

MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 26 February 2026 – 7.00 pm;
Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall



Members Present:-

Cllr E Sharkey (Chairman)	Cllr H Frend	Cllr S Naylor
Cllr N Crawley	Cllr S Bedford	Cllr C Davis
Cllr D Lord	Cllr I Meadows (late arrival 6.50pm)	

Clerk, Mrs S Rumsby in attendance

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for absence: Apologies recorded for Cllrs M Hassall, Absences noted from Cllrs J Sellers, and C Wallace
2. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations – none received
3. Parish Council Strategy Action Plan – Cllrs reviewed the actions in terms of priorities. It was suggested to have a lead person for each activity. Priorities were agreed as follows, number of stars indicate degree of higher priorities.
 - 3.1. Holland Sports Club *** (feedback on survey to be publicised)
 - 3.2. Parks & Open Spaces *** It was agreed to re-visit CA&E committee members at the next full council meeting.
 - Fishpond ***
 - Grounds Maintenance Contract **
 - Burial Ground (Action Group suggested to research a future burial ground); topple testing required to be done this year **
 - Play equipment - regular inspections and planning for replacement of equipment needed (call for a volunteer group to carry out inspection or pay extra for a weekly inspection). A specification for carrying out inspections was required and it was suggested asking our employee, A Davis if, in principle, he would be interested in taking on a few additional hours each week to inspect, training to be provided.
 - 3.3. Flooding issues and Liaison Group – 84 properties affected at the last serious event. **
 - 3.4. Planning Issues – Housing Needs Survey *** / Local Plan input / major applications such as The Green application plus comms required on the revised submission ***
 - 3.5. PEC –
 - Communications improvements *** – ideally 3 items each week could be covered but input is needed for comms. BVHMC have engaged a marketing person to handle their comms. *
 - HR meets as and when. *
 - Events involve a lot of work and the Council may need to rethink how this is managed. *
 - 3.6. Care in the Community, GP/Pharmacy – liaison with practice – Cllr Hassall; Cllr Frend reported that many residents had expressed disappointment with the GP service. *
 - 3.7. Traffic Action – facilitating Barton Traffic Action Group *
 - 3.8. It was agreed to delete all 'business as usual' tasks from the strategy plan.

Meeting closed 19.50

Accepted on..... Chairman's Signature