



# BARNETBY-LE-WOLD PARISH COUNCIL

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Your Parish Council is hosting the Annual Meeting of the Parish and we invite all residents to join us.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is a meeting required by law and is called by the Chairman of the Parish Council in each year. It is an opportunity for members of the parish to get together and discuss issues of interest and concern with a view to developing an action plan.

The **Annual Meeting of the Parish** of Barnetby Le Wold Parish Council will be held on **Monday 28 April 2026** proceedings will commence at **6.00 pm** at Barnetby Church Hall.

*Steve Nazer*

Chairman/Barnetby Parish Council

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The meeting was duly started at 18:00

Attendees: Cllr Vora, Cllr Thomas, Cllr Nazer, Cllr Wells, Cllr Huck, Cllr Broughton, Cllr N Sherwood, Rob Waltham, Jan Welch, Jane Owen  
Hannah Hepworth

6:00 Approval of Annual Meeting of the Parish Minutes April 2025

The minutes of the Annual Parish Minutes were accepted.  
Proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Broughton, - unanimous

6:05 The Chair of the Parish Council will welcome and feedback on last year and plans for the coming year.

The chair shared the Chairman's Report (appendix a)

6.09 The Brigg and Wolds Councillor Report was received from Rob Waltham highlighting North Lincolnshire Council's success over the last year including new bins and free green waste bin, air fryer scheme, free swimming, improved bus services, free gym membership for over 65, development of the libraries, and the continued success of the household recycling site at Barnetby. There will be financial assistance for those with Oil central heating

6.32 Community Groups are invited to share feedback on last year and plans for coming year:

The In Bloom report was shared by Jan Welch (appendix b)  
The Barnetby Horticultural Society report was shared – (appendix c)  
The Barnetby Central Bowls Club report was shared – (appendix d)  
The Village Hall report was shared (appendix e)  
St Barnabas Church report was shared by Allison Thomas (appendix f)  
Mini Bs report was shared by Allison Thomas (appendix g)  
All things Loopy Knit and Natter report was shared by Allison Thomas (appendix h)

The meeting was duly closed at 18.45

# Appendix a

## Chairman's Report

### Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Good evening everyone, and thank you for attending this year's Annual Meeting of the Parish. As Chair of the Parish Council, I am pleased to present an overview of our activities, achievements, and challenges over the past year.

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#### 1. Introduction

This year has been one of steady progress for our parish. Despite ongoing pressures on resources and the increasing demands placed on local services, the council has continued to work hard on behalf of residents to maintain and improve the quality of life within our community.

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#### 2. Parish Council Activities

Over the past year, the council has met regularly to address a wide range of local matters. Key activities have included:

- Reviewing planning applications and providing feedback to the planning authority
  - Maintaining parish assets such as green spaces, benches, noticeboards, and play areas
  - Addressing concerns raised by residents regarding traffic, parking, litter, and environmental issues
  - Working with local organisations, community groups, and statutory bodies to support initiatives across the parish
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#### 3. Key Achievements

This year, several significant achievements were completed or progressed:

- Barnetby in Bloom – success in 2025 again with village awards and the development of planters and bulb planting - thanks to all involved
  - New Clerk - appointment of Hannah Hepworth
  - New Parish Council website and gov.uk email, IT policy and Data Protection / Retention policies.
  - Barnetby United celebrated 90 years
  - Successful year for Barnetby Silver Band
  - Barnetby Horticultural Society A successful showing of produce and crafts from old and new exhibitors
  - Repairs to skatepark and general repairs to the play area.
  - Cutting hedges at Bowls Club
  - Donation of defibrillator to the Playing fields from Henry Boot
  - Repairs and renewal of the cemetery gates and fence
  - newsletter re-established - thanks to the team for their hard work
  - VE Day events sponsored by Cllr and Mrs. Vora
  - Remembrance parade
  - The council has continued to apply for various grants - In Bloom, Park Community Engagement and more recently a grant for the playground improvements
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- These initiatives have been made possible through the commitment of councillors, volunteers, and partners across the parish, for which I extend my thanks on behalf of the Parish Council
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## 4. Financial Overview

The parish council has continued to manage its finances responsibly. This year's expenditure focused on essential maintenance, community projects, and long-term improvements. The precept was set with careful consideration to ensure value for money while allowing us to deliver core services.

