

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 on Tuesday 15th September 2026
Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Present: Cllr D Clark, Cllr D Tickner, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr S Stuart, Cllr B Belshaw, Cllr A Sherwood
Also present: Clerk – Sally Lawrence, Cllr D Drew (TVBC/HCC), Steve Brown (All Saints Church Warden)

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. 3 members of the public attended.

One member of the public spoke with regard to speeding through the village. Cllr Drew advised that 'safety' is the key when reporting issues to HCC.

29.74 To receive and accept apologies for absences

Cllr D Tickner

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

Cllr D Clark,

29.76 Minutes of the previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 16th June 2026. Proposed and resolved.
Cllr Clark signed the minutes.

29.77 Alfred Homes – Newton Lane

Response from Alfred Home to be collated.

29.78 The Borough and County Councillor's reports

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

TVBC is failing to deliver the number of houses @ the government quota. Developers have countered this by putting in an increased number of speculative developments.

29.79 Councillor reports

Cllr A Sherwood – lighting in Roberts Road was not working and has been reported (Cllr C Sherwood @23/09/26)

Cllr B Belshaw – nothing to report

Cllr C Sherwood – she and the Clerk met with Luke from TVBC to review the Dog Bin service. Cllr Sherwood Has contacted David Harris requesting him to carry out a parish council tree survey.

Cllr S Stuart – nothing to report

Cllr D Tickner (via Cllr S Stuart) – has requested quotes from 10 suppliers, only 2 responses. These Were not fit for purpose.

29.80 Clerks report

The history boards, one is with Mr Cole (clarifying where to erect) and one is with Cllr A Sherwood (to be erected in the vicinity of The Green)

Car Parking – again residents complaining about the Pan Handle car parking

Middleton's have been contacted with regard to trimming back Postman's Walk.

Mr Read re the school path trim on the farms side of the fence/hedge.

The fence on the playground is worsening in condition.

Liaison re SID replacement.

The textile bin's continuing to be filled to over capacity

Lengthsman visit – various hedge trimming

Obtaining further quotes re bench refurb/repair

29.81 Parish Council vacancies

Two applications for co-option were received as follows –

- Kasper Hansen – his application was read to the councillors. Mr Hansen left the meeting. The councillors discussed the application and the co-option was approved and agreed. Mr Hansen returned to the meeting and was advised that he was now co-opted as a Barton Stacey Parish councillor.
- Francesca Jenkins - her application was read to the councillors. Mr Hansen left the meeting. The councillors discussed the application and the co-option was approved and agreed. Mrs Jenkins returned to the meeting and was advised that he was now co-opted as a Barton Stacey Parish councillor.

29.82 All Saints Church, Barton Stacey

Steve Brown (All Saints Church Warden) gave a verbal report concerning the vision for the long-term future of All Saints Church. The Parish Council considered and are very enthusiastic and happy to support All Saints becoming a Community Hub to be utilised by all the village residents. Cllr A Sherwood proposed that the Parish Council supports the PCC. All agreed.

Any updates to be brought back to the Parish Council. It is up to the whole village to step up and support. All Saints.

29.83 Play area

The issue of the surrounding fencing was discussed. For future discussion

29.84 Burial Ground

The current burial ground charges were reviewed. No changes were proposed. All agreed.

29.85 Allotments

To consider the allotment charges. Will be reviewed as part of the budget process.

29.86 The Swan Inn (registered as an asset of community value)

The Parish Council has received notice from TVBC regarding the disposition of The Swan Inn. The interim moratorium period (6 weeks) ends at midnight on 1 October 2026. It was proposed that the Parish Council Responds to extend the moratorium for six months. All agreed.

Cllr Stuart commented that neighbouring village pubs have/are in a similar position, Cllr Belshaw commented that the village will need to engage with this. Cllr C Sherwood commented that Longparish is a working example, which could be of assistance.

A group to be established to explore options and devise a strategy.

Group to consist of Cllr A Sherwood and Cllr B Belshaw.

29.87 To consider IT upgrade/support changes.

The Clerk is liaising with Cloudy IT to progress the changes to the IT provision.

29.88 Finance

a) To receive and approve July/September 2026 monthly financial statement and approve payments. Proposed and approved. All agreed. Cllr C Sherwood signed the schedules.

b) Discuss and approve Budget V Actual August/September 2026. All agreed.

c) Discuss and approve Bank Reconciliation to 31 August. All agreed. Cllr C Sherwood signed the bank statements.

d) To approve payment of LGSP agreement 2026/27 pay increase of 3.3% from the next payroll payment with backpay from April 2026. All agreed.

