

**Minutes of Barkway Parish Council Annual Meeting
Held in the Community Room, Barkway Pavilion on 12th May 2026 at 7.30pm.**

Councillors Present: Mr W Dennis
Mr P Baker
Mr D Marchant
Ms L Fletcher
Mr G Swann

Also present: Mrs C Toms (Clerk)
District Cllr. Martin Prescott
County Cllr. Ruth Brown

Apologies: Cllrs. J Cox and N Stuart
PCSO Chris Brabrook

Members of the Public: No members of the public were present.

1. To elect Chairman for the year 2026/27 and sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office. It was proposed, seconded and all voted unanimously in favour that Cllr. Dennis become Chair. The Acceptance of Office form was duly signed.

Cllr. Dennis agreed to be Chair for 6 more months.

2. To elect Vice-Chairman for the year 2026/27 - It was proposed, seconded and all voted unanimously in favour that Cllr. Baker become Vice Chair.

3. To fix calendar of meetings for 2026/27 - It was agreed that Ordinary Parish Council meetings would continue to be normally held on the second Tuesday of every month.

4. To appoint representatives to serve on Working Parties

Finance – The Clerk, Cllrs. Dennis and Baker and Stuart.

Carriage Wash Restoration – The Clerk, Cllr. Cox + one other Cllr. TBC

Reading Room – Cllr. Baker + one other Cllr. TBC

5. To agree distribution of portfolios for the forthcoming term of office

Corporate Governance – Cllr. Cox

Environment - Cllr. Fletcher

Highways - Cllr. Sapsford

Media and Communication – Cllr. Marchant

Planning – Cllr. Swann

Property - Cllr. Baker

Sports & Recreation – Cllr. Dennis

As not all Cllrs. were present it was agreed that portfolio responsibilities could be changed as and when required.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.34pm