

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Meeting opened at 19.30pm. Cllr Oliver opened the meeting. **Present:** Cllr A Sherwood, Cllr D Clark, Cllr K Bennett, Cllr D Oliver, Cllr C Sherwood **Also present:** Clerk – Sally Lawrence, Cllr David Drew (until 20:10) **Members of Public** 0 (at start of meeting) 5 (post PP allotted time)

**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.

**27.29 To receive and accept apologies for absences** –Apologies from Cllr D Tickner. Proposed and accepted.

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

Cllr Clark – allotment holder  
Cllr A Sherwood – allotment holder

#### **27.31 Minutes of the previous Meeting**

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Proposed and resolved.

Cllr Oliver signed the minutes.

#### **27.32 Councillor reports**

Cllr D Clark – he has been monitoring local government reorganisation. Potentially there could be transfer of assets from local authorities to town/parish councils. Speculation re: housing developments, TVBC has an increased target, but development shortfalls may have to be picked up by neighbouring authorities.

Cllr C Sherwood – builders rubbish by East Road garages. This is not parish council land; it is MOD land. To contact MOD re this issue and the trees.

Cllr A Sherwood – has received positive feedback with regard to the tree trimming at The Green.

Cllr K Bennett – reported a branch on the school path. Age Concern application.

Cllr D Oliver – Bridges (work by Lengthsman?/list of what he undertakes).

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

a) Borough Councillor report –

- Peer review
- VE Grants are available – contact Jenny Brain at TVBC
- CTS scheme has been extended
- Food waste collections are being rolled out from the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Carbon Neutrality Plan has been updated
- Andover Poundland is to be demolished as part of the new theatre development

b) County Councillor report –

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## **County Council Cabinet to consider budget action to protect core services**

Spending proposals for 2025/26, totalling £2.6bn, to ensure the County Council keeps delivering its fundamental pledge to serve Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet next week, as the Authority takes a step closer to deciding its annual budget from April.

Within annual budget proposals being put forward to Cabinet for consideration, and later to the Full County Council on 13 February for a final decision, recommendations will also be made for further savings proposals to move the Council closer towards the delivery of just its core services. Some of these proposals will then be subject to public consultation this spring.

Hampshire's council tax precept is currently one of the lowest amongst county councils nationally, and news is expected imminently from Government on whether the County Council can increase council tax by a total of up to 15% from 1 April - 10% above the national 5% referendum limit. Therefore, Cabinet will also consider whether to increase council tax by the full requested amount of 15%. A council tax increase of this amount would equate to an extra £4.42 per week for a Band D property. **STOP PRESS – this application has been rejected by Government.**

[County Council Cabinet to consider budget action to protect core services | Hampshire County Council](#)

## **Major investment in special needs education for next academic year**

After statutory public consultations, Hampshire County Council has announced plans to transform specialist education at four primary schools, significantly boosting support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gosport, Eastleigh, and Basingstoke.

[Major investment in special needs education for next academic year | Hampshire County Council](#)

## **Hampshire County Council sets out proposals for new 'lane rental' scheme to minimise road works disruption**

Hampshire County Council has set out proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new disruption charge scheme designed to reduce delays on the county's busiest roads, at the busiest times

The plan, which would complement the existing permitting scheme, would incentivise any companies or agencies needing to carry out work on busier parts of the public highway to improve their planning, work outside of peak times wherever possible, and reduce the duration of their work.

This would be achieved by charging a daily fee for the duration of the work, including any delays. Surplus revenues received over and above the basic scheme operation costs would be ring-fenced towards funding innovative projects that reduce the disruption of streetworks and roadworks and, subject to new national legislation that is expected later this year, a proportion of the income could be re-invested back into highway maintenance.

Disruption charging – or 'lane rental' – is already in operation in several parts of the UK and local schemes must comply with national legislation. Rental charges can only be applied on the most congested, strategically important local roads under the management of the highway authority. The County Council would be able to apply a 'rental' charge of up to £2,500 per day, the maximum that can be charged under the legislation.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20252101DisruptionChargingProposals>

## **Hampshire County Council agrees to progress bid for devolution fast-track**

Hampshire County Council has given the green light to press ahead with a once-in-a-generation

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opportunity for Hampshire to join the Government's Priority Programme for devolution, as well as the reorganisation of the county's local government structures to deliver the best possible future for Hampshire's residents and businesses

At the meeting of the Full County Council on Thursday 9 January, followed by the Authority's Cabinet on Friday 10 January, approval was given to request that the County Council be included in Government fast-track plans to bring devolution to the area.

As part of devolution proposals, a Mayor would be elected in the spring of 2026 to head up a new Combined Authority across the wider region incorporating Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, in line with the Authorities' expression of interest submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister last summer.

The Mayor would also promote the interests of the wider region to central Government. With a combined population of over two million residents, home to 90,000 businesses and an economy that generates around £80 billion a year, the area is a powerhouse of economic activity and a significant asset for the wider UK economy.

Alongside devolution, the County Council has committed to progress with developing proposals for local government reorganisation in the area. It would completely change the landscape of Hampshire's local councils by replacing the current two-tier council system, which is in place across most of the region, with a number of new unitary (all-purpose) councils. Proposals for local government reorganisation need to be submitted to Government by Autumn 2025.

If Government agrees for Hampshire to be added to the fast-track devolution programme, County Council elections, due this May, would be postponed for 12 months. This postponement would be essential to enable local areas to focus on laying the groundwork for devolution and reorganisation and allow for a Mayor to be elected in 2026 so the benefits to local communities can be delivered as swiftly as possible. Reorganisation would then be expected to be in place by either April 2027 or April 2028.

