

BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council held on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at The Civic Hall, Barnoldswick

Present: Councillors David Whipp, Chris Church, Jodie Greaves, Emma West, John Spencer, Gillian Robinson, David Greaves, Angela Moran, Mandy Boardman & Leanne Barrett

25/50 Councillor Resignation

Due to work commitments Cllr Mick Strickland has resigned from the Town Council.

Resolved: To note his resignation

25/51 To Elect a new Chair for the remainder of 2025/2026

Resolved: Cllr Whipp nominated Cllr John Spencer as Chair and this was seconded by Cllr Hird. A vote was taken and was unanimous that Cllr John Spencer be elected as Chair for the remainder of 2025/2026.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Strickland Cllr Whipp will undertake the work on the EE contract.

The Council would like to formally thank Cllr Strickland for his work whilst being with the Town Council.

25/52 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lola Whipp

25/53 Declarations of Interest

Cllr David Whipp & Cllr Chris Church declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 9 – Transfer of Services – as they are both Pendle Borough Council Councillors.

Resolved: To note this information

25/54 Open Forum

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.

25/55 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 10th September 2025 be approved as a correct record

25/56 Committee/Working Group Reports

Allotments – 22nd October 2025

Resolved: To accept the minutes

25/57 Finance

To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk to the Council since the last meeting of the Council and to delegate consent for payments to be made prior to the next meeting of the Council

Resolved: That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting. To approve payments as presented.

25/58 Transfer of Services from Pendle Borough Council

The Town Council have been sent a list of asset transfers from Pendle Borough Council to consider. At this time there are no financials. The Town Council went through the list and marked them as definite, possible or decline.

Resolved: The Clerk to write back to Pendle Borough Council with the list of definite and possible transfers in order to get information on the income and expenditure for each item. This will then come back to Full Council for further consideration as it could have an impact on precept for next year.

25/59 Conclusion of External Audit by PKF Littlejohn

Resolved: To note the information received from the external auditor and take all actions appropriate to the report.

25/60 To consider a response to LCC Traffic regulation order for Station Road

Resolved: Write back to LCC and ask for them to put 2 disabled bays adjacent to the Station Road carpark. This is due to the disabled bay directly outside The Civic Hall being removed. To ask for “no loading at any time” outside Decisions Decisions.

25/61 To consider options for Local Government Reorganisation

Resolved: That the Town Council favour the smaller model as it would be more responsive to local needs.

25/62 Pride in Place

Resolved: To nominate John Spencer and the Clerk to put the Town Councils ideas forward. The ideas included: a pump track, repairs to the skate park & complete re-paving of the bottom of Newtown

25/63 Market Store

We have had the market store since January 2019. Repairs have been needed and a quote to rebuild has been received.

Resolved: To donate up to the outstanding rent (£1200 PA) to the build costs

25/64 Allotment Rents 2026/2027

Resolved: To increase allotment rents by £5 per plot.

25/65 Bands on the Square

A discussion took place about the event in 2025 and issues were highlighted about the safety of the event and that the event didn't cover its costs.

Cllr Jodie Greaves asked for it recording that she felt that the event was dangerous and did not want it doing in the same way as previously.

It was proposed by Cllr Chris Church that the event continue in 2026 and consider alternatives for future years

Resolved: That the event continue for 2026 and consider alternatives for future years. To note Cllr Jodie Greaves objection to the format of the event.

25/66 Trustee of Bancroft Steam Museum

Resolved: That Gillian Robinson become a trustee for Bancroft Steam Museum

25/67 Correspondence/Items for information

That the Christmas Trees are being dressed on Monday if anyone would like to volunteer to help.

Approved as a correct record of the above meeting

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr John Spencer – Chair of the Full Council

The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 21st January 2026

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