

BARROW GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the **Village Green Committee**
held on Thursday 20th November 2025
at 7.30pm in Springhead Barn

Clerk: Olga Shepherd
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14 November 2025

Present: Nick Tyrrell, Rob MacKenzie, Nick Kerswell, Clerk (Olga Shepherd)

1.11.25 Apologies for absence

Apology received and accepted from James Durie.

2.11.25 Playground Inspection 2025:

a) The Playground Inspection report received in April 2025 was reviewed and it was noted that no urgent repairs are required , except some minor repairs will need to be done in this financial year:

1. new posts need to be bolted.
2. long bolts need to be capped.
3. one rotted post needs to be replaced.
4. some areas of wood to smooth down to prevent splinters of fingers
5. some seats, replaced 12 years ago, need to be replaced.
6. Some chains need to be replaced soon.

The following was NOTED:

- A Willow tree was removed for safety
- Low branches removed from Oak tree, ivy removed.

b) The weekly inspections are carried out periodically.

3.11.25 Weed control

- a) It was AGREED to carry on with Little Apple the current grass cutting contractor for another year.
- b) The Village Green different areas, requiring weed control were discussed. Weeding and strimming have been done by the Village Green Committee Members. Same arrangements will continue in 2026-27.
- c) It was agreed to continue with the present weed control schedule in 2026/27.

4.11.25 Bio- diversity Net gain

Nick Tyrrell and Andy Robbins met with Bristol Water reps to discuss installation of the cold water bath to increase wet land for biodiversity. Bristol Water agreed to help with diverting water from the natural spring. NSC also supports this project.

5.11.25 Village Green maintenance schedule 2026/27

1. It was NOTED that tree inspection was done 2 years ago. Risk trees will need to be reviewed and removed as necessary.
2. A tree opposite the stream was identified for felling.

6.11.25 Village Green Committee Budget 2026/27

1. The 2025-26 Budget outcome was reviewed and NOTED.
2. 2026/27 budget to be requested from the Parish Council was reviewed.

The total amount needed for Village Green maintenance is £1,940

7.11.25 Date of next meeting: to be confirmed in November 2026