

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Meeting opened at 19.30pm. Cllr Oliver opened the meeting. **Present:** Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr D Clark, Cllr K Bennett, Cllr D Tickner, Cllr D Oliver **Also present:** Clerk – Jo Gadney, Cllr David Drew **Members of Public 0**

**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.

**27.17 To receive and accept apologies for absences** –Apologies from Cllr Alec Sherwood. Proposed and accepted.

**27.18 To vote for a new Vice-Chairman following the departure of Cllr Akroyd** – Proposed and approved that Cllr Duncan Clark to take over as the new Vice-Chairman

**27.19 Declarations of Interest** – To receive and record declaration of interest on the agenda. None

**27.20 Minutes of the previous Meeting**

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. Proposed and resolved. Cllr Oliver signed the minutes.

**27.21 Councillor reports**

Cllr Sherwood said the trees at the bottom of Robert's Road (MOD ones) are overhanging the carriageway. Clerk will report to MOD contact. Cllr Bennett said that the low branches on Moonlight have been cleared. The shop have now removed the ice cream sign. The Poppies have been very well received but when will they be removed – been done now. Cllr Tickner updated the council about the Gigabit internet initiative. Many of the contacts before are now not contactable via email so Cllr Tickner has emailed the main contact at HCC to see if there is any update. Cllr Oliver thought the road closure on The Street was for resurfacing – but actually it was to clear the drain/ditches outside Wheat Cottage. More work is to take place soon. The bus stop sign has been removed from outside the Village Hall.

**27.22 The Borough and County Councillor's reports**

a)Borough Councillor report – People visiting nature reserves in Test Valley are being encouraged to take photos to help the borough council keep track of conservation efforts. New signage at various sites will ask visitors to place their smartphones in the cradle and take a photo. The council's initiative aims to give the community a hands-on role in the conservation of their local environment, offering a unique opportunity to document and understand the evolving landscape in real-time. TVBC have £20k for those in need of the Winter Fuel support which will be means tested. Approx 410 families will be helped. Another fly tipper has been fined £2k through a hidden camera. A fake certificate was provided when the client requested proof. TVBC, in collaboration with the University of Southampton Science Park and the Future Towns Innovation Hub, has launched a new Test Valley Net Zero Innovation Network, bringing together leading-edge companies within the borough that are developing new technologies and processes to tackle the net zero challenges. Food waste collection will be coming at the end of 2025 but as yet no more information on any other changes with refuse collection. The leader of TVBC will be writing to the Government regarding family farm tax.

b)County Councillor report – With the future of some Hampshire local services in the spotlight, the County Council's Leader and Cabinet have carefully considered proposals relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres, passenger transport services, School Crossing Patrols, and homelessness support services after careful consideration of consultation feedback and examination of every possible option to help balance residents' needs against the Council's future financial pressures. More information - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241410FutureServicesfinaldecisions>. The Holiday

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Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Christmas - bringing festive fun and support to families most in need during the school holidays. HAF providers in Hampshire are now taking bookings and families are being encouraged to secure their spot to ensure children don't miss out. As part of the County Council's [connect4communities programme](#), this Christmas, almost 120 sites across Hampshire will be running HAF schemes, offering free enriching activities and wholesome food each day for those receiving benefits-related free school meals during term time and other vulnerable school-age children. As well as enjoying hot nutritious meals, children are encouraged to be active by participating in sports and spending time outdoors, and to try their hand at a range of activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, games and free play. Anyone who lives, works, visits or commutes in the northern Test Valley area is being invited to give their views on new walking and cycling proposals. As part of a consultation by Hampshire County Council, which runs until Sunday 17 November 2024, feedback is being sought on the draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the area. The aim of the LCWIP is to help identify areas which have the greatest potential for improving routes to make cycling and walking easier and more appealing – particularly for local journeys, encouraging people to leave the car at home. Feedback on the routes and areas proposed in the consultation can be provided via the online survey on the County Council's website. See here:- <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/ow-northern-testvalley-lcwip>

National Care Leavers' Week is 28 October to 3 November HCC is highlighting the work of the inspiring care leavers helping to make a difference to others like them across the county. In the last 18 months, and in response to feedback from over 230 children and young people in Hampshire's care, the local authority's Care Experienced Adults (CEA) Council has been busy delivering on its key priorities to: Reduce the stigma in schools for children in care, Provide better recognition of children and young people's individual achievements, Review and improve housing options for young people aged 16 and over, Improve how the County Council communicates with and responds to young people. Residents are being asked to help Hampshire County Council identify locations where physical barriers make it awkward and challenging to walk, cycle, wheel or scoot. The survey, which is open until Sunday 22 December 2024, seeks feedback to help pinpoint locations where there are obstacles, such as bollards, that make getting around difficult for people who have restricted mobility and need to use a mobility scooter, or for those pushing prams or riding cargo bikes. Feedback can be provided via the online survey on the County Council's website. Responses to the survey will help the County Council to secure the funding to make improvements to roads and pavements by providing evidence to support applications for Government funding, or in negotiating contributions from developers building new housing developments. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241101SurveyWalkCycleBarriers>

As part of Hampshire County Council's drive to reduce the harm caused by smoking in local communities, a series of grants are to be awarded to the county's district and borough councils, as well as to voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations, to help people quit smoking for good. Grants of up to £50,000 each are available from the Local Authority to support action to tackle smoking, from November 2024 to March 2028. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/241101smokinggrants>

### **27.23 Community Led Development**

Update re working party formation and discuss/agree next steps - There will be an update following the planning training at TVBC on 23/11

### **27.24 Pavilion working party**

Update re setting up a new working party for fundraising – this will be discussed at the next meeting

### **27.25 Finance**

a) To receive and approve October 2024 monthly financial statement. Proposed and approved statement. Cllr Sherwood checked and signed the bank statements and schedule.

