MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 JUNE 2026 – 7.10 pm; Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall

Members Present: -

Cllr S Naylor (Chairman)	Cllr D Lord (Vice Chair)	Cllr H Frend
Cllr N Crawley	Cllr S Bedford	Cllr J Sellers
Cllr C Davis	Cllr M Hassall	

In attendance: Mrs S Rumsby, Clerk; 2 members of the public

26/62 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence –

The Chairman advised that a resignation had been accepted from Charlie Wallace. Thanks were expressed to Charlie for his efforts during his time on the Council. The Notice of Vacancy had been advertised. Interested candidates will be contacted in due course. Apologies were noted from Cllrs I Meadows, E Sharkey.

26/63 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda and requests for dispensation.

Cllr Lord declared that he is advising Holland Sports Club on drainage matters in a personal capacity rather than as a Parish Councillor.

26/64 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7 May 2026

It was **resolved** that the Minutes were accepted to be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

26/65 Parishioners Forum –

An Allotment plot holder raised frustrations that there was no lock on the entrance gate and dog fouling was still an issue. The site is exposed to trespass and potential theft. Cllr Sellers reported that Cllr Meadows had spoken to a locksmith who would be attending the following Monday. The plot holder offered to purchase a cheap barrel lock. BPC Chairman advised he would follow up with Cllr Meadows first and would then relay to the plot-holder if there was likely to be an extended delay in fitting the new lock.

Several plot holders would like to form a committee and send a representative to the Parish Council meetings to bring any issues forward. Cllrs were happy for that to happen, especially with regard to monitoring the dog fouling issue and putting suggestions forward for enhancements to the site. It was important thought that all plot holders were given the opportunity to be on the Committee.

Resolved: All in favour for the plot holder to purchase temporary lock should there be a delay in getting a new one fitted. Clerk to write to all plot holders advising of the opportunity to join a Committee.

Numbered pegs had also been suggested to identify plots - CAEC to pick up this action.

26/66 Police, County and Borough Council Reports

County Council – Cllr Brown's report had been circulated. It was agreed to offer the Village Hall as a possible venue for the Needwood Forum scheduled for 15 October, approximately 10-12 people usually attend.

Barton Gate traffic calming measures were on hold until Coroners Report available.

26/67 Committee Reports considered as circulated.

1. Finance

Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year 1 April 2025– 31 March 2026:

1.1.1. Summary of Assets noted and approved.
1.1.2. Explanation of Significant Variances noted and approved.
1.1.3. Year-end Bank Reconciliation and Receipts & Payments account noted and approved
1.1.4. Breakdown of reserves noted and approved
1.1.5. Report on Actions from Last Years Audit noted and approved
1.1.6. Annual Internal Audit Report (page 3 of the AGAR) noted and approved
1.1.7. Response to the Annual Governance Statement (page 4 AGAR) reviewed and agreed.
1.1.8. Accounting Statements (page 5 of the AGAR) reviewed and agreed.
1.1.9. Notice of Appointment of the Date for the Exercise of Public Rights noted and agreed.

Monthly Financial Reports

1.1.10. Monthly Summary of Receipts & Payments; Bank Reconciliation; Schedule of Payments all accepted.

2. Planning

Comments and objections as circulated were referred to. BPC's draft interim response on the Cammeron Homes development was referred to. An extension of time to respond had been requested but was, as yet, unconfirmed. Cllr Lord advised that BPC can update its response and recommended that the summary could be submitted as holding document. Given the nature of the development and amount of documentation, BPC would be unable to carry out a complete review within the current timescale. This summary sets out clear concerns and BPC will respond in detail to the various documents. **Resolved**: Clerk to submit to ESBC the summary section only of the draft interim response.
It was agreed that Cllr Neil Crawley join the Planning Committee in place of Charlie Wallace.

