

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.45 pm on Tuesday 15th July 2025 at Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Preceding the meeting was a presentation by Fortis regarding their plans for the A303 site

Meeting opened at 20.00pm. Cllr Oliver opened the meeting. **Present:** Cllr D Oliver, Cllr D Clark, Cllr A Sherwood, Cllr K Bennett, Cllr D Tickner **Also present:** Clerk – Sally Lawrence

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION For ten minutes residents are invited to address the Parish Council, for a maximum time of three minutes, to make comment on items on the agenda or raise matters for consideration at a future meeting. **2** members of public attended.

27.98 To receive and accept apologies for absences – Cllr A Sherwood

27.99 Declarations of Interest – To receive and record declaration of interest on the agenda. Cllr Clark - allotments.

28.00 Minutes of the previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 17th June 2025. Proposed and resolved. Cllr Oliver signed the minutes.

28.01 Parish Council vacancies

(a) Sally Stuart gave a verbal statement stating her application requesting co-option as a parish councillor. She has supplied a written application statement and was questioned by the councillors.

(b) The application was considered. All in agreement.

28.02 Councillor reports

Cllr D Tickner – has produced flyers with permission of D10 (White Horse field). He has also produced a leaflet re parking after reviewing the NALC guidance, it is acceptable to give a polite notice on vehicles causing parking problems. The leaflets were distributed and will be discussed in September. Cllr Oliver – the Library session was very busy. The History Group are reviewing how they use the library. Cllr Oliver received and passed over a £5 donation to the PC from the Library toward the cost of hall hire.

Cllr Bennett – concerns about the parking issues. The Ash tree (N0. 48) possibly being fenced off.

Cllr C Sherwood – water leak in Roberts Road.

Cllr D Clark – the School path proposed that the PC instate a maintenance plan and that is it the first item on the Lengthsman tasks next visit. There are also trip hazards on the path, to establish who is responsible for upkeep of the path itself.

28.03 The Borough and County Councillor's reports

Cllr David Drew gave his apologies, sending HCC and TVBC written reports

HCC report -

Bookings open for Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food summer programme

Hampshire County Council's popular Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for the 2025 summer holidays – and eligible families can now browse and book free places for their children at local schemes across the county.

One of the largest in the UK, Hampshire's summer HAF programme is set to offer a wide range of enriching activities and nutritious meals through 70 providers delivering 180 schemes in communities countywide, with around 7,000 children taking part.

Launched nationally in 2018 by the Government, HAF was developed in response to the challenges faced by low-income families during school holidays – particularly around social isolation, poor nutrition, and lack of physical activity. While the programme is primarily aimed at children eligible for benefit-related free school meals, up to 15 per cent of places are also available for other children who could benefit from HAF support. These can include children with Education, Health and Care Plans, or those referred by social services or their school.

Families can find out more and register to access HAF bookings through the Family Information and Services Hub.

Family and child poverty remain significant concerns both locally and nationally. Over the past year in Hampshire alone, more than 2,200 additional children became eligible for free school meals, bringing the total to nearly 38,000. This rise reflects the increasing pressure on families due to the cost-of-living crisis, including rising housing, food, and utility costs.

In addition to HAF, Hampshire County Council continues to support families through a range of services, including the [Household Support Fund](#) as well as [expanded childcare](#) and [wraparound school provision](#). These initiatives work together to tackle food insecurity, housing challenges, and access to affordable childcare for working families.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250609HAFsummer>

Hampshire County Council to confirm appointment of new Chief Executive

Hampshire County Council is set to confirm the appointment of its next Chief Executive at a meeting of the Full Council on 17 July

Following a national recruitment process, the cross-party Member Appointment Panel, which met on 26 June, has recommended Gary Westbrook for the role. Gary is currently the County Council's Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Hampshire 2050.

Subject to formal approval by Full Council on 17 July, Gary will take on the role as Acting Chief Executive from 19 July before officially taking on the role as Head of Paid Service on 4 August, following the retirement of current Chief Executive, Carolyn Williamson.