Treasurers A/c

**Opening balance as at 1 October 2024**

**£23,401.30**

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Payments received Oct		£1060	
Payments cleared Oct	£2,209.15		
<b>TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 Nov 2024</b>			<b>£22,252.15</b>
<b>Of which ring-fenced totals</b>			<b>£11,665.45</b>
<b>Available funds</b>			<b>£10,586.70</b>

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

<b>Opening balance as at 1 Oct 2024</b>			<b>£55,074.84</b>
Payments received October		£67.26	
Payments cleared October	£0		
<b>TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 October 2024</b>			<b>£55,142.10</b>

**Invoices yet to be paid**

Greensmile 11362	£619.96
Clerk's salary (inc back pay)	£1020.08
HMRC October	£38.29
Village Hall 145, 148	£48.00
HCC Lighting	£752.34
Parish online	£32.40
Permissive footpath	£1
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,512.07</b>
<b>Total estimated balance</b>	<b>£74,882.18</b>

b) To discuss/agree tree quotes for annual tree maintenance work – clerk gave 2 quotes. Gone with the cheaper one totalling £2075 plus VAT. Cllr Sherwood to oversee this work so clerk to confirm date/time when work to take place.

c) Discuss/agree quotes for bridge repairs at allotment. 2 quotes previously but a plot holder/councillor has now submitted a quote much lower than the other 2. The quote of £450 was proposed and agreed for councillor (not present at meeting) to do the work.

d) Discuss/agree quotes for new gate closing mechanism – Proposed and agreed quote of £556.43

**27.26 Parish Matters**

a) Discuss/agree issues of dog control on PC~ land and what can be done. While the clerk was on holiday the chairman received many emails from a resident regarding dog control. The chairman did a walk round of well used routes and commented that they were not particularly bad. Cllr Oliver contacted the TVBC dog warden who wrote a very detailed email confirming who was liable if an issue involving a dog did take place on PC land. It was confirmed that it is the dog owner is liable not the land owner. It was proposed and agreed for Cllr Bennett to speak to school about the problems/issues of dogs off leads on the back field so that all those who attend school are aware of the issue and to include this in the school Friday newsletter. Chairman to also include it again in West Dever News reiterating that dogs should be under control. Spot checks will be taking place in PC owned areas and if dogs are not under control then there will be restrictions put in place in the future. Clerk to check on any local byelaws on council owned areas.

b) Discuss/agree Gigabit internet initiative – as discussed in councillor reports this seems to have hit a brick wall. Cllr Tickner will update if he hears anything

c) Discuss/agree social media for PC – following attending the HALC AGM Cllr Oliver wants cllrs to have a think about how the presence of the PC can be improved. Possibly an Instagram account. It would need to be done by the clerk or it could be outsourced. Worth having a look at what other councils do. Fleet PC won the Social media award. To discuss at January meeting.

d) Discuss/agree a coffee van selling coffee on PC owned car park – Clerk was approached about this. TVBC will issue various permissions etc. Discussions about location and maybe including close to the Primary School or at the allotment car park at a weekend for dog walkers/allotment plot holders. PC could charge a fee. Would need to think about rubbish removal. Clerk to go back to the lady and ask her for more information including days/times/location etc

e) Discuss/agree Carols on the Green on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Proposed and approved to go ahead with this. A risk assessment will need to be completed by PC. Cllr Clark has a 6ft tree he would

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be willing to donate. Clerk to relay this info to the person in charge of the event.

### **27.27 Planning applications**

a) Discuss/agree-

24/02427/FULLN – Part two-storey, part single storey rear extension at 5 Beadon Meadow, Barton Stacey, Winchester, Hants. Proposed and agreed neutral decision

24/02412/CMAN – variation of condition 2 (completion date) of planning permission 21/02681/CMAN at the Recycling Facility, Drayton Road, Barton Stacey, Hampshire, SO21 3QS – Proposed and approved neutral decision

24/02580/FULLN & 24/02581/LBWN – proposed alterations and refurbishments including a replacement external stair, additional windows & internal alterations at The Old Vicarage, Cocum Road, Barton Stacey, Winchester – proposed and approved neutral decision

Clerk to confirm the above on the TVBC portal

### **27.28 Clerk's report**

All allotment rental has now been received. 2 full plots and 1 half plot currently available. A very kind resident has cut back the bottom of Gravel Lane. A big thank you. The work on the Dragons teeth has still not taken place. Clerk will chase this. The Winterbourne clear up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November was a success and the ditch is now clear. Clerk thanked all those who kindly gave up their morning to help and also big thank you to Cllr Clark and Cllr Sherwood for having a very good trim of many of the hedges at the allotments. Planning training at TVBC on Wed 27 November 10-12 for all councillors. Could someone pick up the suggestion box currently at the Village shop – which is never used. Finally this is my last meeting as Clerk, so many thanks and I'm sure I will see you all around the parish in the future.

Meeting Closed: 21.20

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024