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## 5. Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the council will continue to prioritise:

- Maintaining and improving parish infrastructure
- Supporting community events and local organisations
- Progressing long-term initiatives such as environmental enhancements
- Strengthening communication and engagement with residents
- Ensuring efficient, transparent, and responsible financial management

We are committed to making the parish a thriving, well-maintained, and welcoming place for all.

## 6. Thanks, and Acknowledgements

I would like to express my sincere thanks to:

- My fellow councilors for their time, dedication, and support
- Our Parish Clerk for their professionalism and hard work throughout the year
- Community volunteers, groups, and partners who contribute so much to parish life

Most importantly, thank you to our residents for your involvement, feedback, and continued support.

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## Conclusion

The parish council remains committed to serving our community with integrity, transparency, and respect. I look forward to another year of working together to maintain and enhance the place we all call home. Thank you.

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## Appendix b

### Barnetby in Bloom Annual Report 2025-2026

- Of course, the most exciting event for us this year was achieving our hat trick of wins in the Best Kept Village competition run by the CPRE. We were thrilled and surprised to retain our crown. However, it shouldn't really be a surprise, given the dedication and enthusiasm of our small band of 12 members (along with their partners). We are happy to have 4 new members this year, all fairly new to the village. We share ideas at informal meetings and on WhatsApp, and we thrive on each others' good humour and encouragement. Our main motivation, however, is not the competition but wanting the village to be as clean, tidy and full of plants as we can manage. Litter-picking goes on all year round and thanks go to all those who help with this.
- We have tried to engage other members of the community with bulb and tree planting. The bulbs up Kings Road looked lovely this spring, and the new trees are doing well in the playing field. Particular thanks go to the young men who have helped with this and also in helping to build the new raised planters at various points in the village. Thanks, too, to Broughtons for ordering and cutting the sleepers and to Keigar for continuing to fund the small planter at the end of Albert Close. And, of course thanks go to the Parish Council for their continuing support and encouragement.
- We were happy last summer to collaborate with the Horticultural Society, who again allowed us to present our front garden competition prizes at their show in August. It was a great show, much enjoyed by all – quite a highlight of the village's year.
- Our aims for next year are: to continue adding raised planters to replace deteriorating box planters wherever possible; to plant more bulbs and trees; and look out for the new bug hotel! We will also continue with our front garden competition, which is quite a success: we have a new judge this year and she is very excited to see all the lovely gardens and quirky containers - we hope even more people have a go at it this year. The only criteria is that the gardens should bring a smile to people's faces. And of course we would love to win BKV for a fourth time, especially as in this centenary year for CPRE they are doubling the value of prizes! However, the other villages are hot on our heels and eager to beat us!

- To conclude, we are constantly hearing there are fewer birds, small mammals and invertebrates every year thanks to climate change and human activity; so, in our own small way, we are trying to improve biodiversity in and around the village as well as simply cheering everyone up in these difficult times. We hope we succeed.

Jan Welch - Chair

# Appendix c

## Barnetby Horticultural Report 2026

2025 (our 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show) was an outstanding success, a record 73 exhibitors and approximately 500 exhibits and obviously we wish to build on this. We have a new President, Angie Vora and new Committee members and a Show Manager, Peter Booker. We are proud to work very closely with Barnetby in Bloom, Barnetby Village Hall and Barnetby Central Bowls Club volunteers.

Dates for your diary:

We have already held our first Talk on Wednesday 22 April, which was very successful, entertaining, informative and well attended.

Our next NEW venture is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Coach Trip RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate, this has been well supported by members and local residents. We can squeeze a few more in if you are interested, please contact the numbers below.

The highlight of the year will be our 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Show, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, Barnetby Horticultural Show, Barnetby Village Hall. A few updates in our Schedule this year, we try to keep it fresh! Again, copies available from the contacts below.

One thing we would absolutely love is more entries in the Children's sections.

# Appendix d

## Barnetby Central Bowls Club Report 2026

Last year Barnetby Bowls Club had a good season. Re-entering the Scunthorpe League was a good move and we were able to field all three teams without too many problems.

We held 3 Gala Days which were well supported. We held the Webster Trophy on behalf of the Barnetby League and it was great to see Jim and Marion from Barnetby coming out as winners, Well Done. These events continue to raise much needed funds for the club so we need to keep promoting them whenever we can.

