

OLD LAUND BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 21st January 2026

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

Apologies: Cllr. Mr A. Mayor

Absent: Boro. Cllr. Mr B. Newman

Vacancies: 3

Members of the Public Present: 3

No	Minute Heading	Any Action
2606	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">Cllr Hartley opened the meeting and welcomed Councillors and Members of the Public	
2607	Declaration of Councillors Interests / Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none">No interests were declared this month	
2608	Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">A member of the public raised the topic of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch scheme within the village. They agreed to explore the available options and will report back with their findings at the next meeting	<i>Add to next Agenda</i>
2609	Minutes of the last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes of the Council meeting, held on Wednesday 17th December 2025 were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record, (Proposed by Cllr Marsden and seconded by Cllr Hartley)	
2610	Update on progress of outstanding items from the minutes (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none">All relevant matters are included as ongoing agenda items	
2611	Planning Applications and Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">25/0862/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 499 Wheatley Lane Road Fence for Mr Josh Ogden Comments due by 26th January 2026PLE/25/0162: Alleged unauthorised erection of wooden stable on agricultural land at NEW Barn Cuckstool Lane Enforcement notice for info only	<i>No comments or concerns at this time</i>

Signed: _____
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2612	Councillor Vacancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently three vacancies available for co-option 	Two individuals have expressed an interest in the vacancies and will attend the February meeting
2613	Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments for expenditure considered and agreed by all <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia Rosthorn (January Microsoft charge) £3.91 Patricia Rosthorn (Laptop) £494.10 Patricia Rosthorn (Interim Clerk) £655.00 Howard Hartley (CCTV flyers) £49.95 The White Swan (Seniors party) £1020.00 Jill Hartley (Christmas Aprons) £33.60 The draft budget for the financial year 2026/27 was proposed by the Finance Committee. After consideration it was resolved that the proposed budget be approved and that a precept of £25,000 be requested from Pendle Borough Council 	
2614	Clerk's Report and Correspondence (for information only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was distributed to Councillors before the meeting A complaint was received regarding the condition of the caravan site near the top of Heights Lane. Councillors will visit the location to assess the situation and will report back with their findings The asset transfer consideration has been postponed due to the ongoing devolution process and will be revisited at a later date Wheatcroft Avenue TPO – still awaiting the replacement trees to be planted. Roland Jones (Environment Officer for Pendle) is due to retire at the end of March, so he is hoping that his successor will pick this up, as the condition for the replacement planting covers the period from December 2025 to March 2026 	Add to next Agenda Add to next Agenda Add to next Agenda
2615	Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Hartley attended the January meeting and reported back the following police report: To address the recent increase in car thefts, burglaries, and late-night speeding, a dedicated task force will be conducting targeted patrols throughout the Parishes. During these patrols vehicles may be stopped as part of routine checks to help ensure public safety and deter criminal activity BWPC have been allocated funding, however, it seems that none has been allocated to Fence 	Clerk to send letter to enquire further
2616	Borough Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report this month 	
2617	County Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget meetings are being held in February Next County meeting is on 28th January 	
2618	Village Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bevan and Cllr Coleman will carry out a walkthrough of the village to log all required maintenance works, including footpaths. Using these notes, they will prepare a plan of action It was noted that the bus shelters require cleaning. This will be arranged Vegetation (trees and shrubs) on the bypass is to be cut back to enable grass-trimming works to be carried out CCTV – Co Cllr Hartley reported that the recent CCTV meeting had been well-attended and that those present were supportive of the proposed scheme. 	

	Following consideration, the Parish Council resolved to proceed with the implementation of a three-year CCTV project	
2619	Playground Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Coleman and Cllr Bevan will arrange the removal of the rotten timber in preparation for the playground maintenance works scheduled to commence on 23rd February. Concrete bases are required for the seats. Cllr Bevan will liaise with the contractor to arrange a site meeting and confirm the scope of works to be completed • Cllr Hartley will arrange the purchase of hessian, bulbs and plants for the site and around the village. Cllr Coleman and Co Cllr Hartley will jointly purchase the required compost 	
2620	Other Parish Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sport Club Peppercorn Rent – It was resolved that the rental fee from Pendle Forest Sports Club be reinstated following a period during which no rent was charged. From the next financial year, rent will be set at £500 per annum. The Parish Council also wishes it to be noted that they hope to make use of the Sports Club for fundraising and entertainment purposes, which in turn will support the Club through increased bar sales and related income 	
2621	Items to consider for next Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Watch Scheme • Asset Register • Harpers Garden • Wellness Grants 	
2622	Date of next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 18th February 2026 at 7.00pm <p>~~~~~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting closed at 20:20 	