Crowley to resolve.)
 - iii) Suggestion to provide a small shovel for the car park grit bin. (People have been using a paper cup which is wholly inadequate.)
- .2 It was agreed that the Clerk will get in a small stock of light bulbs.
- .3 A further supply of black bin bags to be ordered. (*Clerk's note: For information, also on order are toilet rolls, urinal blocks, dispenser soap, and a new dustpan and brush/lobby brush.*)
- .4 The Clerk will purchase a suitable shovel for spreading grit, to be stored in the cupboard with a notice in the grit bin that there is a small shovel available.
- .5 The Drains/Toilets exploratory dig has been carried out and the manhole and Inspection Chamber located. The work was less than expected so the contractor had reduced his invoice accordingly. The drain problem should now be resolved/manageable.
- .6 Cllrs Rushby and Siddall are on the schedule for next month's Hall inspection.

209/17

DALC Circulars up to and including Circular 1 & 2/2018 and Training sessions list had been circulated and were noted.

210/17

Village Hall Committee Meeting 29th January 2018.

Agenda items –

The existing To Do list to be reviewed. Clerk to circulate the list to all representatives.

Review of the new cleaning company.

Bad weather arrangements for the car park.

Playground Inspections

Badgers

A War Memorial.

The Clerk will circulate an agenda to all representatives.

211/17

Issues raised by Councillors

No further issues other than already noted in the minutes.

212/17

Any Other Business

None raised

213/17

Date of Next Meeting – 7.30 pm, Monday 5th February 2018, Barlow Village Hall.

214/17

Items noted for the February 2018 agenda

GDPR

Budget

APPENDIX A**BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT TO MEETING 8th JANUARY 2018**

Item	Balance	Variance
Balance of Business Current Account No. 80093299 at 27/11/17	£24,053.96	
Balance of Business Current Account No. 80093299 at 02/01/18	£23,405.03	(£648.93)
Balance of Business Reserve Account No. 00462128 at 27/11/17	£21,753.70	
Balance of Business Reserve Account No. 00462128 at 02/01/18	£21,755.31	+£1.61
The +£1.61 is November and December Interest only.		

PAID OUT - Cheques cleared between 28th November 2017 and 2nd January 2018

Chq.no./DD	To	Detail	NET	VAT	TOTAL
2566	Viking	Ink cartridges and stamps	£95.98	£8.00	£103.98
2567	Green Bean	Annual Garden maintenance			£470.00
2568	A Jones	Clerks wages & expenses			£713.26
2569	HMRC	Tax			£315.69
DD	Eon	Electricity			£133.00
DD	Plusnet	Wifi			£39.00
TOTAL					£1,774.93

Cheques unrepresented

Chq.no./DD	To	Detail	NET	VAT	TOTAL
2543	A Preston	Gratuity			£981.27

Income Banked since report of 27th November 2017

Receipt.	Payer	Detail	TOTAL	Cum.
100985	S. Abrahams	HH 16/12/2017	£55.00	
	Y. Farmers	HH up to October 2017	£136.00	
	J. Branson	HH 14/01/2018	£65.00	
	H. Cutler	HH 04/02/2018	£25.00	
	Keep Fit	HH November 2017	£40.00	
	Carnival Committee	Donation	£200.00	£521.00
BACS	DCC	HH Barlow School	£375.00	
BACS	Barlow Pre-School	HH Pre- School November 2017	£230.00	£1,126.00

Accounts Payable - Cheques to be issued 8th January 2018

Chq. no./DD	To	Detail	NET	VAT	TOTAL	Cum.
002570	RJB Services	Work on Drains			£50.00	
002571	T. Crowley	Christmas Tree			£180.00	
002572	DCS	Hall Cleaning	£395.75	£79.15	£474.90	
002573	A Dunham	Grit Bins	£43.31	£8.66	£51.97	
002574	A Jones	Clerk's wages/Exes			£500.07	
002575	S. Abrahams	Hall Hire refund			£35.00	
002576	S. Johnson	Hall Hire refund			£15.00	
002577	E. Portsmouth	Hall Hire refund			£50.00	
002579	J. Bacon	Hall Hire refund			£25.00	
002578	B. Allcock	Xmas Decorations	£14.70	£1.34	£16.04	
002580	Yorks. Water	Sewerage to 28/11/17			£50.29	£1,448.27

