



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

# **Barton-under-Needwood Parish Council Meeting – 02.02.2023**

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The Figures stated below incorporate the Policing Area known as "Needwood". This incorporates the villages of Barton-under-Needwood, Catholme, Rangemore, Tatenhill and Wychnor. All figures, unless stated otherwise, incorporate a twelve-month period which in this instance captures data from 28/01/2022 to 28/01/2023.

## **Crime**

### **Overall**

8% increase this year compared to last year – 206 incidents last year to 222 incidents this year, an increase of 16 crimes

### **Biggest Reductions – Top Three**

Business Robbery – 1 incident last year to 0 incidents this year

Personal Robbery – 2 incidents last year to 0 incidents this year

More Serious Violent Crime with Injury – 4 incidents last year to 1 incident this year

### **Biggest Increase**

There has been an increase of reports of Theft Of Motor Vehicle. This has risen from 4 incidents last year to 12 incidents this year

### **Pattern or Trend**

There have been a few incidents involving youths around Collinson Park however official reports of this are limited. Regular patrols are carried out along all roads and Hot Spot Locations. Targeted patrols are taking place in various location around Barton to counter specific but unrelated incidents. There is an upward trend of Theft Of Motor Vehicles in the local area.

## ASB

### Overall

Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour have remained equal over the year from 49 incidents last year to 49 incidents this year

The figures on this report have been pulled from NICHE under a new system. As such there are some data quality issues surrounding the usage of ASB occurrence types. The force is working hard to resolve this.

### HOT Spot Locations

The following areas are being patrolled as per our current patrol plan: Holland Park Sports Club, adjacent car parks and drive ways, the fishpond, Collinson Road Park, Oak Road Shops, short-cuts around Fallowfield Drive and the brook, Captains Lane, Mill Lane, and the general Barton area. The industrial estates and more rural access around the village are utilised to assist in patrolling more remote areas. Visible foot patrol in this area has increased since the introduction of the New Policing Model. The current focus for local officers is the increase in reports of drinking and littering at Collinson park.

## Community engagement

Contact details of the Ward Team are:-

- PCSO Tim Leathers – [timothy.leathers@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:timothy.leathers@staffordshire.police.uk)
- PC John MacDonald – [john.macdonald@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:john.macdonald@staffordshire.police.uk)
- Sgt Keith Jones – [keith.jones@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:keith.jones@staffordshire.police.uk)

### Smart Alert

Be SMART and Keep Updated – Get FREE, Localised Crime Alerts and Community Safety advice by utilising the Staffordshire Smart Alert App. This is available FREE and is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can also get Email alerts through the following website; [www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//](http://www.staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs//)

## Digital 101

Digital 101 means that Members of the public can now report non-emergency incidents or make general enquires to Staffordshire Police through the force's main Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Staffordshire Police is one of the first forces to facilitate crime reporting through social media and this development supports the force's ongoing work to develop new and more convenient ways for the public to make contact with the police, anywhere, any time. It's also the latest development in the force's transformational programme, following the launch of its new operating model last summer.

Staffordshire Police is committed to providing the best possible service to the communities it serves and to delivering a modern police service reflective of modern-day needs.

The service launched on 4th March 2019 and is available to the public 7am – midnight, seven days a week. Members of the public can contact the force through its Facebook Account using the message facility or Facebook Messenger, Twitter users can Direct Message us via the Staffordshire Police Twitter Account @StaffsPolice

# **NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR**

## **PARISH OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD**

### **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that a casual vacancy has arisen in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council.

Section 89(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires that the vacancy shall be filled by Election on Thursday 4 May 2023.

The Parish Council may co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

Dated 12 January 2022

Andy O'Brien  
Returning Officer  
ESBC  
PO BOX 8045  
Burton upon Trent  
DE14 9JG

**Barton under Needwood Parish Council - Receipts and Payments Monthly Summary**

2022-2023

Receipts	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total
Rents	725.00	75.00	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	837.50
Interest	0.41	0.51	0.63	0.57	1.95	2.63	3.40	9.66	22.32	111.43	0.00	0.00	153.51
ESBC	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76,000.00
LA Other	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,865.00
Burial Ground	1,065.00	450.00	955.90	2,455.00	1,100.00	255.00	705.00	2,110.00	2,550.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	12,745.90
Fishpond	966.93	225.00	180.00	625.00	319.00	162.46	117.00	117.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,712.39
VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,862.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,862.34
Car Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,367.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,367.88
BVH Sal, Tax & NIC	972.50	954.45	1,022.07	960.81	1,170.17	982.60	1,049.82	1,042.84	952.96	1,005.38	0.00	0.00	10,113.60
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants/donations	120.00	50.00	0.00	137.59	0.00	0.00	50.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,357.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>42,782.34</b>	<b>1,754.96</b>	<b>2,196.10</b>	<b>4,178.97</b>	<b>11,959.00</b>	<b>40,335.19</b>	<b>1,925.22</b>	<b>23,141.84</b>	<b>3,525.28</b>	<b>2,216.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>134,015.71</b>