Carolyn Williamson announced her retirement from Hampshire County Council, on 21 March 2025, following four years in the post as the Authority's first female Chief Executive. Mrs Williamson has spent 15 years at Hampshire County Council, as part of a total career in public service of over 40 years.

Hampshire County Council is one of the largest local authorities in the country delivering services to 1.4 million residents across the county. As Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, the postholder is responsible, through the Council Leader, for managing an annual budget of approximately £3.1 billion, and leading a workforce of nearly 10,000 employees directly and many more indirectly, including via hundreds of Hampshire schools.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250630ChiefExecutiveannouncement>

Hampshire County Council announces £12.5 million support package for vulnerable households

Vulnerable Hampshire households struggling with rising costs can access a range of support thanks to a comprehensive £12.5 million package unveiled by Hampshire County Council

Funded through the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) Household Support Fund (HSF), the initiative will run until March 2026 and is part of the County Council's wider [connect4communities programme](#), which supports low-income households with necessities like food and fuel. The funding will be used to provide both [immediate crisis support, and longer-term preventative measures](#) to households in need, including families with children, unpaid carers, care leavers, people with disabilities, pensioners, and those facing unexpected financial shocks.

Hampshire's network of community pantries – member-based alternatives to supermarkets that provide cheap essentials and reduce food waste – will receive more than £1 million.

The County Council will also work closely with schools, borough and district councils and voluntary organisations to deliver the support. Additionally, a portion of the funding will be available through an

application-based scheme, ensuring residents can come forward to request help.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250625HSF>

Go-ahead given for introduction of Hampshire-wide food waste recycling

Plans to enable Hampshire residents to recycle household food waste from April 2026 have been confirmed. Hampshire County Council has agreed to progress with arrangements that will see an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 tonnes of food waste from Hampshire households recycled through anaerobic digestion – a process where bacteria breaks down organic matter producing valuable by-products such as renewable gas and organic fertilizer

The County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Universal Services, Councillor Kirsty North, said: "I'm pleased to confirm arrangements to support the expansion of a kerbside food waste service which will play an important role in boosting our county's overall recycling rates. This follows my approval of plans to build a £50m facility in Eastleigh to enable residents to recycle a much wider range of plastics, including pots, tubs, trays, cartons, and soft plastic film for the first time, as we overhaul our approach to waste in Hampshire.

"The introduction of separate food waste collections from every Hampshire household will ensure that food waste can be sent to anaerobic digestion facilities and used to create new products rather than lost to disposal. It will also help keep contamination of dry waste materials down."

Currently, food waste collections are operated by Eastleigh Borough Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, and Portsmouth City Council, with New Forest District Council currently phasing in this new service. All other Hampshire Waste Collection Authorities will be introducing food waste collections between now and April next year.

The plans support the Government's [Simpler Recycling](#) guidance that requires all Waste Collection Authorities – which in Hampshire comprises district and borough councils, as well as the unitary authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton – to provide weekly kerbside food waste collections by April 2026 as part of a wider package of changes to deliver a more consistent and streamlined approach to recycling in England.

Taking steps to prevent food waste in the first place delivers greater environmental impacts than recycling. It is estimated, on average, a quarter of the waste put in household bins is food that could have been eaten. Residents can visit Hampshire County Council's [Smart Living](#) and [Kitchen Food Heroes](#) webpages for practical tips and advice to help use more of the food they buy.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250623Foodwasterecycling>

Hampshire County Council to consider 'lane rental' proposals to minimise roadworks disruption

Proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new lane rental scheme aimed at reducing roadworks delays on over 550 miles of Hampshire's busiest roads during peak times, are set to be considered by Hampshire County Council later this month

On Monday 23 June, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Passenger Transport, Councillor Lulu Bowerman, will review detailed proposals for the introduction of lane rental scheme which would charge a daily fee for the duration of roadworks, including any delay, on more than 550 miles of road – or roughly 10 per cent - of Hampshire's roads. If approved by the Department for Transport, the scheme could be introduced in spring 2026.