VILLAGE SURVEY - BARLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6.30 PM 8TH JANUARY 2018

The responses from Barlow residents had been collated and circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting. A schedule of all the responses is posted on the village website www.barlowvillage.co.uk (or you can request a paper copy from the Clerk). There were 30 responses, some covering multiple issues. Each response was considered individually and then discussed grouped into issues under the headings given below. There were a few suggestions made which the Parish Council felt were outside its remit or capability to affect, and Councillors concentrated on issues where something practical could be done during the current year. A number of issues were clearly of major concern to a large number of residents and discussions on these were wide ranging and thorough in respect of possible solutions. The order of the list below is an indication of the priority attached to each issue. For each issue which will incur costs, provision will be made for these costs in the 2018/19 budget.

Speeding Traffic and associated comments and suggestions –

In 2018 BPC will –

- explore options and costs for village entry signage/gatepost/incorporating ‘please drive carefully through our village’.
- ask DCC for improved ‘road narrows’ and ‘slow’ traffic signage.
- investigate options and costs for flashing ‘your speed is’ signs at various danger points in the village.
- investigate options for private (non DCC Highways) arrangements for traffic mirrors at Mill Street and other junctions in the village with poor visibility.
- initiate a Community Speed Watch Group and arrange the purchase of a Speed Gun, in liaison with the Safer Neighbourhood Team. This will be publicised widely to create a deterrent to speeding as far as possible. We have 9 volunteers so far and more volunteers will be invited via the Magazine and website.
- ask for more support from the SNT and visits from the police speed gun van.

Antisocial Parking at various locations in the village-

In 2018 BPC will

- continue its campaign of leafleting badly parked cars, photographing these cars and sending photographs to the police and to DCC Highways Department.
- review and revise the current leaflet to try and achieve better impact.
- work with various businesses in the village to try to increase and improve off road parking facilities.
- Investigate signage directing visitors to use off road parking options.
- continue to put pressure on DCC for ‘double yellow lines’ and parking restrictions at various locations.

Dog Bins and signage, Waste bins and Grit Bins

In 2018 BPC will

- buy 4 more dog/waste bins and ‘clear up after your dog’ signs.
- buy 2 more grit bins for key locations within the parish.
- ask DCC to grit additional roads.

Insufficient Street Lighting at specific points in the village

In 2018 BPC will

- Continue to put pressure on DCC to provide street lights in the key positions identified.
- Explore options and costs for providing lights through other means (security lights on properties at key locations funded by the Parish Council).

Village Hall facilities

This issue is carried forward to the Village Hall Management Committee Meeting of 29th January 2018 and the outcome will be reported separately.

Recreation Field equipment and facilities

In 2018 BPC will ask for feedback from the school, pre-school and residents (via the magazine) on specific options for play equipment and general improvements to the Recreation Field. There will then a be longer term programme put in place for ongoing improvements.

Maintenance of footpaths, benches etc.

In 2018 BPC will

- Include the village gennels in the ongoing maintenance programme (weeding etc.)
- Ask responders for details of specific outlying footpaths, benches and other Parish Council property which need maintenance work to be carried out and include these in the programme of work for 2018.
- Continue to contact owners and ask them to maintain fences and cut back hedges and trees on private property which are overgrown and impeding the footpaths.
- Continue to maintain benches throughout the parish in an ongoing programme, responding more swiftly when work is needed.

Bus Stops

In 2018 BPC will

- Research costs and funding opportunities for the provision of one bus shelter in the village, and look to adding another in the next few years.

