

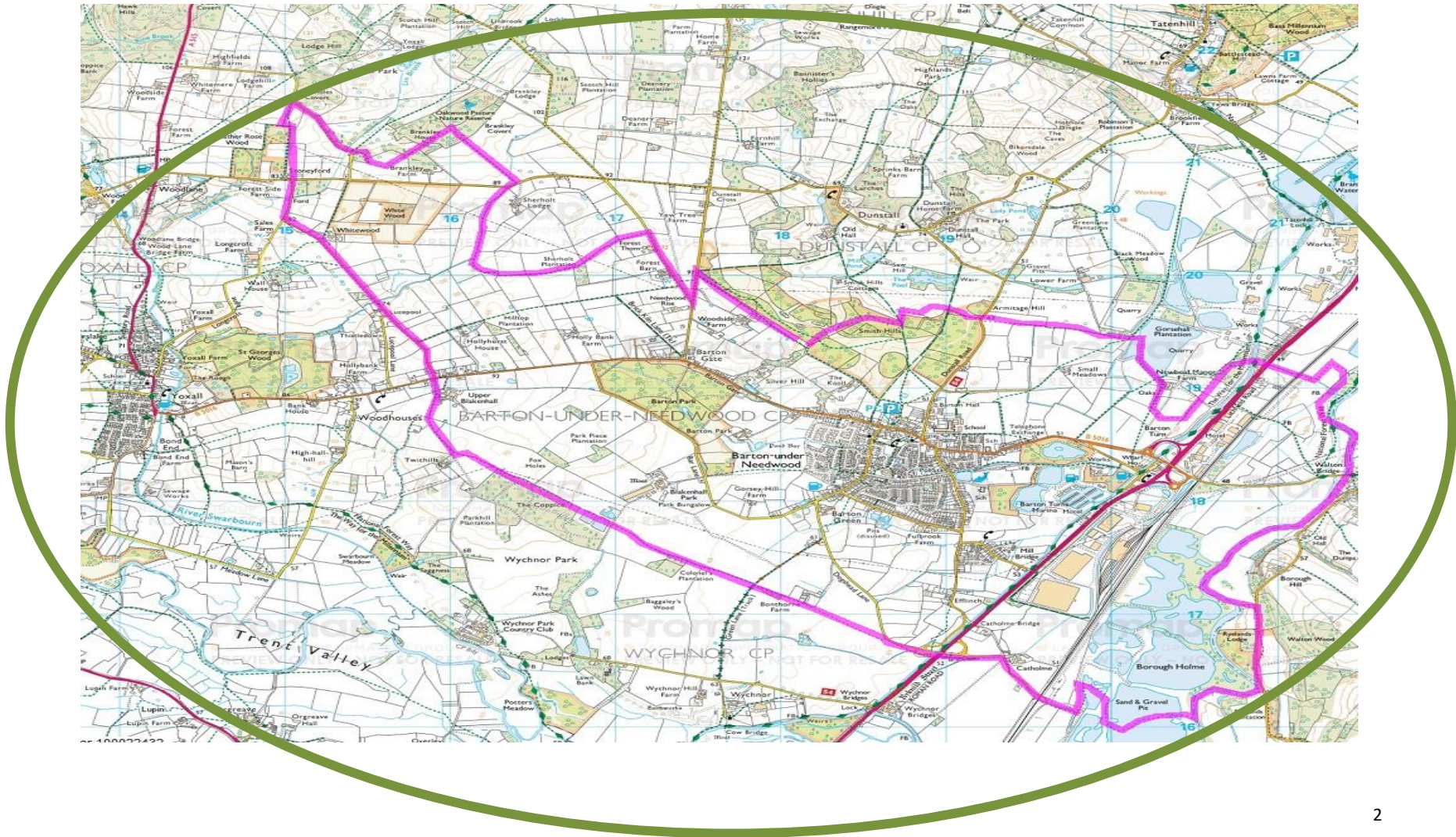


Your Parish Council





Barton Parish





The Council

- 11 Members – elected every 4 years assuming more than 11 stand
- Non political
- Volunteers
- Parish Clerk is only Officer supported by a groundsman, litter picker and 2 x lengthsman
- Parish Office in Village Hall
- Council maintains a number of Village Assets
- Meet First Thursday in the Month – April is the annual open meeting and May is the annual meeting when the Chair is selected and the committee representatives are agreed
- Business happens in Committees who report at each Month's Meeting



