

MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 1 October 2026 – 7.00 pm;
Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall



Members Present: -

Cllr S Naylor (Chairman)	Cllr D Lord (Vice Chair)	Cllr I Meadows
Cllr S Bedford	Cllr J Sellers	Cllr C Davis
Cllr S West	Cllr N Crawley	Cllr M Grahamslaw

In attendance: Mrs S Rumsby, Clerk; 4 members of the public;

- 26/104 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence –
Apologies noted from Cllrs Hassall, Sharkey; Borough Cllrs B George, J Jones, V Gould
- 26/105 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda and requests for dispensation.
None received.
- 26/106 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3 September 2026
It was **resolved** that the Minutes were accepted to be signed as a true record by the Chairman.
- 26/107 Parishioners Forum – No matters raised.
- 26/108 Police, County and Borough Council Reports – none received.
- 26/109 Committee Reports considered as circulated.
1. Finance
The recent Committee meeting minutes were summarised. Cllr Grahamslaw had been appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Budget was reasonably on target with an end of year surplus currently projected at circa £70K. It was offered that some form of public consultation could provide feedback on what the public would like to the Council focus on. The land at the Bellways was mentioned. The strategy consultation already carried out also highlighted areas important to the public. It was suggested the precept covers operational costs. Chairs of Committees to formalise budget spend for the next year. Fishpond issues had resulted in additional spend on tree felling and electricity for the additional aerator use. An air-conditioning unit was earmarked for the parish office. A new lawnmower was required and further tree works were needed. The Audited AGAR had been received from Mazars with no qualification, contents noted. The Notice of Completion had also been published. The Clerk was thanked for the considerable effort involved in this work. Monthly Summary of Receipts & Payments, Bank Reconciliation and Schedule of Payments all reviewed and approved as circulated.
 2. Planning
Comments and objections, updated Terms of Reference as circulated were referred to and accepted.
Padel Courts – Cllr Lord referred to comments previously submitted with no objections but the Council had made comments on the location; BPC had since further commented about representations made regarding the location and other issues which need to be addressed.

ACCEPTED ON:SIGNED:

Provident Land - The Green – BPC’s detailed objections to the outline application included drainage issues. A site inspection had been carried out to two affected properties downstream; and the proposed site. Drainage issues were discussed; the consultant will investigate solutions. Traffic issues were also raised.

3. Community Assets & Environment

Notes of an inquorate meeting were referred to. Tree work and the installation of a second aerator had been carried out to address the algae issue.

Allotment plot-holders are to form a committee. Selection process to be determined.

A new mower is required, quotes being obtained.

4. Policies Events & Communications

The recent Committee meeting minutes were summarised. Plans were under way for the upcoming Remembrance Parade and Christmas Lights Events. A blue poppy wreath will be placed for animals lost. The Vicar had reiterated that he decides what can be placed on the Church railings.

Policy Reviews: It was resolved to accept amendments to the General Risk Assessment as circulated. Committees to review their responsibilities at their next meetings.

The Complaints Policy and Lone Working Policy were due for review and this would be carried out in the new year.

5. HR – It was resolved to move to closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss staffing matters. Confidential minutes to be circulated.

26/110 Correspondence - All matters noted.

26/111 Outside Bodies & Special Responsibilities

1. **Holland Sports Club –**

- a. Cllr Crawley provided an update on the building works. External and internal works are progressing, with completion anticipated in 3 weeks.
- b. Some drainage and sewerage issues have arisen and are being addressed with the relevant parties.
- c. An update was provided on the legal documentation relating to the lease arrangements, which is nearing completion. Cllr Meadows addressed some criticisms directed towards him in a personal and professional capacity.
- d. It was resolved unanimously to delegate authority to the Working Party (Cllrs West, Naylor and Meadows) to approve the final legal documentation

2. **Flood Risk Group –** no report

3. **Walton By-Pass –** Cllr Lord summarised the Minutes of meeting between Derbyshire CC, Staffordshire CC and the developer. Progress continues on construction, although some outstanding issues and delays remain, including matters relating to the tie in to Station Lane and the quarry. Discussions with the quarry are ongoing to resolve the outstanding arrangements and the redesign of the tie in has caused delays.

Flood risk matters are being considered by the Environment Agency for approval, with a need to ensure there is no adverse impact on Barton Brook.

4. **Quarries liaison –** no report.

26/112 Councillors/Clerk's Reports

1. Cllr Naylor – advised a date was still to be arranged for a tour of Barton Marina to share development plans.
2. Cllr Naylor advised of an incident with a dog being attacked on the Dunstall Estate – CCTV coverage from the car park will be forwarded to the police.
3. Cllr Naylor gave his apologies for the November meeting – Cllr Lord to chair.
4. Cllr Sellers advised she had also been approached about stockpiling. ESBC handle crisis management and the Village Hall had already been used as a crisis centre. Vulnerable residents may be assisted by Barton Neighbourhood Volunteers.
5. Cllr Bedford asked for updates for the Chime – items to be included will be a plea for marshalls; HSC update; a thank you to the knitters for poppies; completion of the AGAR and details of the Brook Working Party;
Cllr Bedford noted that the pump into the first lake at Barton Marina was now in full flow.
She had circulated dates for a Christmas Night Out - 10 or 17 December plus ones and co-opted members, costs to be paid by attendees. Venue and date to be confirmed.

26/113 Dates for future meetings:

2026: 5 November, 3 December; 2027: 7 January, 4 February, 4 March, 1 April

Meeting closed at 20.07 thanks to all attendees.