

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 20th January Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Tickner, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr A Sherwood, Cllr S Stuart, Cllr A **Also present:** Clerk – Sally Lawrence, Cllr D Drew (TVBC/HCC)

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. 1 members of public attended.

One MOP spoke regarding the following issues –

Speeding through the village is an issue. From the A303 to the village – there are large potholes. Bikes have been using the MUGA. Re The Bullington Lane planning application, it was queried whether the council have lodged a response. It was confirmed that a response was sent to TVBC.

28.44 To receive and accept apologies for absences

Cllr D Clark and Cllr A Sherwood.

Cllr D Tickner (Vice Chair) took on the role as Chair in Cllr D Clarks absence.

28.45 Declarations of Interest – To receive and record declaration of interest on the agenda. None received.

28.46 Minutes of the previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 18th November 2025. Proposed and resolved. Cllr Tickner signed the minutes.

28.47 Presentation from DIO – Dean Howard

Dean Howard (DIO) had sent his apologies. Cllr Tickner talked through a presentation regarding the future of White Horse Field. The MOD has plans to develop this piece of land by tree planting and signposting the entrances. Dean Howard is due to retire in early 2026 and his replacement will be able to update as the plan is developed during 2026.

28.48 The Borough and County Councillor's reports

Cllr David Drew gave his HCC and TVBC reports – appended.

Cllr Drew also advised that refreshing VDS (Village Design Statement) could give the opportunity to prescribe the style of houses acceptable to the village.

28.49 Finance

a) To receive and approve November-December 2025 monthly financial statement. Proposed and approved statement. Cllr C Sherwood checked and signed the bank statements and schedules.

Treasurers A/c

Opening balance as at 01 November 2025		£38,265.97
Payments received November	£660.00	
Payments cleared November	£2,538.73	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 31 December 2025		£36,387.24

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 01 November 2025		£55,968.79
Payments received November	£70.82	
Payments received December	£68.62	
Payments cleared October	£0.00	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 31 December 2025		£56,108.23

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TOTAL COMBINED BALANCE 31 December 2025

£92,495.47

BUSINESS INSTANT ACCOUNT

Payment received during January

£71.00

Invoices yet to be paid

BS Village Hall invoice 283	£16.00
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Green Smile invoice 11917	£619.96
Clerk	£462.59
Parish On Line	£72.00
HALC	£64.20
Clerk + expenses	£683.51
Your Home Help invoice 135	£40.00
Green Smile invoice 11952	£619.96

Total to be paid

£3,594.22

Total estimated balance available

£89,972.25

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

- a) The November/December 2025 monthly financial report was presented. Proposed and approved.
- b) Budget v actual 2025 to November/December 2025. Proposed and approved.
- c) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation as of 31 December 2025. Proposed and approved. Cllr C Sherwood signed the hard copy.
- d) The 2026/27 Budget was agreed. Proposed and approved.
- e) The 2026/27 Precept was set at £52,823.86 . The increase is in response to the 2024/25 audit comment that the general reserve need to be increased to an adequate level and to fund various projects during 2026/27. Proposed and approved.

28.50 Planning applications

- (a) No current applications
- (b) The following updates were noted

Date received	Planning Reference	Address	Description	Status
03/09/2025	25/02067/TPON	Riverside Cottage, Bransbury Lane, Bransbury, SO213QJ	T1 – Ash Tree – fell	Decided – consent subject to conditions and notes (19/11/2025)
19/09/2025	25/02202/TPON	Chestnut Cottage, Cocum Road, Barton Stacey, SO21 3RH	T1 – Yew – Reduction in height by 2m, trim and shape, T2 – Sycamore – re-pollard back to previous pollard points	Decided – Consent subject to conditions and notes (05/12/2025)
27/10/2025	25/02530/CLPN	59D Roberts Road, Barton	Certificate of proposed lawful development for a single storey rear extension	Decided – Certificate issued

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		Stacey, SO21 3RU		(05/12/2025)
30/10/2025	25/02576/FULLN	Difford Kennels, Difford Cottage, Cocum Road, SO21 3NP	Erect single storey building to be used as a cattery, demolish and rebuild cattery building to be used as dog kennels	Decided – Permission subject to conditions and notes (17/12/2025)
11/11/2025	25/02689/TREEN	Chestnut Cottage, Cocum Road, Barton Stacey, SO21 3RH	Reduce radial spread of the overall crown by 2m	Decided – no objection (08/12/2025)
14/11/2025	25/02728/FULLN	11 Roberts Road, Barton Stacey, SO21 3RY	Single storey rear and two storey extension and creation of new driveway	Decided – Permission subject to conditions and notes (09/01/2026)

28.51 New Councillors

Cllr Tickner to add an item in the next Dever News. Cllr Stuart to review and update the promotional leaflet.