Committees





Committees



The planning authority for the Parish is ESBC (and very occasionally SCC for items such as schools and quarries). The Parish Council receive all applications and we have a planning committee who review each application on behalf of parishioners. This is done against the local plan, listing, conservation area, all current planning legislation and environmental impacts liaising with the appropriate planning officer for clarification if required. The committee is supported in this process by a trusted advisor who worked in local planning in various locations over many years. Comments are then submitted into the ESBC planning process. On bigger applications, a committee representative may attend one or more meetings. When we receive the decision back, if the plan is approved and the committee had lodged an objection, they will challenge the decision unless enough evidence is provided as to why the plan has been approved against current guidelines, rules and regulations. The reviews take place at regular meetings which are open to the public. If you wish to attend a meeting, please contact the Clerk. It is important to stress that if you have an objection to a particular planning application you should always lodge a personal objection, the Parish Council provide just one view.



Committees



The responsible Financial Officer for the Parish Council is the Clerk.

The Finance Committee meets quarterly to review the actuals vs budgets and at the end of the year works with the committees to set the budget for the next financial year and from that comes the precept which is the Parish Council portion of Council Tax paid by each house. The financial year runs from April-March.



Committees



The HR Committee looks after all employee matters, policies and procedures, and safeguarding.



Committees



The Allotments Committee manages the allotments that are situated off Eflinch Lane. This includes managing those who rent the allotments and all the paths, entrance etc.



Committees



The Burial Ground Committee has responsibility for the day to day maintenance of the Burial Ground off Bell Lane (this is separate to the Churchyard) and the Burial Ground rules and regulations. The Clerk manages all the requests for Burial but occasionally requires support from the Committee. A five year topple test has to be done as part of the Health and Safety requirements.



Committees



The Parks and Open Spaces Committee look after Collinson Park, Ash Tree Pocket Park, St James Pocket Park and the Fish Pond. They also manage the 3rd party contractor who looks after the mowing etc. and liaise with the Fish Pond bailiffs.



Committees



The Village Enhancement Committee (VEC) looks after the organisation of the annual Christmas Tree light switch on (including sourcing and decorating the tree) and Remembrance Sunday parade working with the local branch of the RBL (including the poppy decorations around the War Memorial area).

The VEC also arranges special events such as the Jubilee Beacon, the VE and VJ Day anniversaries, the WW1 centenary events)



Other Connections



- The Parish Council:
 - Has two representatives on the Holland Sports Club Committee
 - Nominates a Key Trust trustee
 - Is the Sole Trustee of the Village Hall charity
 - Represents the community on a Flood Risk group with EA, Severn Trent and SCC
 - Has representatives on the Quarry Liaison committee
 - Initiated Speedwatch in the village although this is operated independently
 - Works with ESBC and SCC including Highways as required



What Do We Do and How?



- The Parish Council does not look after:

- Potholes
- Roads and Highways
- Speeding & HGVs
- Parking
- Bins
- Drains
- Gullies
- Make planning decisions
- Fly Tipping





Council Assets



Ash Tree Pocket Park



Collinson Park



Fishpond



Council Assets



Burial Ground



Efflinch Lane Allotments



Holland Sports
Club House and Some Grounds



St James Pocket Park



Council Assets



Potters Way



War Memorial



Village Hall and Car Park



Flag Pole