School Bus

In 2018 BPC will

- Identify how many Barlow children are affected by this issue.
- Contact neighbouring Parish Councils to identify if there is mutual benefit in working together to make provision for school transport into Newbold.
- Write to the school to ask for support in making provision for school transport from the villages affected.
- Write to the relevant bus companies to establish what options and what costs there might be for a special service.
- Investigate community transport options generally.

Additional Parish Council Noticeboard

In 2018 BPC will purchase and install an additional noticeboard at the southern end of the village, near the church at a precise location yet to be decided.

War Memorial

In 2018 BPC will include the residents of Barlow in the design and installation of a War Memorial to mark the centenary of WWI.

Planting and 'beautifying'

In 2018 BPC will carry out a programme of planting and maintenance of village verges and public areas to maximise the attractiveness of the village.

Comments in Response to Barlow Village Survey (carried out by the Parish Council in December 2017.)

1. Traffic Calming to cover the egress from Mill Street (blind in both directions). Perhaps 'speed humps' since the council believes the siting of a suitable mirror would be 'dangerous, i.e. confusing.

2. Provision of litter bins, both near the church, below Commons Road and near the school.

3. Fitting the Village Hall for art exhibitions.

Request new bus on between times below - Our daughter goes to St. Marys. The local bus is either 7.30 am or 9 am. These times are not helpful. There are a few children currently from Barlow who attend St Mary's, Newbold. All have to rely on lifts. My daughter has had to walk in the past due to working parents. She was clipped by an oncoming car crossing near Cutthorpe housing development due to pavement running out, last February.

Cycle path/lane through the village, especially from Peacock and up/down Engine Hollow. Reasons - reduce danger/improves safety; Encourages visitors/tourism; improves health of local people.

My main concern to the future of Barlow is the increase in traffic. The vast majority of drivers exceed the 30-mph limit especially on the long stretch in front of Rutland Terrace and down Chapel Hill.

The illuminating 30 mph signs have no impact. We need better traffic calming. 'Smiley Face' and 'Your Speed' signs are much more effective. Ideally humps or a priority give way sign would be best solution.

In the past few years there have been a couple of instances of vehicles losing control and leaving the road. Something more serious will happen if we don't do something.

Our suggestions 1. Concrete Table Tennis Table on Recreation Ground (have them at Service Stations and Parks in France.)

2. Free leaflets on walks around Barlow in pubs and cafes.

3. More neighbourhood watch schemes. With thanks for asking.

I received your flyer yesterday asking for residents' views in respect of ideas for initiatives the PC could undertake to improve the village. My wife and I have lived in Barlow for ten years, really like it here and cannot think of much else to improve it. However, one idea for the Spring / Summer period might be to follow the Village Fleury idea from France and provide more hanging baskets and planters around the village to brighten things up. Also have Christmas lights been considered at the top end of the village? A maypole at the Parish Hall perhaps for a Spring festival. They have one in Litton in front of the Primary school there. The children love it.

A few thoughts. Hope they help. The survey is a good idea.

I should like to propose that the Parish Council consider village signage to be installed at both ends of the village such as the example (as emailed).

I believe this approach to this signage is an opportunity to show off our wonderful village to both residents and visitors alike.

The Parish Council are doing a good job for Barlow and don't need advice from me regards their work. However, the parish council could perhaps find a tactful way to get the broken fence on the road from Four Lane Ends down to Engine Hollow taken down and mended. It looks like the start of a third world area as we come down from Four Lane Ends past the garage. It could be planted up with wild flowers.

This may be difficult because I know it is outside the parish.

One of the major concerns my husband and I have (as do many of us) is the speed at which some vehicles are driven through our village. There are various crossing blind spots and short 'runs' where cars can accelerate to gain high speeds whilst visibility is obscured (bend at The Tickled Trout up hill and to the right), similarly at top of village passing Needham's farm, left hand bend then the 'straight' past Rutland Terrace etc.