28.52 Proposed Development of Bullington Lane

Planning application 25/02424/FULLN received by TVBC, no decision by TVBC as yet.

28.53 Pavillion working party (PWP)

Cllr S Stuart is leading on the Pavillion working party. A working party was held on the 17 December 2025, Immediate action points -

- Cllr S Sturt to supply the minutes
- Agree Terms of Reference (TOR) for the working party
- PWP to approach TVBC for information
- The planning permission states the new building will not be for 'commercial activities' -to seek clarification on what this statement means, and whether it can be amended
- Make the pavilion site more secure
- Investigate levelling off the site

28.54 Tree Survey

A tree survey has been undertaken and all trees found to be in a reasonable condition. To approach TVBC and request advice from their Vintage Tree Officer. There is a dead tree On The Green – Cllr C Sherwood to advise on next steps.

The MOD undertake a tree survey in March/April on trees on their land. They communicate survey results and follow up actions.

There may be potential works for the Lengthsman on their next visit.

28.55 White Horse Field/parking leaflets

Cllr Tickner spoke of the leaflets laying out the criteria for the residents using the field and that offenders misusing the field will receive letters from the DIO.

Parking leaflets, no legal response. For repeat offenders parking enforcement could be requested. If the leaflets are distributed – the councillors must register these.

Pan Handle Car Park – there is school staff parking in East Road. Refer to Car Park Working Party.

Clr C Sherwood advised that parking on Roberts Road was supposed to be on one side. The military signage now seems to have been surpassed, and this has been causing access issues for school coaches.

Clr D Tickner to investigate and report back.

28.56 Parish Matters

(a) History Boards – Chair and Clerk to review costs. Defer to next meeting

(b) Memorial bench on The Green – location proposed.

(c) Proposed and agreed Annual Parish Meeting – date agreed Tuesday 19 May 2026

Clr Tickner to investigate guest speaker

28.57 Clerks report

Nothing to report.

Meeting Closed: 21.30 Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th February 2026

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Parish Council Action Plan reviewed

Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due by	Date completed	Notes
Jan 2025	Update bank mandate etc	Cllr C Sherwood	ASAP		Cllr Tickner to assist
Jan 2025	Promotional biography leaflet to attract new councillors	All	January 2026		Updated draft to be circulated
April 2025	Works required to wooden railings leading from the recreation ground to Newton Lane	Clerk	2026		Checking whether highways or planning issues.
April 2025	Works required to car park at the allotments.	Clerk	2026		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	2026		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	2026		To obtain quotes.
September 2025	Fibre coverage check	Cllr Tickner			Check response
September 2025	Parking on track to sub-station off Roberts Road	Cllr Tickner			To establish whether MOD land – update required

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UPDATE FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Hampshire County Council confirms M27 reopening ahead of schedule after successful completion of major engineering operation

The M27 between Junctions 9 and 11 will fully reopen 24 hours ahead of schedule at 4am on Saturday 3 January, following the successful completion of a major engineering scheme to deliver a new underpass beneath the motorway

The project has been delivered by Hampshire County Council and main contractor VolkerFitzpatrick, in close collaboration with National Highways, supported by a number of specialist subcontractors.

The motorway has been closed since Christmas Eve to enable the construction of improvements to Junction 10 using an innovative 'box slide' technique that has only been deployed in the UK a handful of times. Using precision engineering, a 60-metre long pre constructed concrete underpass was slid 65 metres into position before the road surface was reinstated. This innovative, time saving approach replaced what would otherwise have been many months of lane and speed restrictions, as well as overnight works – and it will enable the motorway to reopen earlier than originally planned. Over the closure period, around 130 people have worked in total around 10,000 hours, day and night. The M27 had originally been scheduled to reopen at 4am on Sunday 4 January.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260201M27UpdateReopening>

Advice for staying safe and well during the cold snap

The UK Health Security Agency has extended the amber alert for cold, with overnight temperatures as low as minus six degrees Celsius, expected from 8PM on 2 January until 10AM on 9 January across the South East. This period of cold weather has the potential to affect anyone, not just those who may be more at risk due to health or other vulnerabilities

During this prolonged period of cold temperatures which started with a yellow alert on 28 December, Hampshire County Council is advising residents to follow a few simple steps to help keep themselves and others safe and well.

Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Hampshire County Council's Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, said: "While Hampshire is experiencing such cold conditions, it is important that we all do what we can to keep warm and stay safe. Some people in our communities are at particular risk from the ill effects of the cold weather so I would urge residents to look out for their relatives or

neighbours who may be vulnerable or unable to get out due to the weather." Follow these top tips to help yourself and others stay well during the cold snap.

Keep warm

A cold home can increase the risk of health impacts, particularly for the very young, the old, and people with long term conditions.

- Try to heat rooms you spend a lot of time in, such as the bedroom or living room, to at least 18°C (65°F), day and night - and keep bedroom windows closed. You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer.
- Wear several layers of thinner clothing rather than one thick layer – this will help keep you warmer.
- Draw curtains at dusk and block out draughts.
- Try not to sit still for too long, ideally not more than an hour or so. Anyone who has trouble getting up and moving around can also stretch their arms and legs to help them stay warm.
- If you need to go out, remember to wrap up warm, and wear shoes with good grips to avoid slipping on icy surfaces.
- If you're worried about the cost of heating your home, seek financial support.

Vulnerable people who struggle to keep their homes warm can get help from Hampshire County Council's Hitting the Cold Spots initiative. Residents can call on behalf of themselves or someone else on Freephone 0800 804 8601 (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm).

Looking after yourself and others

- Eat well. Try to have at least one hot meal a day. Hampshire's Meals on Wheels service is available to anyone aged 18 and over with a long-term health condition who may struggle to shop for or prepare food for themselves. Warm drinks are a good way to keep warm as well.
- Stock up on food in the house in case you can't get out during a cold spell.
- Keeping paths and pavements free of snow and ice can help prevent falls. Older and vulnerable people are most at risk from slips and may need help to keep their pathways clear.
- Boost your immunity – get vaccinated. People who are eligible for a COVID19 or flu vaccine are encouraged to take up the offer as soon as they can.
- During icy and freezing conditions, motorists should take extra care when travelling. Keep an eye on the weather forecast and check conditions before you travel.

Some people may need extra support during periods of cold weather. Look out for friends, family and neighbours who may be vulnerable by keeping in touch, checking they are well, making sure they know how to keep warm and safe, and whether they need practical help such as stocking up with food or essential medications. If you are worried about your health or that of somebody you know, ring NHS 111.

If you think they may have hypothermia, contact NHS 111 for further assessment, and in an emergency dial 999; typical signs that someone may be suffering from hypothermia include shivering, slow breathing, tiredness or confusion, and pale, cold skin.

For more information visit: Winter vaccinations and winter health - NHS.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260102ambercold>

Hampshire County Council welcomes national funding to improve bus travel

People across Hampshire are set to benefit from a funding boost to bus travel, following the Government's announcement of the Local Authority Bus Grant (LABG)

Hampshire County Council has secured £27.2m of capital funding from the Department for Transport and £24.9m revenue funding over a four-year period, starting from the next financial year (2026-2027).

This long-term funding gives us the certainty to work with bus operators and community partners to improve bus services – which is already paying off as Hampshire's bus passenger journeys have increased by 6.8% over the past year. It means we can plan ahead with confidence and invest in improvements that will make bus travel more frequent, cleaner, and more reliable, bringing real

benefits for residents.

Recent figures released from the Department for Transport confirm a rise in the number of bus passenger journeys in Hampshire. They have risen from 24.9m in 2023/24 to 26.6m journeys in 2024/25 - an increase of 1.7m trips.

Specific investment areas for the Local Authority Bus Grant are based on strict criteria set out by Government. Funding will be targeted on a range of improvements aimed at boosting bus use across the county, including bus priority lanes, expanding timetables on busy services, infrastructure at sixth form colleges, real-time and on-bus passenger information, a fund for rural bus shelters and a community transport fund and toolkit.