The County Council agreed in January to progress plans for a lane rental scheme, which would complement the existing road permitting system. Detailed proposals have now been set out which include which roads are considered to be the most strategically important or where roadworks and/or street works are likely to cause significant delays and disruption to traffic flow. If the proposal is approved, the County Council will undertake a consultation with relevant stakeholders, including utility companies, over the summer. Final recommendations will then be developed before formal approval is sought from the Department for Transport. The aim is for the scheme to become operational in Spring 2026.

Charges would vary depending on the type and level of disruption caused by the works. Any surplus revenue generated - beyond the basic operational costs - would be ringfenced to fund innovative

projects aimed at reducing the impact of street and roadworks. Subject to new national legislation expected later this year, up to 50% of the income generated could also be reinvested into routine highway maintenance, including day-to-day repairs such as pothole fixes.

Lane rental schemes are already in place in several parts of the UK, and they must comply with national legislation. Charges can only be applied to the most congested and strategically important local roads managed by the highway authority and under current legislation, the County Council would be permitted to charge up to £2,500 per day - the maximum allowed.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250613LaneRentalProposals>

TVBC report –

Local Government Reorganisation survey



The government has asked councils across England to look at how local government is organised, as they believe this will improve services and make better use of public money.

In Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, that means local councils are being asked to consider options for replacing the current county, borough, district and unitary authority arrangements, and deciding what unitary authority boundaries would be appropriate. These newly formed councils will be responsible for delivering all council services to the residents in their area. A group of 12 of the 15 councils in our area, including Test Valley, are now working together on options for reorganisation that build on what makes our communities unique - while making services more efficient and future-proof.

There are different ways of doing this. We're considering options to replace the current 15 councils with four new councils on the mainland and keep the Isle of Wight as it is. We believe this would allow for councils that are big enough to deliver well, but local enough to understand our communities and their needs.

Now we want to hear from you. What matters most to you and your area? Your views will help us shape how local councils work in future and do our best to ensure they reflect real places, priorities, and people.

So, whether you've got a lot to say or a little, we want to hear from you today. The survey is available now at <https://ourplaceourfuture.commonplace.is/> and will close on Sunday 27 July 2025.

Consultation launched on new proposed housing sites in Test Valley

Residents are being encouraged to share their feedback on the proposed new housing sites in Test Valley's draft Local Plan.

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has today launched a public consultation on the document.

The draft plan and consultation can be found at: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2042> and residents have until Friday 5 September to respond.

The news comes after central government vastly inflated Test Valley's housing figure in its National Planning Policy Framework almost overnight, meaning the council must now deliver 78 per cent more homes than it had initially planned for.

And because the change was implemented so suddenly, the authority no longer meets its five-year housing land supply. This impacts TVBC's ability to defend itself against inappropriate development, and means that developers that can submit applications quickly, even if they are of lower quality or in unsustainable locations, could still get planning permission.

Test Valley must now identify enough sites to deliver 15,878 new homes over the next 17 years, which has led to some difficult decisions about where the new homes could be built.

The proposed new developments are spread across the borough, including Andover and Romsey, as well as in our rural areas.

It's really important to note that if we do not move forward and get a new Local Plan in place as quickly as possible, then we leave the door open to speculative applications from developers that we will struggle to defend against. That is why TVBC has worked so quickly to update the draft off the back of the hugely inflated housing figure from central government.

