

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.  
Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Clark, Cllr D Tickner, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr A Sherwood, Cllr S Stuart, Cllr A Roberts, 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.

#### **28.58 To receive and accept apologies for absences**

None.

**28.59 Declarations of Interest** – To receive and record declaration of interest on the agenda.

None received.

#### **28.60 Minutes of the previous Meeting**

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Proposed and resolved. Cllr Tickner signed the minutes.

#### **28.61 The Borough and County Councillor's reports**

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

Cllr Drew spoke about the potholes and flooding issues. Cllr Clark enquired whether the parish council could place cones to highlight the pot holes, Cllr Drew thought that as a safety issue, this could be useful.

#### **28.62 Councillor reports**

Cllr Stuart – supplies minutes from the Pavilion Working Group and the Terms of Reference. She also presented a 'poster' she is working on for recruitment of new councillors

Cllr Ticker – No update re the broadband, The parish notice board at Newton Stacey has been inspected and it is not in too bad condition, but he intends to make minor repairs. He had put an update re Whitehorse Field on 'Barton Stacey Peeps' to inform the village of up coming changes by the MOD, comments were disabled.

Cllr Roberts – commented on parking issues on the road and in the parish council car parks. There have been parking infringements on Newton Lane. Signage to be updated.

Cllr A Sherwood – commented that recent military exercises were very close to habitation, at about 7:30am. Cllr Tickner had reminded the MOD of the exclusion zone and the distance to be kept from properties.

Cllr C Sherwood – commented that the MOD should ensure that they publicise use of the field. Access to the field will be via the gate, no where else. Many comments on 'Barton Stacey Peeps' About the flooding.

#### **28.63 Parish Council vacancies**

There are currently 3 vacancies. 2 people had expressed an interest, but have not pursued this to date.

#### **28.64 Councillors roles and responsibilities**

This was updated @appended.

#### **28.65 To consider IT upgrade/support quotes**

3 quotes received were presented to the councillors. This will be subject to further review by Cllr Stuart.

## 28.66 Information and Data Protection Policy update

(a) To update the Data Protection policy – adopted (subject to further review)

(b) To review the IT policy – adopted (subject to further review)

## 28.67 Finance

a) To receive and approve January 2026 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 January 2026** **£36,387.24**

Payments received January/February £0

Payments cleared January/February £2,530.02

Payments made since the last meeting (Nest) £70.80

**TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 17 February 2026** **£33,786.42**

### BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

**Opening balance as at 01 January 2026** **£56,179.23**

Payments received February £71.09

**TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 17 February 2026** **£56,250.32**

**TOTAL COMBINED BALANCE 17 February 2026** **£90,036.74**

### **BUSINESS INSTANT ACCOUNT**

#### **Invoices yet to be paid**

HALC invoice 7939 £53.50

BS Village Hall invoice 305 £16.00

BS Village Hall invoice 308 £16.00

Green Smile invoice 11991 £619.96

Clerk £518.22

SLCC invoice MEM257403-01 £158.00

**Total to be paid** **£1,381.68**

**Total estimated balance available for operational expenditure** **£32,404.74**

**Total balance held @ pavilion fund** **£56,250.32**

**Total funds held** **£88,655.06**

a) The January 2026 monthly financial report was presented. Proposed and approved.

b) Budget v actual 2025 to January 2026. Proposed and approved.

c) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation as of 31 January 2026. Proposed and approved. Cllr C Sherwood signed the hard copy.

d) Bank account – Cllr C Sherwood gave an update. Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr A Sherwood and Cllr D Tickner are on the updated mandate. The Clerk now has access to the bank account.

e) Grant request – Barton Stacey School request for funding for Design and Technology resources. A grant of £250 was approved. To advise the school to contact Cllr Drew he may have grant monies available.

## 28.68 Planning applications

a) No current application

b) The following updates were noted

Date received	Planning Reference	Address	Description	Status
22/08/2025	25/01966/CMANX	The A303	Deconstruction and removal of	APPROVAL

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		Recycling Facility Drayton Road Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3QQ	the existing IBA processing plant and the construction of an upgraded, replacement plant (replant) and for an enhanced IBA recovery facility	subject to conditions  (04/02/2026)
31/07/2025	25/01745/PPN	Land North Of Newton Lane Newton Lane Barton Stacey Hampshire	Application for permission in principle for a minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 dwellings	PERMISSION subject to notes  (30/01/2026)
18/06/2025	25/01186/FULLN	Riverside Cottage Bransbury Lane Bransbury Winchester Hampshire SO21 3QJ	Change of use of building (incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling at Riverside Cottage) to independent tourist accommodation (holiday let)	WITHDRAWN  (22/01/2026)

### 28.69 Projects update

Listing to be brought to the next meeting. The playground upgrade to be investigated in 2026/27.

### 28.70 New Councillors

Cllr Stuart shared the recruitment document to date.

Requires quotes from serving councillors, quote for printing and to check requirements from TVBC regarding promotional materials. Circa 500 leaflets to be produced. (budget £250).

The Chair proposed and additional 15 minutes for the meeting.

