

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 21st April Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Clark, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr A Roberts, Cllr D Tickner. 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, particularly The Street and Cocum Road. Could a 20mph Speed limit be brought in.

28.95 To receive and accept apologies for absences

Cllr S Stuart.

Cllr A Sherwood, was delayed due to work commitments and arrived at 19:42.

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

Cllr D Clark – possible agenda item

28.97 Minutes of the previous Meeting

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

28.98 The Borough and County Councillor's reports

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

Cllr Drew gave an update on the Local Government Reorganisation. Initially 3 councillors will be elected per division. During 2027 the shadow authorities will be set up and in 2028 there will be a full election.

Cllr Ticker queried whether the Armed Forces Covenant is in place to ensure that service children get priority for school places. Definitely in place for Barton Stacey School.

28.99 Councillor reports

Cllr Tickner – work has commenced in the tree planting in White Horse Field. Cllr C Sherwood asked whether the school had been invited to join in with this, or could they be in future? Cllr Ticker to enquire.

Cllr C Sherwood – seeking clarification on the new opening to White Horse Field by the garages. According to the 'map' there is one entrance. Could this be clarified please. Possibly also a joint letter concerning the interference with the fencing around the field. Cllr Tickner advised there were already notices to that effect.

Cllr D Clark – proposed that the community bulb planting session takes place in Autumn 2026. Thanks for the bench refurbishment and he proposed that the other benches are refurbished too.

Cllr A Sherwood – nothing to report.

Cllr A Roberts – nothing to report.

29.01 Parish Council vacancies

Brenda Belshaw presented herself for co-option to the Parish Council.

Her application was reviewed and her statement was read out by Cllr Clark. Brenda then left the meeting. The application was considered and all agreed to co-opt Brenda.

Brenda then returned to meeting and was advised of the Parish Council's agreement to her co-option. She was thanked for putting herself forward for consideration.

There are now 2 vacancies.

29.02 Play area

(a) The annual inspection report was reviewed. Quotes will be sought to undertake repairs identified in the inspection report. Routine maintenance will be undertaken on a six-monthly basis. The MUGA has been flagged as a moderate risk – to refer back to installer.

(b) A repair of the damage section has been quoted @ £375. To investigate replacement cost of entire net.

29.03 To consider IT upgrade/support quotes

This item was deferred as Cllr Stuart was unable to attend the meeting.

29.04 Finance

a) To receive and approve 31 March 2026 monthly financial statement. To receive and approve 17 April 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 March 2026		£32,404.74
Payments received March	£10.00	
Payments cleared March	£3,131.75	
Payments made since the last meeting	£0.00	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 31 March 2026		£29,292.99

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 01 March 2026		£56,250.32
Payments received March	£64.29	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 31 March 2026		£56,314.61

Bank – operational funds		£29,292.99
Bank – pavilion funds		£56,314.61
TOTAL COMBINED BALANCE 31 March 2026		£86,607.60

Treasurers A/C

Opening balance as at 31 March 2026		£29,292.99
Payments made since the last meeting	£107.92	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 17 APRIL 2026		£29,185.07

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 31 March 2026		£56,314.61
Payments received March	£71.36	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 17 APRIL 2026		£56,385.87

Bank – operational funds		£29,185.07
Bank – pavilion funds		£56,385.87
TOTAL COMBINED BALANCE 17 APRIL 2026		£85,570.94

Invoices yet to be paid

Play inspection invoice 85433	£267.60
Green Smile invoice 12068	£619.96
S Cole	£450.00
Barton Stacey VH invoice 328	£16.00
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Do the Numbers Ltd invoice 12/1956	£320.00
HALC invoice 8226	£433.00
Clerk	£659.09
HCC invoice 111 0974	£843.66
TCA Ltd invoice 2526-24	£245.00

Total £3,870.31

Bank – operational funds		£25,314.76
Bank – pavilion funds		£56,385.87
FORECAST ADJUSTED COMBINED BALANCE 17 APRIL 2026		£81,700.63

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- b) Budget v actual 2026 to 31 March 2026. Proposed and approved.
- c) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation as of 31 March 2026. Proposed and approved. Cllr C Sherwood signed the hard copy.
- d) The 2025/26 Internal Audit report was reviewed and approved.
The Risk Assessment to be reviewed and updated. Cllr A Roberts to assist.
With regard to the comment concerning the Ear Marked Reserves (EMR) , the councillors we minded to and agreed to maintain the majority of the EMR as per the original accounts.
A policy register to be created.
- e) To confirm that there were no conflicts of interest from councillors with the auditors BDO LLP.
Cllr Clark signed the confirmation.

29.05 Planning applications

- a) Current application

Date	Planning Reference	Address	Description	Status
24/03/2026	26/00608/VARN	Winchester Auto Barn Hill Farm Garage Andover Road Sutton Scotney Winchester Hampshire SO21 3NS	Vary condition 2 of 25/00983/FULLN (Retention of extension and part change of use of building from a garage, workshop, showroom, stores, waiting area, toilets to a garage, workshop, showroom, toilets to incorporate cafe and recording studio) to allow for up to 36 covers to be provided in the designated area	Current (no comment as a variation to a prior planning application)

29.06 Regulatory Items

The Risk Assessment to be reviewed and updated. Cllr A Roberts to assist

29.07 Register of Members Interests

The ROI forms were distributed for councillors to complete.

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..08 New Councillors promotional leaflet

This item was deferred as Cllr Stuart was unable to attend the meeting.

28.09 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'. Cllr Tickner to check the MOD covenants.

29.10 Pavillion working party (PWP)

Cllr Stuart was unable to attend the meeting. It was noted that there has been some TVBC feedback regarding the planning application. Cllr C Sherwood advised that All Saints were investigating becoming a Community Hub, which may need to be taken into account when the PWP meets next.

29.11 Parish Council Social Media

This item was deferred as Cllr Stuart was unable to attend the meeting.

29.12 Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting is to be re-arranged and a speaker approached.
It was agreed that the budget for drinks/nibbles is £100.

29.13 Parish Matters

- (a) History Boards – these have now been ordered.
- (b) Memorial bench on The Green – the bench is now in place.

28.94 Clerks report

Nothing to report.

Meeting Closed: 21.00 Next Meeting: Tuesday 18th May 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 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

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>

David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

Harewood ward, TVBC

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