Local Plan Exhibition dates

Please find the dates and venues for the Local Plan public exhibitions below:

| Venue | Date | Time |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| East Anton Pavilion | Monday 7 th July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Valley Park Community Centre | Wednesday 9 th July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Wellow Village Hall | Thursday 10 th July | 4pm to 6pm |
| Grateley Memorial Hall | Thursday 10 th July | 4pm to 6pm |
| Ludgershall Memorial Hall | Monday 14 th July | 4pm to 6pm |
| Barton Stacey Village Hall | Monday 14 th July | 4pm to 6pm |
| Stockbridge Town Hall | Wednesday 16 th July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| North Baddesley Village Hall | Tuesday 22 nd July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Weyhill Fairground Village Hall | Thursday 24 th July | 3.45pm to 6.45pm |
| Abbotswood Community Centre, Romsey | Tuesday 29 th July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall | Wednesday 30 th July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Upper Clatford Village Hall | Thursday 31 st July | 3.30pm to 6.30pm |
| Broughton Village Hall | Thursday 31 st July | 4pm to 6pm |

28.04 Finance

a) To receive and approve June 2025 monthly financial statement. Proposed and approved statement. Cllr C Sherwood checked and signed the bank statements and schedule.

Treasurers A/c

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| Opening balance as at 01 June 2025 | | £31,475.61 |
| Payments received June | £700.00 | |
| Payments cleared June | £5,084.39 | |
| Payments made since last meeting | £98.90 | |
| TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 01 July 2025 | | £26,992.32 |

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

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| Opening balance as at 01 June 2025 | | £55,620.55 |
| Payments received June | £70.38 | |
| Payments cleared June | £0.00 | |
| TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 01 July 2025 | | £55,690.93 |

Refund to be paid

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| Duplicate interment fee | £300.00 |
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Invoices yet to be paid

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| HALC invoice INV-7311 | £446.00 |
| BS Village Hall invoice 233 | £16.00 |
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| Green Smile invoice 11700 | £619.96 |
| HMRC | £118.73 |
| Clerk (June & July) | £1,204.06 |
| Clerks expenses | £170.44 |

Total **£2,891.19**

Total estimated balance **£79,792.06**

Until the clerk has been set up for banking access, Clerk to arrange payment of the above invoices.

a) The June 2025 monthly financial report was presented. Proposed and approved.

b) Budget v actual 2025 to June 2025. Proposed and approved.

c) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation as of 30 June 2025. Proposed and approved. Cllr C Sherwood signed the hard copy.

d) The consider quotes for the following projects -

- Tree No.48 – this tree is not on parish council land. The adjoining land owner was approached and has declined to contribute to the cost of works to this tree.
4 quotes were received. One quote for 'Ash with signs of advancing ADB. To dismantle to low level. Wood chip to be fired back into the woodland understory and logs removed' was selected. Value is £960.00 (gross). Planning permission is required as the tree is in a conservation area. All agreed
- Access ramp from recreation ground to Newton Lane – quotes still being sought.
- Play area maintenance – quotes still being sought.

28.05 Planning applications

| Date received | Planning Reference | Address | Description | Status | BSPC Comment(s) |
|---------------|--------------------|---|---|---------|-----------------|
| 02/07/2025 | 25/01468/LBWN | Ash Farm House Gravel Lane Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3RL | Works to alleviate levels of damp within basement to include installation of floating floor, whitewash walls and brick steps, replacement of ceiling board with plasterboard and acoustic/thermal insulation, refurbishment of louvred vent, installation of glazed door and wine cabinets, reinstatement/excavation of external ground level adjacent to cellar, and repair of rainwater gully | Current | Neutral |
| 07/07/2025 | 25/01468/LBWN | Barton Cottage Cocum Road Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3RL | T1 - Ash - Remove to ground level, T2 - Maple - Crown raise over driveway to 3m | Current | Neutral |

Advising of recent decision (s) -

| Date received | Planning Reference | Address | Description | Status |
|---------------|--------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| 19/05/2025 | 25/01104/SCRN | Land south of the A303 Crook and Shears Lane Bransbury Hampshire | Screening option under the Environment impact Assessment Regulations 2017 for the construction of a renewable energy project comprising solar PV panels | Decided – EIA is not required |

28.06 Regulatory items

- a) To adopt a co-option policy. Proposed and approved.
- b) Review Emergency plan. Proposed and approved.