From 2025/26, Government funding for Bus Service Improvement Plans and the Local Authority Bus Service Operators' Grant will be combined into a single, consolidated grant. This national funding must be directed by local authorities towards specific service improvements and cannot be used to provide long-term subsidies for commercial bus routes.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251218buses>

Securing a greener, healthier Hampshire for everyone – County Council launches new blueprint for nature recovery

A thriving natural environment is at the heart of Hampshire's future, supporting the wellbeing of residents, strengthening communities, and ensuring that wildlife and green spaces can be enjoyed for generations to come

Hampshire County Council, together with partners, has today (8 December) launched the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) for Hampshire, a shared plan to restore nature, protect precious habitats, and create more opportunities for people to connect with the outdoors.

As part of our Hampshire Pledge, we set out our commitment to look after and enhance Hampshire's rich and diverse natural environment, and ensure the countryside is available for everyone to explore and enjoy. Our ask of our communities is to engage with conservation where possible, to consider the impact of our actions on climate change and to join us in taking care of our surroundings. Everyone can play their part, from nature-friendly choices at home, or simply enjoying the county's beautiful landscapes. Every action, big or small, helps to build a greener Hampshire.

Graham Horton, Deputy Director for Natural England's Thames Solent team, said: "Natural England warmly welcomes the launch of Hampshire's Local Nature Recovery Strategy. This ambitious plan is a vital step towards protecting and enhancing the county's diverse and special natural environment. We are grateful to everyone who has contributed, and we encourage communities, landowners, and partners to play their part. The time for action is now - together we can deliver recover nature across Hampshire."

The full strategy is available to read here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/nature-recovery-hampshire/hampshire-strategy>

To find out more about the Hampshire Pledge commitment to champion the Hampshire environment, visit:

www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/hampshire-pledge

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251208newblueprintfornaturerecovery>

Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton – Closes 11th January 2025

Overview

This statutory consultation seeks views on the proposals that the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has received following the Secretary of State's invitation to councils in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth & Southampton to submit proposals for unitary local

government for their areas. You can find full details of the consultation, including a privacy statement, at: Local government reorganisation in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton - GOV.UK

Man given suspended prison sentence for fly-tipping tyres on road in Test Valley

A man has been sentenced after dumping tyres on Station Road in Nursling.

On 28 October 2024 covert cameras captured a vehicle stopping at a layby on Station Road. The footage showed the rear doors opening and six tyres, including a tractor tyre and one from a heavy goods vehicle, being dumped across the carriageway, posing a serious risk to other road users.

Following a vehicle registration check, officers were led to Nigel Cross, 59, from Southampton.

Mr Cross appeared at Southampton Magistrates' Court on 27 November 2025, where he pleaded guilty. He received a four-month prison sentence, suspended for 18 months, and was ordered to complete 200 hours of unpaid work. Cross must also pay £877.50 in costs and a £154 victim surcharge, totalling £1,031.50.

Councillor David Drew, Portfolio holder for Recycling and Environmental Services at Test Valley Borough Council, said: "Not only does a fly-tip like this blight our communities, but it also puts people at serious risk and is completely irresponsible. It is lucky nobody got hurt on this occasion. I'm delighted with this result, and we'll continue to work hard to tackle this behaviour and hold offenders to account."

Residents can report fly-tipping to the council online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/fly-tipping.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/dec/man-given-suspended-prison-sentence-for-fly-tipping-tyres-on-road-in-test-valley>

Test Valley Borough Council praised for strong leadership and approach to transformation in peer team progress review

Test Valley Borough Council has been given a clean bill of health and praised for its strong leadership and approach to transformation in a follow-up to its Local Government Association peer review that took place in 2024.

A corporate peer challenge team made up of senior cross-party councillors and experienced officers visited TVBC in November 2024, spending a week undertaking a comprehensive review of key finance, performance and governance information across its services, as well as speaking to more than 100 people including staff, councillors and external partners.

They described TVBC as a "high-performing council that delivers effectively for its residents, with a commendable community-first approach and a strong sense of pride throughout the organisation."

They also put forward nine recommendations, which included building on the success of councillors working well in their communities, using performance and data to help improve and evaluate the impact and value for residents, and investing in its workforce.

Two peer team representatives returned in October 2025 to undertake a progress check. In their update report, which is available at www.testvalley.gov.uk/CorporatePeerChallenge, they said that positive progress had been made against each of the recommendations. They highlighted the council's strategic leadership, positive approach to change, particularly in the context of local government reorganisation, and strong community engagement.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2025/dec/test-valley-borough-council-praised-for-strong-leadership-and-approach-to-transformation-in-peer-team-progress-review>

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