We have attracted a couple of new members this year. Just running one open weekend was better but did not get the interest we hoped for. Roll ups continued on Thursdays and Sundays with some new members attending them. Our Winter games afternoon has continued to run this year offering Dominoes, Cards, and of course the ever popular Bingo. Our three fund raising events this year have been successful. The table top sale went well early in the season with approx 20 tables. It did get some people on the green, including children, playing which can only be good. Well worth doing again but we need to make sure it is better publicised within the Village and surrounding areas.

The Quiz/Pie and pea supper was fantastic with over 100 people taking part. Many thanks to Graham and Charlie for organising the quiz and to all our helpers in the kitchen getting all the pies and peas cooked on time. In all over £600 was raised which was split between the club and the village hall.

Our treasurer put a lot of work into getting us into the Tesco Community funding Scheme. Thanks to everyone and their families and friends for supporting us. We finished a close second obtaining a grant of £1000 to be used for updating our equipment. We have used it for new mats, updated pushers, some smaller woods and a bowling arm which can all help to whole community young or old.

The green has played quite well this year and is showing definite signs of improvement. This has been due to the hard work of those who turn up for the Tuesday morning work parties.

Work on improving the clubhouse is ongoing and at the moment we are waiting to see if our application for a community grant to update the heating system is successful.

It would be great to see more of our community getting involved as we approach our centenary year in 2027. We have a great facility in Barnetby and it would be a pity to lose it. Bowls is a great game for all ages so come along and have a go.

# Appendix e

THE BARNETBY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE  
Registered Charity number: 504046

The village hall operates under a charitable trust deed with the hall being the property of the trust occupying land under licence from and owned by the Parish Council. Insurance is maintained for the hall by the trustees. The trustees of the charity are the management committee and take great pride in the quality of the hall facilities and maintain these to a high standard. The hall has continued to provide a very high quality and very useful facility for the inhabitants of Barnetby with a wide-ranging variety of activities.

Use of the hall has returned to pre-pandemic levels and the various user individuals and organisations have provided valuable recreational and leisure time activities for the participants. We've had a good year with the hall being booked during the day and most evenings during term time over the winter. We have held a couple of events to raise funds but desperately need new members to fill vacancies and to help organise more events.

Regular bookings:

Under 5s/pre-school Monday to Friday termly

Mondays and Wednesdays - indoor bowls September to April

Tuesdays and Fridays - Karate

Thursdays - Jive mainly and sequence dance

Other bookings:

Private parties, Horticultural show, Panto, STEMPunx (usually during school holidays) and lastly Fur and feathers

A schedule of repairs and improvements is being maintained. Asbestos present in the building has been addressed with the removal of floor tiles and works to seal some areas of ceiling. New flooring has been installed to the sides of the stage. Most recently, the water boiler has broken and has been replaced.

The electricity contract has been renewed after a period of a very competitive deal with Drax Power expired in March, so we expect our energy bills to be significantly higher this year than in previous years. Cleaning costs have also increased. We use a local cleaning company which has raised prices due principally to increased employment costs. We will monitor the situation but would like to avoid raising hall hire charges in the current economic climate if at all possible.

Accounts were filed with the Charity Commission as required to 31 March 2025 which show a significant increase in income to £79,200 and expenditure of £89,987. This was due to funding for the new roof which came in the form of grants from North Lincolnshire (£60,036) and Action with Communities in Rural England

(ACRE) (£5,000) together with £9,464 from our own funds. Other income came from the hiring of the village hall. (£13,459). The loss for the period was £10,729.

The charity bank account can now be operated online, and although the bank did not make this an easy process to convert to, now it is in place it is working well.

There are 8 trustees currently. We are looking for a replacement following the retirement of the Secretary. The current Treasurer has agreed to remain in post and we aim to enable them to retire once a replacement is found.

## **ST BARNABAS CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT**

It has again been a remarkably busy year for the Church and Church Hall. Along with Carol we are continuing doing morning worships on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Overall, these are going well and everyone that attends them are liking what we do. Our Church team of Revd Lee, Carol and I continue to try to put the church into the centre of Barnetby Community offering Baptisms, Weddings, services and community events. Carol and I have completed training this year to become Authorised Lay Ministers. I am also a focal minister and just completing my children and ministry training. I have just introduced a new all age service of a Teddy and Dolly service.

