

Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19:30 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at All Saints Church, Barton Stacey

Meeting opened at 19:30pm.

**Present:** Cllr D Oliver, Cllr D Clark, Cllr A Sherwood, Cllr D Tickner, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr S Stuart

**Also present:** Clerk – Sally Lawrence, Cllr D Drew (HCC/TVBC Councillor)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 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. 19 members of public (MoP) attended.

One MoP queried the short notice of the meeting. The meeting complied with procedure in that the agenda was advertised giving the correct 3 working days' notice on both the website and Parish Council boards. The MoP then enquired whether Standing Orders would be suspended to allow residents to participate in the meeting.

The Chair advised that Standing Orders would be suspended during the meeting.

**28.13 Apologies:** Cllr K Bennett

**28.14 Declaration of Interests** – not applicable

#### **28.15 Draft Local Plan**

Cllr Oliver advised that the extra ordinary meeting was called in order for the parish council to draft a response to Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) Draft Local Plan by the 5th September 2025. The meeting gave residents the opportunity to speak on this matter.

The parish council had met with TVBC officers the previous week to gather information on how to respond to the Draft Local Plan. The response must consider planning policy and its effect on the village in particular.

Cllr Oliver then gave an overview of the Draft Local Plan and items to consider in the response to TVBC.

*(include Donnas item)*

Standing Orders were suspended, and the meeting was then opened up to all attendees – an overview of comments is as below –

- 1) Infrastructure has not improved in the village to allow for any further development. There are highways issues, no bus service and there are frequently flooding and drainage issues.  
*(note to link response to the Emergency Plan)*
- 2) Any development should comply with the infrastructure levy criteria to enable the village infrastructure to be improved
- 3) The parish is in a rural setting, with an area of conservation that has to be considered when allocating any housing development.

- 4) There is already problem for college age children being able to access colleges, and this will be impacted even more by the Draft Local Plans increased housing allocation to Andover. Will there be capacity for the village students of the future?
- 5) Cllr A Sherwood spoke of the impact of this on the health service provision. From GP surgery to the proposed changes to Andover Hospital, RHCH in Winchester etc.
- 6) Cllr D Oliver advised that speculative planning permissions are likely to succeed, due to the pressure on TVBC to meet the housing allocation imposed by central government.
- 7) With regard to housing needs, any development should have a mix and include at least a minimum of 40% affordable housing, at affordable rent (to agree with TVBC's requirements). There is a large number of people seeking a decent home. The allocation of 20 houses to Barton Stacey is a modest number of homes for the village.
- 8) At this point Cllr D Drew addressed the meeting. To be mindful that central government have increased the requirement for an increased number of houses to be built in the Test Valley, and the Draft Local Plan is a short-medium term response to this requirement.
- 9) If the Draft Local Plan allocation is agreed – this will give the framework for TVBC to allow that number of units to be developed. Speculative development is then unlikely.
- 10) Cllr D Clark advised that the Parish Council had undertaken a Housing Needs Survey in 2023. This had identified the housing issues in the village. There is a need for one- and two-bedroom housing, so it was important any development includes such accommodation. There is also a need for affordable housing at affordable rent, rather than for profit. Also, that TVBC Leisure Services Development Strategy identified that there is a lack of facilities for the younger members of the village this needs to be addressed.
- 11) Cllr A Sherwood suggested that as well as affordable housing, there should be shared ownership housing requirement. This model is more affordable and aspirational for first time buyers in particular.  
Re – drainage. Roberts Road run off is to soakaways, which is not acceptable and causes flooding.
- 12) There is some main drainage in the High Street and Gravel Lane.
- 13) Cllr D Ticker advised of the Forces Covenant which must not be affected by any development in Barton Stacey – 'Assisting service and ex-service personnel in obtaining housing'. TVBC have signed off compliance to the covenant, this enables service and ex-service staff to access any medical care requirements due to their service. Forces children are also allowed access to school places.  
This needs to be considered.

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The meeting ended at 9:10pm