



Barton Parish Council

MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Monday 28TH April 2025 at 7.00pm at Clerks Office, Barton Cemetery,
Hayes Drive, Barton CW8 4JX**

ATTENDED BY;

1. Cllr James Devine, (Chair)
2. Cllr Phoenix (Vice Chair)
3. Cllr Carter
4. Cllr Diane Devine
5. Cllr Hooper
6. Cllr Burgess
7. Cllr Coombes
8. Cllr Ayhok

Public; One member of the public in attendance

Min. Ref; **Item**

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To receive apologies for absence

1.1/04/2025

NOTED; - Apologies were received from Cllr Gibbons, Chambers & Marshall
It was noted that Cllr Hughes had tendered her resignation 28.04.25

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To note Declarations of Interests from members

2.1/04/2025

NOTED; Cllr J Devine, Cllr D. Devine, Cllr Hooper declared an interest in agenda items related to Royal British Legion.

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Public Forum - members of the public are invited to speak on matters relating to the agenda

3.1/04/2025

NOTED; n/a

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Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Report

4.1/04/2025

NOTED; A written report was received and noted.

Cllr Wright told the council that the planning application for the Fireworks business on Runcorn road had been denied and that the applicant had 3 weeks left to appeal the decision.

Norman mentioned that Winnington Bridge was closed overnight on 10th May 25 for maintenance works.

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PCSO Report

5.1/04/2025

NOTED; A report from PCSO Wiggins was not received.

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Approve and Sign Minutes

6.1/04/2025

RESOLVED; Cllr D. Devine proposed Barton Parish Council approve the minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 10th March 2025 as a true record. Seconded, all agreed.

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Reports & Action Points

7.1/04/2025

NOTED; A report from the Clerk was received and noted

7.2/04/2025

NOTED; A report was noted from Cllr Devine re; the connections locality meeting held on 26th March 2025

7.3/04/2025 **NOTED;** An events report from Cllr Devine was received and noted:-

- Another successful quiz on the 12 April, getting on 70 took part and it produced a profit of £477.00 after expenses, our Ward councillors won the quiz £60.00 which they kindly donated back into our community, the next Quiz is booked in for 20th September 2025
- On Saturday the 19th April we held our first Easter Egg Trail for the young people of the village. Around 70 children took part and after completing the trail all entrants received an Egg. We also purchased 4 large Easter Eggs and once all the entries were back and checked the correct ones were put into a draw and I delivered those Eggs to the lucky winners the day after. I would like to mention our volunteers and my thanks to them for all the effort and hard work they put in to make the Easter trail a success and of course all the other events.
- The future, it has been suggested that we reinstate the scarecrow competition for the children, before then I will put it out on Facebook to see if the village has an appetite for it.

7.4/04/2025 **NOTED;** The programme of events for 8th May 2025 VE Day 80 celebrations was received and noted;

- Volunteers to meet at the clerks office 5.00pm
- Nursery Road Recreation Ground – open from 7.30pm
- Barbecue served from 8.00pm
- Bonfire lit at 9.30pm followed by the Tribute
- Close of event 10.30pm

7.5/04/2025 **NOTED;** The risk assessment document for VE day 80 was received and noted.

Cllr Gibbon joined the meeting.

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Correspondence /Consultations/ Planning

8.1 /04/2025

NOTED; Winnington Solar Farm planning application appeal was discussed. Cllr Gibbon and Cllr Devine have been working with other councillors, the local community and local parish councils to make representation in opposition to the application. Cllr Gibbon had just returned from a meeting of Weaverham Parish Council and informed Barnton PC members that Weaverham PC is now on board with other councils in the opposition of the plans. Cllr Devine gave thanks and congratulations on behalf of the Barnton Parish council.

8.2/04/2025

NOTED; Nominations for Community Awards were received and agreed.

ACTION; CLERK

8.3/04/2025

NOTED; A request for financial support for an individual in the village to facilitate a girl guiding trip to Norway was denied as Parish Councils do not have the power to spend on individuals.

ACTION; CLERK

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Finance/Policy

9.1/04/2025 **NOTED;** An increase in hire charged for Barnton Memorial Hall was noted. Council will continue to subsidise the hall hire at £34.00 per hire.

9.2/04/2025 **NOTED;** Receipt of the precept for the 2025/2026 financial year in the sum of £123750.00 was noted.

9.3/04/2025 **RESOLVED;** it was proposed, seconded and all agreed to award the following grant applications;

2 nd Barnton Rainbows	£300.00
Christ Church, Barnton	£750.00
Barnton Village Show	£250.00
Barnton Silver Band	£200.00

ACTION; CLERK

9.4/04/2025 **RESOLVED;** Cllr D Devine proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the payment schedule for March 2025. Seconded, all agreed.

9.5/04/2025 **RESOLVED;** Cllr Ayhok proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the bank reconciliations at 31.02.25. Seconded, all agreed.

9.6/04/2025 **NOTED;** The letter of engagement for internal auditor 2024/2025 was received and noted

9.7/04/2025 **NOTED;** Increased payroll costs from 1st April 2025 were noted due to the rise in national insurance employers contributions, rise in the national minimum wage and an increase in the clerks salary by 1 spine column point

9.8/04/2025 **NOTED;** PAT testing of all appliances completed on 5th March 2025 was noted.

9.9/04/2025 **RESOLVED;** Cllr Burgess proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the cost of resurfacing works at the cemetery and war memorial in the sum of £4500.00, seconded, all agreed.

ACTION; CLERK

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10.1/04/2025 **NOTED;** A report was received from Cllr Hooper re; amendments to office staff contracts (change of office days)

10.2/04/2025 **RESOLVED;** Cllr Devine proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the amendments to office staff contracts, seconded, all agreed.

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Date of Next Meeting

11.1/04/2025 **NOTED;** It was noted that the next Full Council Meetings would take place on:-

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Monday 19 th May 2025 @ 6.00pm
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL	Monday 19 th May 2025 @ 7.00pm

ACTION; CLERK

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Close of Meeting

12.1/04/2025 **NOTED;** Cllr Devine closed the meeting at 20.12

Signed.....Date.....