We have had a Sunday service in church every Sunday for the past 4 years. And our congregation numbers are slowly climbing, and everyone is welcome to attend.

We continue to work closely with the school, and we have had 6 school services in church which are well attended. We also opened the church to Barnetby silver band for them to do a couple of fundraising events for them which we are happy to help and support. We have also allowed Enid to hire the church for her Jessie fund fundraisers which are well attended. This may will be our second year of opening both churches in the West Lyndsey Church Festival on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May. I will be doing a Fundraiser Fashion Show on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May £5 per person. In June this year it starts our Church Centenary celebrations. On St Barnabas Gift Day Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June we start our celebrations with a Weddings through the century we have people or relatives that were married in our Church to send us a photo and short description which we will display and a few wedding dresses too. On that day too we will be having a 1920s Afternoon Tea (1920s dress optional). Any suggestions that the community would like to see or ideas during the centenary year just let us know. There are booklets to pick up here with all times and which churches are open. The year will end with a re dedication service in May 2027 with the Acting Bishop of Lincoln. We will be getting a new Chancel wooden Altar. Anybody that has any ideas of what you want to do or see us do for the centenary or any fundraising events or centenary events and volunteers we would be most grateful as Without the valuable support of the community this Church we would not be able to keep going and this is your church. This church costs over £20,000 a year to just keep its doors open to the community which doesn't include the maintenance. All our money is raised by generous donations, fundraising and earnings from the rental of the church hall. Like other churches our expenditure is exceeding our income and if this sadly continues and the community stop supporting us, we will be like many rural churches in the country we may have to consider closing this church. We do not receive any money from the diocese or the Church of England.

We continue to have maintenance/ repair issues to the church and church hall buildings. But due to the lack of funds, we have been unable to do any of them. But just awaiting Faculties to replace the windows and doors in the church hall and replace windows in the south wall of the church too.

At the churchyard, my husband Chris continues to maintain and cut the grass.

we continue to run the Church Toddlers (Mini B's) on a Friday morning, I am regularly getting on average twenty families a week. This last quarter we would like to thank Ajay and Angela Vora for their kind donation of money from the pantomime at Christmas we were able to purchase some craft items, Playdough equipment, toys and treat each child that

comes to our group with a Christmas present and selection box and this Easter I was able to give each child an easter egg. We also applied to Barnetby Community Co Op Champion, and I have just heard we are receiving £1,200.00 for our toddler group which means I Can purchase children's tables, take them to hall farm park for a summer outing and purchase more specialised toys and equipment.

The church hall is busy we have knit and natter groups, art group, slimming world, a move it or lose it exercise class for the over 60s. There are still some mornings, afternoons and evenings available. I am hopeful I can continue with the plan to modernise the hall but awaiting decisions and quotes before I can move forward as well as funds to do it. Thanks to the Knit and Natter group we have been able to purchase new chairs for the Hall. We thank them enormously for their support. Still haven't heard anything from Wren in regards to the kitchen.

Many thanks

Allison Thomas Churchwarden, ALM, Focal Minister.

## Appendix g

### **Mini B's Toddler group**

we continue to run the Church Toddlers (Mini B's) on a Friday morning, 10am to 12pm termtime. £2.50 per family. I am regularly getting on average twenty families a week. This last quarter we would like to thank Ajay and Angela Vora for their kind donation of money from the pantomime at Christmas we were able to purchase some craft items, Playdough equipment, toys and treat each child that comes to our group with a Christmas present and selection box and this Easter I was able to give each child an easter egg. We also applied to Barnetby Community Co Op Champion, and I have just heard we are receiving £1,200.00 for our toddler group which means I can purchase children's tables, take them to hall farm park for a summer outing and purchase more specialised toys and equipment. New members are welcome we have parents, grandparents and carers that come with their children. Contact Allison Thomas 07425166157.

**All Things Loopy Knit and Natter Group**

Our knit and natter groups are held every Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 3pm and every Thursday nights 7pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. At present we have 22 members come on a Tuesday and 14 members on a Thursday night. People can bring any craft activity we have people that knit, crochet, make cards, cross stitch, diamond art etc. This year we have managed to donate money to the Church for new chairs for the hall from our raffle money takings. New members are always welcome the cost is £2 per session plus £1 for raffle. Any enquiries just pop in or contact Allison Thomas 07425166157.