Payments	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total	Budget	Budget Balance
Bank Charges	10.25	13.25	41.51	0.00	14.35	36.75	0.00	11.04	28.48	0.00	11.25	0.00	166.88		
Salaries	2,711.80	2,711.60	2,948.85	2,711.60	2,771.03	3,012.27	2,771.03	3,496.82	3,128.29	2,720.17	0.00	0.00	28,983.46		
HMRC	1,432.70	1,033.38	1,071.38	1,155.59	1,012.22	1,033.19	1,132.89	974.06	1,476.77	1,281.04	0.00	0.00	11,603.22		
Nest Pensions	203.07	326.72	0.00	163.36	163.36	163.36	163.36	163.36	422.15	194.04	0.00	0.00	1,962.78		
Admin	1,211.78	1,722.19	566.25	617.25	296.50	1,063.68	386.08	604.39	230.30	613.71	0.00	0.00	7,312.13		
Burial Ground	16.67	33.34	1,566.91	283.47	142.91	815.01	79.20	175.01	313.66	141.67	0.00	0.00	3,567.85	3,500.00	-67.85
Allotments	310.00	0.00	571.65	542.50	100.50	141.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,666.32	2,439.00	772.68
Fishpond	75.00	181.26	624.70	0.00	364.08	0.00	173.48	75.00	276.78	83.00	0.00	0.00	1,853.30	5,500.00	3,646.70
Donations	0.00	25.00	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	170.50	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	385.50		
P&OS	80.00	1,302.18	1,145.94	1,015.09	80.00	2,805.27	426.03	1,027.14	80.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	8,041.65	17,300.00	9,258.35
Capital Exp	0.00	237.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	237.50		
Maintenance	0.00	109.37	56.75	30.24	0.00	0.00	46.31	0.00	937.69	20.42	0.00	0.00	1,200.78		
Car Park	76.00	76.00	95.00	76.00	76.00	95.00	76.00	76.00	95.00	76.00	0.00	0.00	817.00		
Lengthsmen	190.00	190.00	237.50	190.00	190.00	237.50	190.00	190.00	337.50	190.00	0.00	0.00	2,142.50		
General payments	0.00	54.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.00	0.00	5.25	41.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	114.00		
Projects	0.00	137.59	620.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	757.59		
BVH Contra	1,031.12	1,036.45	999.07	985.36	1,003.36	1,052.91	1,120.13	1,108.28	1,030.09	1,060.02	0.00	0.00	10,426.79		
VEC	0.00	0.00	42.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.80	97.97	0.00	0.00	228.75	1,000.00	771.25
VAT	22.57	275.75	758.91	250.75	90.83	889.88	116.00	247.43	323.39	48.41	0.00	0.00	3,023.92		
<b>Total Spend</b>	<b>7,370.96</b>	<b>9,466.34</b>	<b>11,347.40</b>	<b>8,141.21</b>	<b>6,305.14</b>	<b>11,358.49</b>	<b>6,680.51</b>	<b>8,324.28</b>	<b>8,809.89</b>	<b>6,676.45</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>84,491.92</b>		

<b>Barton under Needwood Parish Council</b>			<b>Bank Reconciliation as per statements at:</b>		31-Jan-23
Lloyds Current A/C			£	2,000.00	
Lloyds Deposit (Instant Access) A/C			£	93,893.21	
National Savings			£	73,922.73	
Petty Cash			£	150.00	
<b>Total Bank Balances</b>					<b>£ 169,965.94</b>
<u>Add Credits not on Statement</u>					
				£0.00	<b>£ 169,965.94</b>
<u>Less unrepresented payments:-</u>					
		3433		30.00	
		3432		50.00	
				£80.00	<b>£ 169,885.94</b>
<b><u>Opening Balances :-</u></b>			<b><u>Bank Statements as at 31st March 2021</u></b>		
Lloyds Current A/C		£	2,001.00		
Lloyds Deposit A/C		£	43,546.83		
National Savings		£	73,853.99		
Petty Cash		£	150.00		
Parish Council -			<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 119,551.82</b>	
<i>Add Receipts to date</i>		£	134,015.71		
<i>Less Expenditure to date</i>		£	83,681.59		
Total Cash and Investments as at -				<b>£ 169,885.94</b>	
				<b>Difference</b>	-£ 0.00
RFO, S. Rumsby					

