

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 17th March Barton Stacey Village Hall.

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

28.76 To receive and accept apologies for absences

Cllr D Tickner & Cllr A Roberts

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

Cllr D Clark – agenda item

28.78 Minutes of the previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 17th February 2026. Proposed and resolved. Cllr Clark signed the minutes.

28.79 The Borough and County Councillor's reports

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

Cllr Drew commented on the new gates that had appeared next to the Barton Stacey village signs.

Work on the pot holes is still in progress.

28.80 Councillor reports

Cllr Stuart – article for Dever News.

Cllr C Sherwood – there have been Panhandle parking issues. Should white lines be applied to this area, when it is not actually a car park.

Cllr D Clark – nothing to report.

Cllr A Sherwood – nothing to report.

28.81 Parish Council vacancies

There are currently 3 vacancies. No further interest to date.

28.82 To consider IT upgrade/support quotes

Cllr Stuart had prepared her review of the 3 quotes, and a scoring matrix. In any of the options chosen Adobe would be an extra cost. There were queries as to storage capacity and whether Apps were required or not. Cllr Stuart to seek clarification on the QIC quote security options and whether extra backup would be required. Cllr Stuart to seek further clarification to enable review On 'like for like' services.

28.83 IT Updates

(a) The website has been reviewed and is compliant with Assertion 10 accessibility requirements.

28.84 Finance

a) To receive and approve February 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 February 2026		£35,129.89
Payments received February/March	£0	
Payments cleared February/March	£2,725.15	
Payments made since the last meeting	£0	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 17 March 2026		£32,414.74

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 01 February 2026		£56,250.32
Payments received February/March	£64.29	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 17 March 2026		£56,314.61

Bank – operational funds		£32,414.74
Bank – pavilion funds		£56,425.61
TOTAL COMBINED BALANCE 17 March 2026		£88,729.35

BUSINESS INSTANT ACCOUNT

Invoices yet to be paid

BS Village Hall invoice 321	£16.00
BS Village Hall invoice 318	£16.00
Cllr Stuart expenses	£21.00
Barton Stacey School – grant	£250.00
Green Smile invoice 12030	£619.96
TVBC invoice 10071016	£1,746.50
HALC invoice 7939 (VAT only)	£10.70
Clerk	£462.59

Total to be paid **£3,142.75**

Total estimated balance available for operational expenditure	£29,271.99
Total balance held @ pavilion fund	£56,314.61
Total forecast funds held	£85,586.60

- b) Budget v actual 2026 to 28 February 2026. Proposed and approved.
- c) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation as of 28 February 2026. Proposed and approved. Cllr C Sherwood signed the hard copy.
- d) To confirm that Do The Numbers were undertaking the 2025-26 audit in April 2026.

26.85 Planning applications

- a) Current application

Date	Planning Reference	Address	Description	Status
11/03/2026	26/00378/FULLN	Southern Water, Micheldever Reservoir, Micheldever Road, (LONGPARISH BARTON STACEY ANDOVER	Construction and operation of a new below ground potable (treated) water transfer pipeline between Crab Wood	Current BSPC Neutral

		TOWN (ST MARYS) UPPER CLATFORD GOODWORTH CLATFORD	Water Service Reservoir (WSR) and Micheldever Road WSR, and associated development including a Motor Control Centre (MCC) kiosk at Crab Wood WSR and a Water Booster Station kiosk, MCC kiosk and transformer kiosk at Micheldever Road WSR and necessary service connections, along with temporary access arrangements, construction compounds and laydown areas	
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26.86 Projects update

Projects listing was reviewed. The entrance to the car park on Newton Lane to be reviewed. The ramp from Newton Lane to the Recreation Ground will be included in review of works Surrounding the replacement for the pavilion. The playground upgrade to be investigated in 2026/27.

28..87 New Councillors promotional leaflet

Cllr Stuart shared the recruitment document. The proof will be circulated, the Chair and Clerk to sign off and then the leaflet to be printed. Many thanks to Cllr Stuart for all her hard work.

28.88 Proposed Development of Bullington Lane

Planning application 25/02426/FULLN - awaiting TVBC's decision, however, there has been an amendment to the original application – 'amended floorplans and elevations received for plots 11, 12, and 13'.

28.89 Pavillion working party (PWP)

Cllr S Stuart is leading on the Pavillion working party.

- Cllr Stuart has had a telephone meeting with Jenny Brain (TVBC). She has contacts in the sports world, and experience of multi-use buildings (suggested discussing with duty Planning officer.
- With the issue of the current planning permission not allowing 'private hire', a change of

- description will be necessary, and the planning application will need to be resubmitted.
- Any changes will not impact local properties
- Intend to have a pre-application meeting with TVBC, and various discounts are available When resubmitting the plans.

The Chair announced that the meeting would be extended for 15 minutes.