3. Community Assets & Environment

Cllr Davis summarised the informal notes of an inquorate meeting.
The issue of burial ground land was again discussed. Cllrs felt it would prudent to again approach to local landowners for new burial ground. CAEC to progress. Cllr Crawley offered to speak to Rob Mercer regarding land.
Allotments inspections to be done in conjunction with the Allotments Secretary, mid-June.
The Terms of Reference as drafted were formally adopted.

4. Policies Events & Communications

Cllr Bedford referred to the Committee Minutes distributed. The next Barton Business Community meeting was scheduled for 28 June and Cllr Sellers had secured a HR speaker. Interest will be gauged in a Cyber Crime and AI event for the new year. It was reported that AI is approving/rejecting post for the Community page. The Christmas Star had been completely refurbished. The cabling for the Christmas Tree may need attention. Chime article – Cllr Bedford to draft and forward to Cllr Naylor for review.

26/68 Correspondence

All matters noted.
The Clerk had received a request from Severn Trent for permission to access land at the Fishpond for installation of temporary water quality monitoring for one year; it was agreed to allow access, documentation to be copied to Cllrs Lord and Frend.

26/69 Outstanding Actions -

All Actions had been referred to Committee Chairman for incorporation onto Committee Agendas.

26/70 Outside Bodies & Special Responsibilities

1. **Holland Sports Club** – Cllrs agreed to move to a closed session to discuss further items of commercial sensitivity, the main points of discussion are summarised as follows:

   Councillors received an update on progress of the Holland Sports Club redevelopment project. Construction works were reported to be progressing broadly in accordance with the programme, with the structural frame completed and further phases of construction underway. Regular communication between project stakeholders continues.

   Council noted receipt of project funding for the changing rooms aspect previously approved through the Public Works Loan Board.

   An update was received regarding insurance arrangements and ongoing lease documentation, with matters continuing to progress through the appropriate legal channels.

   Council reviewed the proposed contract arrangements for the changing rooms element of the project.

   Resolved: That, due to exceptional circumstances and in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, the requirement to obtain three quotations be waived for the procurement of the changing rooms element of the Holland Sports Club Project. Contractors have already been appointed under the wider construction contract and seeking alternative quotations at this stage would risk additional cost, delay and disruption to the overall project. The Council was satisfied that the proposed costs represented value for money and approved acceptance of the quotation received. The Chairman and Vice Chairman were authorised to sign the contract and associated documentation on behalf of the Council.

   Council also received an update regarding drainage matters associated with the project. Appropriate technical advice has been sought and discussions continue with the relevant parties to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and project specifications.

2. **Flood Risk Group** – full report to follow from Cllr Lord.
3. **Walton By-Pass** – Cllr Lord had attended a meeting on Monday. On the Derbyshire side, the road formation was in place. Staffordshire side was progressing well. However, there was a problem regarding the tie in with Station Lane on the Staffordshire side. A full road closure to carry out the works was not possible due to Heidleberg quarry needing access 24/7. The design for the tie in will therefore not work and a resolution is needed to change these arrangements. This would delay the S.278 agreement to make the connection which mean no works can be done until this agreed. Opening now will be delayed to Spring next year.

Vistry were obligated to install chicane bollards on Station Lane but this is only triggered by the signing of S.278 agreement. Potholes continue to cause accidents.

4. **Quarries liaison** – A meeting was scheduled for the last week of June at Burton Town Hall to review the restoration plans. Chairman and Cllr Sharkey to attend.

26/71 Councillors/Clerk's Reports

1. Cllr Bedford advised that our BPC page social media report indicates a large reach in response to housing developments.
2. Cllr Hassall would be attending the awards evening at JTHS, 14 July 6.30pm – she asked if anyone Cllr would like to join her to let her know as soon as possible.
3. Clllr Sellers noted that the Dunstall farm shop had been approved and may impact Barton positively. Cllr Lord offered that there may be traffic issues especially at school drop off times but the development had been passed with the alleviation of passing places.

26/72 Dates for future meetings:

2 July, 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November, 3 December

Meeting closed at 21.06