### 28.71 Proposed Development of Bullington Lane

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

### 28.72 Pavillion working party (PWP)

Cllr S Stuart is leading on the Pavillion working party.

- Cllr Stuart to have a telephone meeting with Jenny Brain (TVBC)
- Check with Parish On-Line regarding ownership of the access track to the pavilion.
- 1 resident has approached with regard to joining the PWP.

### 28.73 White Horse Field/parking leaflets

Cllr D Tickner has not update.

Cllr C Sherwood requested a walk round the Field with the new TIO when they commence.

### 28.56 Parish Matters

(a) History Boards – plastic recycled boards. 2 required.

(b) Memorial bench on The Green – to review location with WI.

### 28.57 Clerks report

Nothing to report.

Meeting Closed: 21.50 Next Meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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**Parish Council Action Plan reviewed**

Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due by	Date completed	Notes
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	Parking on track to sub-station off Roberts Road	Cllr Tickner			To establish whether MOD land – update required

## **UPDATE FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Message from the Lead of HCC -**

#### **THE BRUTAL TRUTH ABOUT HAMPSHIRE'S POTHOLES — AND WHY WE CAN'T JUST "SPEND MORE"**

An article prepared by Nick Adams King, Leader of HCC

Hampshire's roads have taken an absolute battering this winter. Weeks of relentless rain and violent freeze–thaw cycles have ripped open the surface across the county. Potholes are appearing faster than crews can fill them.

Here's the blunt truth:

We simply don't have the money to maintain the roads to the standard we all want.

#### **The scale of the problem**

Cost to bring roads up to the standard I'd want: £600 million

Highways budget this year: £60 million

£540 million shortfall

No amount of "efficiency" fills a gap like that.

#### **Why the money isn't there**

Social care and education costs are exploding — and Hampshire is hit harder than most:

- By 2030, nearly 5% of residents will be over 80
- More children with Special Educational Needs than average
- Rising demand for disability support
- These services are legally required. If someone qualifies, we must provide care.
- And now Government 'Fair Funding' is removing almost £40million from our budgets and sending it to mostly Labour run councils in London and the midlands and north.

#### **Council Tax reality**

Band D Council Tax paid to Hampshire: £1,609

Surrey: £1,846

West Sussex: £1,800

Oxfordshire: £1,911

We've had lower Council Tax for years — but that means less money for roads.

You can't run a high maintenance network on a low tax budget.

#### **Why repairs feel slow**

Here's how the system actually works:

Every report triggers an inspection — councillors and residents use the same system.

Safety defects come first — A roads and B roads before residential streets and country lanes.

Temporary repairs are often unavoidable — asphalt won't bond in cold, wet weather.

Permanent repairs take 7× longer — so crews make more locations safe first.

Non safety defects are queued — tackled when weather and resources allow.

And yes — some temporary repairs fail in this weather. If they do, please re report them.

#### **Why this winter has been so brutal**

We've had 156% of our average January rainfall

February's average rainfall was exceeded in the first week alone

Repeated freeze–thaw cycles

Some potholes appear overnight. Others worsen within hours.

#### **The national picture**

Hampshire faces a £500m highways funding gap

Government funding this year: £30m

We matched it — still nowhere near enough

Only a tiny fraction of road tax and fuel duty goes to road maintenance

Hampshire's roads are better than many neighbours, but roads across the South East — and even motorways — are in dire condition.

This is a national crisis, not a local failing.

#### **What we're doing right now**

We've secured extra resources:

- More Jet/Dragon Patchers
- Extra patching gangs (started 12 Jan, more added end of Jan)
- More drainage jetting machines
- A dedicated flooding response team
- Extra white lining crews

Temporary infills will be used where needed to keep roads safe. Permanent repairs will follow when conditions improve.

We're funding this by using underspends in other areas.

**What's coming next**

We're reshaping the 2026/27 budget to move every possible penny into road maintenance — likely £10m extra for summer repairs.

And we've launched plans for a lane rental disruption charge:

Companies pay a daily fee for roadworks on key routes

Encourages shorter, better planned works

Could raise up to £5m a year for road maintenance

How you can help

Please report potholes — especially worsening ones — via the official system:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../roadma.../roadproblems/potholes>

(hants.gov.uk in Bing)

Accurate locations and photos help enormously.

Finally, huge thanks to all our highways staff, they are doing an amazing job in really terrible conditions (would you want to stand in driving rain all day assessing or fixing potholes?) Please remember that when you come across them.

And thanks to you for your patience, it's a very difficult situation and we are doing our absolute best.

TVBC update on the Local Plan – there is a further consultation period of 1 month.

<b>BARTON STACEY PARISH COUNCIL</b>			
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AVRIL ROBERTS	Phone: Email: TBC	Ringbourne Copse, Beadon Meadow, Greenacres, Gravel Lane Hill Farm Sutton Scotney Church Farm	Planning Committee Zero waste initiative Community engagement Playground checks (including bins)
CASUAL VACANCY 1			
CASUAL VACANCY 2			
CASUAL VACANCY 3			

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