- Cllr A Sherwood requested that another working party meeting arranged, to discuss Cost review, who will run the building, increased costs of getting the open spaces back to Playing condition (Green Smile).

28.90 Parish Council Social Media

Cllr Stuart has prepared documentation. Approve in principal for this to proceed. Social Media to be a standing item on the agenda, postings content delegated to Chair and Cllr Stuart. Propose evergreen rolling program. Social Media policy to be reviewed.

28.91 White Horse Field/parking leaflets

Cllr D Tickner was not present so no update.

Cllr D Tickner has sent a spreadsheet listing to the Clerk to list any parking infringements.

28.92 Annual Parish Meeting

A speaker to be approached – Leckford or perhaps the beef farmer.

28.93 Parish Matters

(a) History Boards – to proceed with ordering. New logo to be incorporated into the design.

Forecast cost is £1,270 – the parish council proportion of cost will be £530.

(b) Memorial bench on The Green – the bench will be placed in position on the 23rd March.

The parish council bench to be refurbished and relocated to the Back Field – cost £450 was agreed and approved.

28.94 Clerks report

The height bar at the Newton Lane car park was left open, the padlock seems to have disappeared. Cllr A Sherwood offered to obtain a replacement.

Meeting Closed: 21.45 Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st April 2026

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 for sign off before printing.
April 2025	Works required to wooden railings leading from the recreation ground to Newton Lane	Clerk	2026		Maybe DDA issues, to review alongside the PWP remit.
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		Cllr A Sherwood to replace on a piecemeal basis as necessary
September 2025	Parking on track to sub-station off Roberts Road	Cllr Tickner			To establish whether MOD land – update required

These minutes are a true representation of the meeting. Signed and Dated _____

UPDATE FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Hampshire Youth Parliament launches new term and sets priorities for 2026–2027

Hampshire Youth Parliament (HYP) has officially begun its new two-year term, bringing together Youth Councillors from across the county for their first in-person meeting of the year

The event marked an energising start to their tenure, giving members, elected by their schools and colleges, the opportunity to connect, share ideas, and begin shaping the priorities that will guide their work over the next two years.

After a day of discussion and collaboration, HYP – which is supported and facilitated by Hampshire County Council – confirmed four key issues that will lead its campaigning and project work:

- Period Poverty – tackling inequality in access to menstrual products
- Crime & Safety – addressing anti-social behaviour and promoting safer communities
- Cost of Living – ensuring young people's voices are heard in conversations about financial pressures
- Misogyny – challenging gender-based discrimination and promoting respect.

These priorities will shape HYP's work locally, regionally, and nationally as members begin developing campaigns, partnerships, and youth-led initiatives throughout the 2026–2027 term.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260224YouthParliament>

Hampshire County Council approves council tax increase to protect vital services and plan responsibly for the future

Hampshire County Council has today (26 February) approved its budget for 2026/27, setting out how the Authority will continue to deliver essential services while managing unprecedented ongoing financial pressures facing local government

At the meeting of the full County Council, councillors agreed a 4.99% increase in Hampshire County Council's share of council tax from April 2026, the maximum rise that Government allows councils without them needing to hold a local referendum. The increase will help protect vital services for the county's most vulnerable children and adults, while enabling the Council to keep controlling costs,

deliver savings and continue transforming services through more efficient and innovative ways of working.

The increase means that the Hampshire County Council element of council tax for a Band D property will be £1,690.11 in 2026/27 – an increase of £1.54 per week from last year. Despite the increase, Hampshire continues to have one of the lowest county council tax precepts amongst shire councils in England.

As in previous years, 2% of the increase will be directed specifically to adult social care, in line with Government policy, as demand keeps rising from an ageing population and essential support for adults with complex needs and disabilities.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260226Budgetdecision20262027>

Helping Nature - Hampshire County Council set to examine Hampshire's Biodiversity Duty Report

Hampshire County Council has today published its first statutory Biodiversity Duty Report, setting out in detail how the authority has conserved and enhanced biodiversity across Hampshire between January 2023 and December 2025, that will go before the Universal Services Select Committee on 2 March

Councillors will discuss the report that demonstrates the County Council's approach to embedding biodiversity considerations across its policies, land management, infrastructure, public health, planning, and community engagement.

It sets out a whole organisation approach and commitment to working collaboratively with a wide range of partners, recognising the significance of Hampshire's natural environment to the county's identity, economy, health and wellbeing, and ability to respond to the challenges of climate change.

Key achievements include major habitat creation and restoration, significant tree and hedgerow planting, integration of nature-based solutions in infrastructure, strengthened monitoring, and strong partnerships for nature recovery.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260220BiodiversityDutyReport>

Report highlights the harms from alcohol and the support available

More people in Hampshire are now seeking advice and treatment to reduce their alcohol consumption, according to the latest report from Hampshire County Council's Director of Public Health

The [report](#) highlights the ongoing impact of alcohol harm on individuals, families, and communities, while showing strong progress in the number of people accessing advice and treatment.