I have requested that the Mayoralty be permitted to name themselves the *Shire Reeve* (Anglo Saxon name for the forerunner of the title Sheriff) if they wished to.

## 27.34 Finance

a) To receive and approve January 2025 monthly financial statement. Proposed and approved statement. Cllr Sherwood checked and signed the bank statements and schedule.

### Treasurers A/c

<b>Opening balance as at 1 Dec 2024</b>			<b>£19,924.36</b>
Payments received January		£5.00	
Payments cleared January	£1,939.64		
<b>TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2 Feb 2025</b>			<b>£17,989.72</b>

### BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

<b>Opening balance as at 2 Dec 2024</b>			<b>£55,279.12</b>
Payments received December		£69.81	
Payments cleared December	£0		
<b>TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 2 Feb 2025</b>			<b>£55,348.93</b>

## Invoices yet to be paid

HALC invoice 7063	£117.60
Barton Stacey village hall invoice 176	£16.00

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Barton Stacey village hall invoice 179	£16.00
Green Smile Ltd invoice 11476	£619.96
One Two Tree - invoice 1303	£2,490.00
Clerks Salary	£663.55
Nest	£46.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,969.59</b>
<b>Total estimated balance</b>	<b>£69,369.06</b>

Until the clerk has been set up for banking access, Cllr Oliver to arrange payment of the above invoices. Estimated closing balance @ March 2025 to be presented at the next meeting.

b) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation as of 31 January 2025. Proposed and approved. Cllr Sherwood signed the hard copy.

### **27.35 Information and Data Protection Policy update**

Updating the policy with the councillor responsible for day to day protection of personal data- proposed Cllr D Clark. To update for the clerks' details All agreed.

### **27.36 Planning applications**

- (a) 25/00015/FULLN – Reconstruct fire damaged barn - Church Farm House Bransbury Lane Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3RR
- (b) 25/00130/CLN - Certificate of proposed lawful development for a single storey rear extension - 59C Roberts Road Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3RU
- (c) 25/00308/TREEN | T1 - Holm Oak - Crown reduction by 1.5-2metres T2 - Walnut - Crown reduction by 1.5-2metres - 1 Longmead Cocum Road Barton Stacey Winchester Hampshire SO21 3RN

All proposed and agreed, neutral decision.

### **27.37 New Councillors**

Cllr Oliver had drafted a communication to attract new councillors. To emphasise what the parish council does for the village. Such things as supporting the village pop-up library, a benefit to the whole community.

The draft was discussed, additions suggested including the parish councils' powers, the annual precept, community grants, how the council manages trees and bushes, street lighting.

Councillors to review individual statements, To be sent to all residents. It was proposed that this is actioned before the next meeting. All agreed.

### **27.38 Proposed development of land on Bullington Lane**

There has been no update from the developers. The parish council received a few comments, with regard to the consultation, these were mostly positive.

This item will be maintained on the agenda to keep abreast of any updates. Any communications/information will be discussed. All agreed.

### **27.39 Pavillion working party**

Cllr K Bennett is the lead on this project. The ring-fenced funds to date are £55,348.93.

Cllr Bennett has several ideas for fund raising. Village events income alone will be insufficient. There will also have to be grant applications. The build cost quotes received may need to be refreshed for any grant applications.

Cllr D Clark enquired whether the website could be updated for the plans/drawings with regard to the planning permission.

It was discussed that youth football does not require changing rooms. Other sports could be

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encouraged to use the Recreation ground the question is whether the pavilion is achievable in its current planned form. It was proposed that the community should be recanvassed – laying out the options. Cllr Bennett to draft a parish update with Cllr Oliver. All agreed.  
It was noted that the container storing some BSPC items is affecting some roots.

#### **27.40 Parish Matters**

(a) 2025/26 allotment fees – no increase. All agreed

(b) VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary (8<sup>th</sup> May 2025) – BSPC itself has no plans as it is a weekday.

It was discussed whether the History Group could run an event in the village hall or the church– Cllr Bennett to check with the History Group.

The parish council will allow residents to organise their own events on the Recreation Ground

- say picnics with gazebos/bunting). Cllr Oliver to check with the Fete Committee.

It was discussed whether some VE 80 signs could be displayed on the lamp posts. Perhaps a few could be obtained.

To apply for grant funding to put a celebratory bench - TVBC/HCC member grant.

The parish council noted that all those taking part in VE Day 80, and indeed, the whole country, were encouraged to come together at 9.30pm as the Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace are being lit, by playing and singing the wonderful, uplifting British Hymn – 'I Vow To Thee My Country'.  
[SEE VE DAY 80 WEBSITE – www.VEday80.org.uk](http://www.VEday80.org.uk). It was proposed that this could take place on The Green.

West Dever news – item re VE80 Day in order to coordinate events.

All agreed.

(c) History Boards – Cllr Oliver has been in contact with TVBC. It was thought that the history boards fall within 'advertisement consent' requirement from TVBC planning the cost is £598.00.

Cllr Oliver will check again with TVBC whether this is required,. All agreed.

#### **27.41 Annual Parish Assembly – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

Cllr Oliver requested suggestions for guest speakers.

All the village groups to be notified of the event.

Suggestions for the community award – 'post box' could be set up (in the shop?) for nominations, or suggestions could be emailed to the [clerk@bartonstacey.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk@bartonstacey.pc@gmail.com)

All agreed.

#### **27.42 Clerks report**

The clerk advised that she had attended the HALC 'what you need to know' course at the beginning of February.

Meeting Closed: 21.30    Next Meeting: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.