28.07 New Councillors

Cllr Oliver advised that this is nearly complete, apart from a short bio from Cllr C Sherwood.

28.08 Proposed Development of Bullington Lane

No updates.

28.09 Pavillion working party

Cllr Bennett to liaise with TVBC as to the next steps.

28.10 Update re: Southampton University Research Project

Cllr Oliver and the Clerk attended a feedback session at Lockerley Village Hall on the 25th June. It was encouraging to hear of the residents views and aspirations for the village. There was also feedback tent for residents to review the feedback at the village fete.

28.11 Parish Matters

(a) Proposed helicopter visit, permission requested to land on parish council land. The parish council insurer has advised that permission should not be granted as there is too high a risk to the public. All agreed.

(b) Disabled access to facilities around the village. A resident has requested improved disabled access to village facilities

- Church – this is not parish council responsibility
- Recreation Ground – the track down to the recreation ground is unadopted and not the parish councils responsibility. There are other accessible points to the recreation ground.
- Shop – the pathway to the shop has an accessible ramp. The ramp into the shop is not the parish councils responsibility
- The above information has been feedback to the resident.

(c) Lionel Hitchens alarm – the alarm cannot be turned off remotely and the alarm monitoring company (Kestrel) have to inform Lionel Hitchens, so can be a long process. To contact Lionel Hitchens with regard to the parish council concerns. All agreed.

(d) Allotments – next visit and inspection by the end of July. All agreed.

(e) Kindness Garden – siting to be agreed.

28.12 Clerks report

Approach about using Go Kart track for cycling. Not BSPC land or facility to use for this purpose.

Footpath – the farm will not cut until the winter. The homeowners are responsible for keeping Their hedgerows in order. This issue has been reported to HCC.

Allotments have reported rat and rabbit damage

Meeting Closed: 21.45 Next Meeting: Tuesday 16 September 2025

Parish Council Action Plan reviewed

| Meeting date | | Action | Person responsible | Due by | Date completed | Notes |
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| Jan 2025 | | Update bank mandate/bank contacts | Cllr C Sherwood | ASAP | | |
| Jan 2025 | | Promotional biography leaflet to attract new councillors | Cllr D Oliver + all | May 2025 | | Updated draft to be circulated before the July meeting |
| Feb 2025 | | History Boards – query as to whether planning permission required | Clerk/Cllr D Oliver | ASAP | | Cllr Oliver emailed Sarah Appleton (SA) (TVBC) requesting clarity on whether planning permission is required for the boards. SA confirmed on the 18/02/25 that planning required under advertising consent. Cllr Oliver responded 16/03/2025 requesting for confirmation on this matter, as the boards will not be 'advertising'. No response to date. Cllr Oliver to chase |
| March 2025 | | Pavilion – time to seek views residents on next step. Cllr Bennett and Cllr Oliver to draft a new survey | Cllr Bennett/Cllr Oliver | April 2025 | | Working party or appoint consultant. |
| July 2025 | | Allotment inspection | Clerk/Cllr Oliver | July 2025 | July 2025 | 2 nd 2025 inspection to take place in July |

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| April 2025 | | Works required to wooden railings leading from the recreation ground to Newton Lane | Clerk | May 2025 | | To obtain quotes. Project to replace/redesign for better access. |
| April 2025 | | Works required to car park at the allotments. | Clerk | May 2025 | | To obtain quotes. Project to replace entrance area up to say 1.5-2m |
| April 2025 | | Car park opposite village shop. Is it possible to mark out parking bays and hatch out remaining area in order to prevent inconvenient parking | Clerk | May 2025 | | To re-visit the car park working group findings and take possible changes forward. |
| April 2025 | | Dragons teeth at The Green | Clerk/Cllr C Sherwood/Cllr A Sherwood/Cllr D Clarke | May 2025 | | To obtain quotes. |
| June 2025 | | Draft Local Plan Consultation period – response from Barton Stacey Parish Council | All | 05 September 2025 | | To hold extraordinary meeting – proposed 5 th August |

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