Simon Bryant comments: "Although most Hampshire residents drink safely, around a quarter of adults currently drink more than the recommended limit of 14 units per week, contributing to around 25 alcohol-related hospital admissions every day. Many residents may not realise they are putting their health at risk by drinking above recommended limits.

"However, we are seeing more Hampshire residents taking positive steps to improve their health, with the number of people seeking support to reduce their alcohol consumption doubling since 2022. This rise means around 1,000 additional people are now getting help to make healthier choices about alcohol, reflecting growing awareness of the benefits of early support and the increasing availability of services across the county.

"Even small reductions in drinking can quickly improve sleep, energy, mood, and long-term health. It is encouraging to see more residents taking positive steps with twice as many people now getting the help they need, thanks to the support available."

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260212DirofPHreportalcoholharm>

Man fined after failing to cooperate with fly tipping investigation in Andover

A man has been ordered to pay more than £1,400 after failing to comply with a legal notice linked to a fly tipping investigation in Andover.

On 23 June 2025, a quantity of waste was discovered unlawfully dumped on Watery Lane. Information within the fly-tip led officers to Oliver Poulton, from Andover.

Poulton was invited to attend an interview under caution but failed to do so. Officers then served a formal Notice under Section 108 of the Environment Act 1995, requiring him to attend a further interview. Despite being properly served and given reasonable opportunity to attend, Poulton again failed to engage and did not offer any explanation or request a new date.

Appearing at Basingstoke Magistrates Court on 10 February 2026, Poulton pleaded guilty and was given a £500 fine, along with a £200 victim surcharge and £736 in costs, bringing the total to £1,436.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/feb/man-fined-after-failing-to-cooperate-with-fly-tipping-investigation-in-andover>

Test Valley nominated for award for transformational Andover Health Hub partnership

Test Valley Borough Council has been nominated for an award for its work with the NHS to create the innovative Andover Health Hub.

National publication, the Local Government Chronicle (LGC), hosts an annual awards ceremony, celebrating councils that have undertaken exceptional work over the past 12 months. TVBC is up for the LGC's Public Partnership award, which recognises local authorities that have worked with other public sector bodies to improve lives and outcomes for their communities.

Andover Health Hub, located diagonally opposite Boswell's Café in the Chantry Centre, started out as a covid vaccination centre back in 2021. But the council and its partners, including Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight and Andover Primary Care Network (PCN), saw the opportunity to create a permanent presence in the town centre and offer more joined-up community-based healthcare. And since opening in 2023 it's gone from strength to strength.

Initially offering a range of services including blood pressure and other health checks in a bid to help prevent and diagnose conditions early on and improve people's lives in the local community, the hub underwent a major revamp and expansion back in 2025.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/feb/test-valley-nominated-for-award-for-transformational-andover-health-hub-partnership>

County Archaeologist - update

Back in February I had a few emails concerning the changes to the post of County (or lead) Archaeologist. Here are the responses I have received from HCC.

Q. There's a rumor going round that the role of County Archaeologist has been cut by HCC. Can you confirm if this is indeed the case and provide an explanation of how this may impact your service going forward? I am particularly concerned about the impact this may have on planning advice?

A. The Post of Lead Archaeologist is being removed as part of the organisational redesign proposed as part of the SP25 (Savings Programme for 2025) phase 2 in February 2025. It is not a statutory requirement to have a "County Archaeologist" and this has been a discretionary post that has been providing, for a fee, advice/interpretation to LPAs (Local Planning Authorities) of the information held within the Historic Environment Record (HER) (which is now a statutory requirement for us to maintain, which we will be). The Archaeological advisory service has historically not covered its costs and so we have proceeded to close it down as part of SP25 phase 2 following last year's Legal Minimum Service Level (LMSL) exercise and our return to our core purpose. There are alternative options in the external consultancy sphere for LPAs to obtain interpretation of the information held in the HER which is provided upon request. The HER is jointly funded by all LPA.

Q. Would you mind giving me a little more information on the HER please? Is it available for anyone to visit?

A. The Historic Environment Record (HER) is an online information repository open to anyone. Visitors to the webpages can either undertake their own search or make a request for a more detailed search.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/historicenvironment/historicenvironmentrecord>

Q. Can you provide more details regarding the maintenance and oversight of archaeology more generally in Hampshire?

A. We would like to offer reassurance that archaeological input to planning proposals will not be lost. This will be provided by the relevant local planning authority in the same way as advice on conservation areas and listed buildings has always been provided. The post of Lead Archaeologist is not responsible for the management, protection and repair of existing heritage assets. This lies primarily with the owner or custodian of the asset, supported by a framework of regulation, guidance, and enforcement managed by local planning authorities and national bodies like Historic England.

Information for local groups on the historic environment in Hampshire will continue to be available through the Historic Environment Record (HER) with, as mentioned above, advice coming from Historic England and local planning authorities