This raises safety concerns all around but especially for our vulnerable members of the community - the children, the elderly and the disabled, as well as horse and bicycle riders.

I do believe that traffic calming gates can be very effective, having lived in Epsom Downs for a number of years where white gates definitely sent out a strong signal to calm/slow down. The perceived narrowing of the road caused by the visual signal of this approach seems to work wonders (and certainly slowed me down in my 'girl racer' days... long, long ago....).

Another point is that they look very 'smart' and communicate a pride in the village in which they are situated. Picture supplied.

Another issue is inconsiderate parking by visitors at both The Trout and The Peacock. I think the latter is especially problematic where cars/4x4 + park on the left-hand side tight bend by the pump heading back to Chesterfield.

This is especially galling as the car park is often not even half full at this time. Double yellows here maybe??

A lower sink accessible to pre-school children to wash hands in warm water.

Off street parking near the public houses in the village.

Improved all weather play equipment on the recreation ground.

Increased availability of carers to support vulnerable people in their own homes.

Availability of public transport/ community transport.

Support/ financial incentive for farmers gritting roads around Barlow.

Youth club provision.

Promotion of mutual support/ joint working between Barlow and Cutthorpe School.

We hope the above will be useful in your survey.

I believe that a bus shelter is necessary at the Commons side stop. Although I don't use the bus regularly that stop is very exposed and well used. It seems strange that there has never been a bus shelter in Barlow.

It's good to see the regular update of the web site now.

Reviewing or repairing fence in the plantation down in Crowhole.

Getting NEDDC to salt in winter the road from Crowhole to Dronfield Hill Top.

Keeping our green spaces green and not building on same.

Looking after village seats, which are in the outlying areas.

You said that one of the areas the parish council covers is pavements and footpaths. I would like to suggest, therefore, some notices put up reminding people that leaving dog mess and not picking it up is against the law and could lead to a fine. I live at Springfield Rd. As you know, there is a public footpath which goes alongside my bungalow, then after 15 yards or so it divides into two: one half goes into the fields and the other becomes Mods Lane. Just along that 15 yards of public footpath on one day last spring I counted over a dozen pieces of dog mess. That is not on at all. We need notices up reminding people, as I say, that it is against the law and could lead to a fine. I would suggest one notice where Mods Lane and the public footpath meet, near the entrance to the field, and maybe a dog bin there, too.

Maybe there could be another notice along or at the entrance to the other public footpath, which goes from the n/w bit of Springfield Rd (just south of Valley Rd) westwards down to the brook and then on to Far Lane.

1. The street lighting on Valley Road is inadequate. We would suggest that further lighting is required. There is no street light on the side of the road from the light next to the start of Commons side Road all the way down to Valley Rise. The area around the bottom of the gennel (which links Valley Road to Commons side Road) is particularly dark.

2. We have lived here since 1990 and have endeavoured to keep the gennel clear and weeded. At no time has anyone from the Council made any effort to maintain the area. We are concerned that as we get older we will be unable to continue this task. We would ask that consideration be given to including this public footpath within the maintenance of footpaths and public places in Barlow. It is used regularly by residents of the village. Sorting out the parking of cars on the bottom of Wilkin Hill with people struggling to get to and from their drives and risking collision from passing traffic. Which comes first, business or safety? This farce has now gone on for long enough. Action please!

1. A bus shelter at Crow Hole.

2. Something must be done about the parking problem opposite Hackney House. I am amazed there has not been an accident here with vehicles parked on both sides of the road.

3. Local footpaths across the fields etc have not been cleared this year. Some have been impassable

There needs to be a 'Slow' sign on the approach into Barlow from Chesterfield (by the village sign!) and a 'Road Narrows' sign to prepare drivers for the awkward narrow bit by the cottages below 'Oaklands'

We need an outside public loo at the Rec. for when the Village Hall is locked.

Hedges, footpaths, bridleways and stiles need regular maintenance.