Treasurers A/c

Opening balance as of 21 July 2026		£48,787.92
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Payments received August/September		
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Payments cleared August/September		£10,343.94
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Payments made since the last meeting	£90.20	
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TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 15 September 2026		£38,353.78
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BUSINESS INSTANT A/C**Opening balance as of 21 July 2026****£56,595.58**

Payments received August/September

£143.33

TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 15 September 2026**£56,738.91****Bank – operational funds****£36,353.78****Bank – pavilion funds****£56,738.91****TOTAL COMBINED BALANCE 15 September 2026****£95,092.69****Payments made since the July meeting**

Clerk

£502.21

AVA Recreation invoice 3867

£2,190.68

Barton Stacey Village Hall invoices 361 & 364

£36.00

Green Smile invoice 12234

£619.96

Total

£3,348.85

Invoices yet to be paid.

Green Smile invoice 12278

£619.96

Clerk

£488.21

Total

£1,108.17

Bank – operational funds**£34,113.10****Bank – pavilion funds****£56,738.91****FORECAST ADJUSTED COMBINED BALANCE 15 September 2026****£90,952.01****29.89 Planning applications**

a) Current applications

Date	Planning Reference	Address	Description	PC comment
12/08/2026	26/01758/CLPN	Travelodge Basingstoke Road Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3NF	Application certificate lawfulness Status for a of for proposed installation of EV charging posts, a substation, associated electrical works and cabling, as well as improved paving and marking	Current Parish Council – No Comment
18/08/2026	26/01804/TREEN	The Old Vicarage, Cocum Road, Barton Stacey	1 - Ash - Crown raise to 4m from ground level and reduction of remaining canopy by 1.5m over neighbouring park 2	Current Parish Council – No Comment

To note – TVBC notifications of decisions

Date	Planning Reference	Address	Description	Status
30/06/2026	26/01394/FULLN	The Old Inn Crook And Shears Lane Bransbury Winchester Hampshire SO21 3QH	Erection of linked extension to provide additional accommodation including kitchen, boot room, bedrooms and	25/08/2026 – Permission subject to conditions and notes

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			bathrooms	
23/06/2026	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.	14/08/2026 – Permission subject to conditions and notes

29.90 Insurance

To continue the insurance cover for 2026/27 with Clear Insurance at a premium of £1,271.01 (2025/26 £1,263.25, increase of £22.24) All agreed.

29.91 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. No further updates.

29.92 Pavillion working party (PWP)

Cllr Stuart advised that there were no updates. As the PCC village survey will proceed as soon as possible This reduces the need to conduct a village survey with regard to the pavilion. Cllr Stuart will catch up with Jenny Brain (TVBC). The working group meetings are usually held the week before the parish meeting, minutes will be provided to the Clerk.

29.93 Parish Council Social Media

Cllr Stuart to progress the social media presence on meeting with the Clerk and the Chair.

29.94 Parish Matters

- Winterbourne Clearance – to arrange date for volunteers to clear the Winterbourne of vegetation. The councillors proposed that this is not carried out by volunteers as the using implements carried too much risk. Clerk to check with Middleton as to their responsibilities. Clerk to obtain quotes for this work.
- SID volunteer. The current volunteer is moving from the village. Many thanks for his assistance with the SID. A new volunteer has been found.

Meeting Closed: 21.30 Next Meeting: Tuesday 20 October 2026

Parish Council Actions – on-going

Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due by	Date completed	Notes
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

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HCC/TVBC Update

Young people across Hampshire to showcase climate-themed artwork made from old musical instruments.

Young people from 12 schools across Hampshire are taking part in a countywide art project that turns unwanted musical instruments into public artwork.



The project, Climate Unity: Circular Art, will be exhibited at West Downs Art Gallery, University of Winchester, from 14 to 22 July 2026, with a preview event on 14 July from 4.30pm to 7pm. The exhibition will showcase work created by pupils using old and damaged instruments that would otherwise have been thrown away.

Led by Hampshire County Council for a sixth year, the project invites schools to create 3D artworks by repurposing musical instruments and using recycled, salvaged or natural materials. The pieces reflect young people's views on sustainability, waste and care for the environment.

The work has been shaped by children and young people's own reflections on issues including pollution, protecting natural environments, reducing waste and using resources more carefully.

As well as producing artwork for public display, pupils have been exploring the idea of the circular economy – looking at how materials can be reused, repaired and reimagined instead of simply being discarded. The project also supports wider learning across the curriculum, with resources made available to schools to help them explore environmental issues through art, music and other subjects.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260713climateunity>

Please help us spread the word about battery and vape recycling.



