

OLD LAUND BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 17th December 2025

Present: Cllr. Mrs J. Hartley, Cllr. Mr C. Bevan, Cllr. Mr P. Coleman, Cllr. Mrs D. Marsden, Cllr. Mr A. Mayor, Co. Cllr. Mr H. Hartley, Interim Clerk P. Rosthorn

Apologies: None

Absent: Boro. Cllr. Mr B. Newman

Vacancies: 3

Members of the Public Present: 2

No	Minute Heading	Any Action
2589	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hartley opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors and Members of the Public 	
2590	Declaration of Councillors Interests / Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No interests were declared this month 	
2591	Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A member of the public attended the meeting to request guidance on the appropriate contact regarding the deteriorating fencing surrounding the veterinary premises on Barrowford Road. The same individual has previously undertaken the trimming of overhanging foliage to ensure the footpath remains clear for pedestrians Parking during the week for the school and on Sunday mornings for the Church remains an ongoing issue. Vehicles continue to block alleys and dropped kerbs, and it appears to be the same cars responsible for these obstructions 	<p><i>Clerk to contact Huntroyde Estate</i></p> <p><i>Co Cllr Hartley to speak with the church and Cllr Mayor to send photographs to PCSO Fielding</i></p>
2592	Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the Council meeting, held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record, (Proposed by Cllr Hartley and seconded by Cllr Bevan) 	
2593	Update on progress of outstanding items from the minutes (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no outstanding items; all relevant matters are included as ongoing agenda items 	
2594	Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new applications this month 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25/0631/FUL Full: Demolition of equine buildings and the erection of 1 no. dwelling at Land and buildings to the South West of Grains Barn Farm, Barrowford Road - <i>Approved with Conditions</i> 25/0666/TPO Potential tree preservation order arboriculture works at Carr Hall Road, BB9 6QD - <i>Approved with Conditions</i> 25/0549/FUL Full: Demolition of existing building and the erection of 4 no. dwellings with associated landscaping at Slate Age (Fence) Ltd, Fencegate, Fence - <i>No decision as yet</i> 	
2595	Councillor Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently one vacancy available for co-option. Two further vacancies remain pending until the request for an election date has passed 	
2596	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments for expenditure considered and agreed by all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia Rosthorn (December Microsoft charge) £3.91 Patricia Rosthorn (Interim Clerk) £655.00 Village Hall (rental) £200.00 James Boothman (xmas tree) £390.00 Peter Coleman (seniors party drinks) £339.50 The White Swan (seniors party food) £tbc - (payment in principle agreed – awaiting invoice) Jill Hartley (Tree lights) £369.88 Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Interest £83.78 Seniors party donations for Pendleside Hospice £230.00 	
2597	Clerk's Report and Correspondence (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was distributed before the meeting Letter received from Houldsworth Solicitors regarding legal fees It was resolved not to participate in Pendle Primary Schools Free Swimming Initiative 2026/27 Village Hall Chairperson is Diane Hall 	<p><i>Clerk to draft reply</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to contact DH re defibrillator</i></p>
2598	Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hartley attended the December meeting and reported that the only item relevant to Old Laund Booth was that the recent targeted crime had now ceased 	
2599	Borough Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this month 	
2600	County Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report this month 	
2601	Village Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The arch is currently in safekeeping and requires repairs before it can be re-sited It was suggested to speak with PCSO Fielding to explore whether any community service projects could be signposted to Old Laund Booth to assist with upkeep and maintenance, for example, litter picking along Greenhead Lane 	<p><i>Clerk to email PCSO Fielding</i></p>
2602	Playground Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The donated bench is currently awaiting the installation of a suitable base before it can be sited in the playground 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the review of playground maintenance quotes, the costs have been broken down and analysed with a focus on high-priority items identified as essential to ensure the playground remains open and safe for public use. The annual inspection report highlighted a significant number of urgent works required, however, due to the substantial overall cost, it will not be feasible to complete all works immediately. These improvements will, therefore, need to be delivered as part of a phased, multi-year project, dependant upon the availability of funds. It was proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Bevan and unanimously resolved to accept the quote from Unique Play for the playground works 	
2603	<p>Other Parish Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors Christmas Lunch - The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal and the event was considered a great success. A big thank you to Tom and his team at the White Swan for their excellent contributions. Everyone commented that it was fantastic value for money and many said they would have happily paid more. In addition to the wonderful lunch, money was raised for Pendleside Hospice, and donations were collected for Matt's band, who are generously passing it on to their chosen charity Christmas Tree and Lights – Councillors were satisfied with this year's tree along with the new lights and feedback received was positive. It was resolved to consider purchasing two trees next year, funds permitting, with the second one to be displayed near the village hall 	
2604	<p>Items to consider for next Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Club (peppercorn rent) Precept 	
2605	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00pm <p>~~~~~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closed at 19:53 	