Slow sign and road narrows signs below 'Oaklands' as a warning to drivers.

Bridleways, footpaths, stiles and hedges need to be kept in good repair (Tom Booker would help with that.)

Erection of a War Memorial.

Public Toilet for visits to Park/Village Hall when hall is locked.

Planting of spring bulbs on verges.

Welcome to Barlow Please drive carefully sign at edge of village.

Car Parking! - Near Hackney House: Around Peacock especially opposite Peacock on Main Road. Yellow lines needed - before an accident occurs

Not priorities but ideas - chain net on basketball hoop on Rec.

Community garden - veg/herbs/fruit plants for all to access and share.

To invest money into improving the village hall, to make it a desirable and commercially viable venue, that people would want to hire. (A better working kitchen would be beneficial.)

Establish if speeding through the village is a perception or a reality. If reality, how big is the problem i.e. measure. Is it a problem we want to do something about? What are the options for reducing traffic speed, are any affordable, doable etc. If yes - how to implement.

Street Light on Hackney Lane. It needs another light. The distance is too far between two lights. There is a dark area in the road where the footpath is very narrow. There was a light there before, but it has not been replaced.

Parking - particularly near Peacock/Hackney House and down towards Engine Hollow. Also near Trout.

Speeding - Throughout the whole village.

Road Signage - Better signage for 'Road Narrows' & 'Bends' between Peacock and Engine Hollow.

Village Hall - better use of internal space e.g. larger kitchen.

Parish Notice Board - additional board at Great Barlow end of the village.

Speed Control - Vehicles can travel very fast through Crow Hole, ether speeding to leave the village or picking up speed on entering the village in order to drive up the hill into the village. The junction with Dobbin Lane is very close to the blind bend, and the immediate area can be very dangerous.

Bus Shelter Crow Hole. Especially in the mornings, a group of people wait for the bus, including mothers with children and elderly residents. The stop is very exposed to the prevailing wind and does not have the protection of adjacent buildings.

Isolated Elderly People. I imagine most residents commute to work or shop, and I do not know whether there are isolated elderly people who might value the opportunity to meet for an afternoon.

Similarly, is there a problem with accessing doctors' surgeries or collecting medicines?

Beautifying village. Are there areas around that seem 'overlooked' or redundant, where some effort might make the village more attractive to residents and visitors? It might be possible to create small areas where people could sit peacefully and enjoy their surroundings? Not suggesting 'Barlow in Bloom' but would residents gradually respond to such a challenge? Thank you to the PCC for all their hard work on our behalf.

I think it would benefit the village to replace the 'Barlow' signs at either end of the village with something like (see photographs) It would welcome people into the village. Give the name of the village. Maybe a strap line about how long we date back to which might get peoples interest, but more importantly ask them to 'slow down' or 'drive carefully' Just fell this would be a good investment which would last for years and be more welcoming than we have now.

Arrange for gritting of roads. The road from Barlow to Dronfield has a lot of traffic but is rarely cleared of snow or gritted. Also, the footpath the children use.

Perhaps a poo bin with instructions for people to pick after their dogs may be an idea, because some people will never learn.

There is a parking lay-by outside Solitaire and Byways on Millcross Lane where the pavement is quite narrow. The lay-by is sometimes busy particularly at school opening and closing times. It is often used by delivery vans and sometimes the bus. Those who park here are not always considerate and we have vehicles parked with wheels on the narrow pavement sometimes. Our concern is that the school children walk from school to the village hall and Recreation Ground and back along this narrow pavement. It must be particularly difficult for mothers with pushchairs. Ideally the kerbstone should be higher and further into the road, thus increasing the width of the pavement and discouraging mounting the kerb. The road is relatively wide at this point. Otherwise the white lines marking the bay could be set a little further out and an additional white line placed along the edge of the pavement.

We are pleased to see the new dog bin near the Village Hall.

Table tennis table at the village hall.

Reinstate 'Singles' dinner.