We're asking all councillors to help remind residents about the importance of recycling batteries, vapes and electrical items correctly following a recent fire in one of our refuse collection vehicles. The incident was dealt with safely and no one was injured. However, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service attended the scene, taking resources away from an already busy service.

Investigations found several items in the waste, including a vape, laptop, mobile phone and household batteries. We believe the fire may have been caused by an incorrectly disposed vape.

As lithium-ion batteries become more common in everyday items, the risk of fires during waste collection and processing continues to increase. These fires can endanger crews, damage vehicles and cause disruption to local services.

Residents can recycle: -

- batteries at supermarkets, retailers, and Household Waste Recycling Centres
- vapes through participating retailers or Household Waste Recycling Centres
- electrical items, including laptops and mobile phones, at Household Waste Recycling Centres

More information about local recycling options is available on the HCC website.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling?utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery

Thank you for helping us promote safer recycling and reduce the risk of preventable fires across Test Valley.

£15 million programme underway to improve Hampshire's roads this summer

More miles of Hampshire's roads will be strengthened and repaired this summer, following a £15 million investment by Hampshire County Council in highway maintenance.

The funding will be used for planned maintenance and reactive repairs during the summer period to address the significant deterioration over the winter as a result of the adverse weather the county experienced. Work includes: -

- 35 resurfacing schemes to repair the roads most in need: in total this year, 113 resurfacing schemes are expected to be completed totalling nearly 40 miles.
- Additional surface treatment locations – in total this year, 139 schemes are expected to be completed totalling over 129 miles. Since April, 102 locations have been completed, with the funding allowing for more sites to be included.
- Multiple additional gangs undertaking patching treatments to replace damaged sections of road - these are localised repairs used to fix specific defects such as potholes, cracking, rutting, or surface failure without resurfacing the entire road. It comes after 90,000 potholes and road defects were repaired over the last financial year.

Highways teams are working day and night to strengthen and prolong the life of Hampshire's roads. In the 12 months since April 2025, we have completed around 90,000 pothole and road defect repairs, following an increase in reports over the winter months. Work continues to deliver our annual resurfacing programme and respond to issues as they arise.

Years of insufficient national highways funding, combined with rising costs, inflation, heavier vehicles and more extreme weather, are placing increasing pressure on road networks across the country. Hampshire's highways maintenance backlog is now estimated at more than £550 million and has grown over the past two years as a result of insufficient national funding.

Over the summer months and into autumn, a range of surface treatments and other works will be carried out. Roads are assessed and prioritised using condition data, ensuring limited funding is focused on those most in need of improvement.

Information about road closures is available at: <https://one.network/>
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260723HighwaysInvestment>

Grants help Chilbolton Village Shop and Tearoom grow and expand

A popular village shop and tearoom in Chilbolton is investing in its future after receiving more than £21,000 in grant funding from Test Valley Borough Council.

Nicky Bond, owner of Chilbolton Village Shop and Tearoom, has secured £13,400 from the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) and £8,300 from the Rural Enterprise Grant to support improvements to the business and help it expand its food offering.

The funding has enabled the shop to be reconfigured, bringing together its freshly prepared food service with an upgraded coffee machine and display fridge. The new layout provides better customer experience, improves staff efficiency, and creates more space for food-to-go. The post office counter has also been moved to the rear of the shop, giving customers greater privacy when using the service.

Alongside the improvements to the shop, Nicky has established an offsite kitchen at Stonefield Park on the outskirts of Chilbolton. The additional facility will allow the business to increase production of food to go and ready meals, while also supporting the growth of its catering services for private and corporate customers. The grants have contributed towards the purchase and installation of specialist kitchen equipment including a gas oven, freezer, chiller, and dishwasher.

Nicky and her husband Andy recently celebrated 10 years at the shop and are proud to support local producers by stocking a wide range of high-quality local products. The business also plays an important role in the community by catering for a variety of local organisations and events.

Nicky Bond said: "I am so grateful for the grants. If they had not been available, we would never have been able to make this investment. We'd been making-do for years, but I've now been able to realise my vision for the shop. I could not have done it without the help of my husband Andy and the fantastic support of my staff, the village and my customers. We are all thrilled with the transformation."

The UK Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund is part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund that provides capital funding for rural business and rural communities. TVBC received over £150k for 2025-26 which is being distributed between businesses and community organisations across the rural areas of our borough to help develop our rural economy. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.

