Barnoldswick Town Council
The Civic Hall, Station Road, Barnoldswick, BB18 5NA
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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 24th September 2026 at 7PM.

Present: Cllrs Leanne Barrett, David Whipp, Callum Hird, Angela Moran, Chris Church, Mandy Boardman, John Spencer, Gillian Robinson, Steven Szostak, Zahra Nouman, Jodie Greaves, David Greaves (arrived 7.03pm), Lola Whipp (arrived 7.29pm).

Members of the Public: 27

26/66 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from **Cllr Hollie Barrett**

26/67 Declarations of Interest
None declared.

26/68 Open Forum
MoP 1 raised the issue of a change.org petition calling for the resignation of Cllr D Whipp and asked why it hadn't been addressed. The Council hasn't had formal notice of the petition, so couldn't comment, although Cllr L Barrett outlined some of the changes that had been made since the resignation of the former Clerk.

The meeting was paused at this point (7.08pm). Cllr L Barrett asked Cllr D Whipp to stop making an additional, close-quarters recording of the meeting, as it was already being live streamed and his actions were intimidating Councillors and disrupting the debate. Cllr D Whipp refused the request and Cllr L Barrett issued a formal warning.

Proposal to require that Cllr D Whipp cease filming the meeting and defer to the official livestream/ recording.
RESOLVED: That Cllr D Whipp should cease his recording.

Cllr D Whipp refused to accede to the resolution. Proposal to ask Cllr D Whipp to leave the meeting.
RESOLVED: Cllr D Whipp to be asked to leave the meeting.

Cllr D Whipp refused to accede to the resolution. Cllr L Barrett adjourned the meeting at 7.13pm to request a police presence.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.19pm. MoP 2 enquired about the transfer of Clough Park. The MoP was advised that this will be discussed later in the meeting.

26/69 Town Square Usage Policy

The draft policy had been shared with members; a proposal was made to adopt it.
RESOLVED: To adopt the draft as policy.

26/70 Pride in Place Projects

a. Heritage Stream and Steam

After a meeting with an officer at PBC, we now have a project variation request to merge the PIP funding to refresh the Stream & Steam Heritage Trail and deliver the Sculpture Trail as a single expanded project. A proposal was made.
RESOLVED: To merge these funds for the benefit of the two projects.

b. Pump Track

After further discussions with Pendle Officers and a walk around the proposed locations, the site identified as the best fit for the Pump Track was Clough Park. A sketch has been shared with members. A proposal was made to accept a variation to the Pump Track project by potentially locating it at Clough Park (currently the site isn't owned by BTC – for discussion later).
RESOLVED: To progress the variation of this Pump Track project, potentially at Clough Park

c. Performance Area

The scope of the project was amended slightly as a result of BTC acquiring the Town Square and commissioning a site survey/ assessment as to best/ potential uses. After discussions with a dedicated Working Group and officers of PBC, the submission of a variation to the original plan is being progressed and includes: a temporary performance area rather than a fixed stage, assessing/ upgrading a tree and flower bed due to damage, and incorporating seating as part of the project.
RESOLVED: To progress the creation of a performance area/ upgraded amenity as a variation of the Town Square project.

26/71 Transfer of Assets

a. Clough Park
   RESOLVED: To transfer Clough Park to BTC.
b. Walmsgate Car Park
   RESOLVED: To transfer Walmsgate Car Park to BTC, if offered as a separate title.

26/72 Code of Conduct

Cllr L Barrett reminded Councillors of their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in May 2026. Any concerns or complaints can be submitted to the Monitoring Officer, Howard Culshaw, at Pendle Borough Council.

26/73 Motion of Censure

To consider a Motion of Censure concerning Cllr David Whipp in relation to matters arising from their engagement with the business of the Council. Cllr L Barrett read out the details of the Motion of Censure: 1. Cllr D Whipp's use of personal email for Town Council business against Council policy and; 2. Cllr D Whipp's disruptive conduct at the Full Council meeting on 9th September, affecting the progress of business and contributed to matters being carried forward to an Extraordinary Meeting.

RESOLUTION: To formally record its disapproval of the two matters set out in the Motion of Censure.

PCSOs arrived at 7.41pm to request that Cllr D Whipp leave the meeting with them. Cllr D Whipp refused.

Cllr L Barrett asked Cllr D Whipp if he would like to consider offering his resignation. Cllr D Whipp refused to respond.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wed 11 Nov 2026 at 7:00 pm.

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