For more information about business grants available through Test Valley Borough Council, visit the council's website.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/aug/grants-help-chilbolton-village-shop-and-tearoom-grow-and-expand>

Man fined after mattress, fridge freezer and furniture dumped in Andover

A man has been ordered to pay more than £1,300 after admitting to fly-tipping in Andover.

On 4 and 5 August 2025, the council received reports about waste dumped in Pasture Walk, Andover. The rubbish included broken furniture, a mattress, a fridge freezer and a chest freezer. An investigation showed that a nearby property had been recently vacated and the occupier, Joshua Scarlett, admitted to leaving the waste outside the home to be collected but it wasn't removed.

On 24 July 2026 at Southampton Magistrates' Court, Mr Scarlett was fined £425 and ordered to pay £947 in

costs.

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

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/aug/man-fined-after-mattress-fridge-freezer-and-furniture-dumped-in-andover>

Hampshire GCSE students praised for their achievements as results day support continues

Students across Hampshire receiving their GCSE results are being congratulated for their hard work and determination, as Hampshire County Council continues to offer free advice and support to help young people plan their next steps

GCSE results mark an important milestone for many students, whether they are preparing to move on to sixth form, college, an apprenticeship, training or another learning pathway.

To support young people and their families, the County Council's exam results helpline remains open, offering free careers advice from experienced advisers at [Hampshire Futures](#). The service can help students talk through their options, understand what is available locally and make decisions that are right for them.

The helpline can support students who are confirming places at school or college, considering vocational courses, looking into apprenticeships, or wanting to understand other routes into future careers. Parents and carers are also encouraged to use the service if they would like advice on how best to support a young person after results day.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260819GCSEresults>

Hampshire foster carers play key role in children's safe return home

Foster carers across Hampshire are playing a vital role in helping children return home safely to their families when that is the right and best outcome for the child, as shown in a new video released by Hampshire County Council.

For some children, foster care provides a safe and stable home while work takes place with their family to address the difficulties that led to them coming into care. When those circumstances improve, a planned return home can help children rebuild relationships with their parents and wider family and give them the stability and sense of belonging they need to thrive.

[In the video](#), a young person returning home after foster care thanks their carers and support network for helping them through a difficult time and enabling them to reunite with their family, highlighting the lasting impact fostering can have on children's lives.

The County Council has recently refreshed and strengthened its guidance to support children in care to return safely to their parents or others with parental responsibility. Known as a child's "[Going Home](#)" journey, the process depends on careful planning and support to make sure any move home is safe and sustainable.

Foster carers are a key part of that. They know the child's routines, needs and experiences, and can help them prepare for the move home. They also work closely with social workers and families, supporting contact, attending planning meetings and helping everyone understand what the child needs.

Hampshire County Council recognises that a child returning home can also be an emotional time for foster carers. Support is available throughout the process through supervising social workers and peer networks.

Anyone interested in fostering and making a difference to the lives of children and families across Hampshire can find out more and request an information pack [here](#).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260701fosteringsummer>

Funding available for local organisations helping Hampshire residents with money worries

Community and voluntary organisations across Hampshire are being encouraged to apply for funding to help residents build financial resilience and reduce the risk of future crisis

The [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) Resilience Grants programme is open to community and voluntary organisations, charities, social enterprises, town and parish councils, district councils and other organisations that meet the funding criteria.

The grant funding is designed to support projects that help Hampshire residents manage financial challenges, improve confidence with money, access advice and reduce reliance on crisis support services.

Projects could include financial capability and budgeting support, income maximisation, debt advice, money management, advice and guidance services, community-based resilience projects, early intervention work, volunteer training and outreach to residents who may be vulnerable or facing hardship.

The fund is provided through the Department for Work and Pensions, with Hampshire County Council receiving Crisis and Resilience Fund funding from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029 to support activity that strengthens financial resilience, promotes early help and provides longer-term support for residents experiencing financial hardship.

Applications should focus on work that prevents financial hardship from escalating, supports early intervention, improves financial confidence, strengthens local support networks, and improves access to advice and guidance.

The programme is looking for projects that can show clear benefits for residents and communities, such as increased household income, improved money confidence, reduced debt, reduced food insecurity, better access to support and fewer repeat requests for emergency help.

Applications can be submitted at any time until autumn 2028. There are no fixed application windows or submission deadlines.

Applications will be reviewed by an independent CRF Funding Panel, which meets monthly to assess proposals against the fund's priorities, evidence of need, deliverability, value for money and expected outcomes.

Organisations can find full guidance and details of how to apply on the [Resilience Grants webpage](#).