**Barton under Needwood Parish Council -  
Scheduled Payments presented to Full Council**

02/02/2023

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£ Value Gross</b>	<b>£ VAT</b>	<b>£ NET</b>
Salaries total		3,817.15		3,817.15 HR
Nest		194.04		194.04 HR
HMRC		1,106.17		1,106.17 HR
Mitmark	Collinson park CCTV	96.00	16.00	80.00 P&OS
Lloyds	Bank charges	11.25		11.25 Admin
BVH	Hall hire - Jan Feb Mar	510.00		510.00 Admin
Hulls Environmental	Pest Control	83.00		83.00 Fishpond
Country Services	Aspen oil	24.50	4.08	20.42 Maintenance
Cllr A Jones	Exp - storage boxes	37.97		37.97 VEC
British Red Cross	Memorial donation	20.00		20.00 Donations
UK Office Direct	Ink and paper	103.71	17.29	86.42 Admin
		<b>Total Net Payments</b>		<b>5,966.43</b>

Scheduled Payments

Authorised Chairman .....

**PLANNING** – All matters have been referred to the Planning Committee and their comments appear in italics below, the Committee meet fortnightly 5pm, in the Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall. Please contact the clerk for dates should you wish to attend any Planning Meetings

1. 01474 - 88 Station Road : Crown reduction by 1 - 1.5m or nearest growth point to one Swamp cypress tree (T1), crown reduction by 1.5m or the nearest suitable growth point to one Cherry tree (T2) – *no objections*
2. 01448 - Barn at Forest Thorn Farm : Prior Approval for the conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling  
*This is a proposal made under Class Q to convert a barn into a single three bed dwelling. The barn is the westernmost building within a complex of joined-up barns. The Supporting Statement says that it is fully enclosed on three sides and has open bays on the fourth. The external blockwork forming a base with corrugated sheet walls (the structural survey calls these hit and miss Yorkshire boarding), and steel framework are to be retained as is the roof. This proposal uses the existing site access onto Scotch Hills Lane.*  
*A very similar planning application (P/2022/01058) was refused in October 2022 on the grounds that the applicant had failed to demonstrate that the level of works required to create a dwelling fell within the scope of the reasonably necessary requirements of Class Q. In addition, a new access track across an existing field was regarded as outside of the curtilage.*

### **Parish Council Comments**

#### Class Q Criteria

*2.1 The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 Schedule 2, Part 3 Class Q allows for the change of use of an agricultural building into a dwelling. Class Q allows a change of use for any land within its curtilage from an agricultural building to a use as a dwelling and allows operations reasonably necessary to convert the building to a dwelling. There are a number of qualifying criteria preventing development, and these include such things as the building being in agricultural use prior to March 2013; whether or not there is an agricultural tenancy in place and; the cumulative floorspace should not exceed 450sqm.*

*2.2 Class Q does not allow building operations other than for the installation or replacement of windows, doors, roofs or exterior walls or the installation of services “reasonably necessary” to allow the building to operate as a dwelling. The point here is that the permitted development rights here apply to a building that with a reasonable amount of work can be readily converted.*

*2.3 According to the Supporting Statement, the criteria set out in para 2.1 above seem to have been met. The main issue of concern and the one which was the basis for refusal last time was the work required for conversion. The Applicant’s Statement this time is supported by a Structural Survey. The overall opinion is, “The property is considered to be a reasonable proposition for conversion”. The Survey lists the main repairs as the gutters and downpipes need replacing, the steel frame needs to be cleaned and treated for corrosion and the floor needs replacement.*

*2.4 The main issue then becomes what constitutes works that are reasonably necessary. The Supporting Statement refers to the Hibbert Case which was a test case in the High Court. Rushcliffe Borough Council refused a Prior Approval application to convert a barn into a residential dwelling. The barn was a modern steel framed structure and was open on three sides. In order to convert the barn, the existing steel frame and roof were to be retained. No demolition was proposed, and panels were proposed for the four external walls and a ceiling within the existing frame. An Appeal was dismissed with the Planning Inspector considering that the agricultural building would not be capable of functioning as a dwelling without substantial building works including the four exterior walls. At the High Court, the Inspector’s decision was upheld. The High Court felt that the critical factor was whether or not the works constituted conversion. The Court felt that it went well beyond a conversion and, except for the limited amount of the existing building, was tantamount to a new building.*

*2.5 The Local Planning Authority has to treat each case on its merits but, other than this building being open on just one side rather than the three in the Hibbert case, we cannot see that there is much difference. In this case if the block wall base and wall boardings are to be retained then the elevation drawings clearly show some form of facade cladding on all three sides and presumably a new wall with similar cladding being constructed on the open to the elements side. From a common-sense interpretation of what constitutes reasonable work, this would appear to be four new walls. The survey details that the floor is broken and will need replacing and depending on when the agricultural building was constructed this may involve bringing the foundations up to current Building Regulations standards for a residential use. The steel structure, according to the survey, needs to be treated for corrosion and the roof is to be retained but these two aspects are to be found in the Hibbert case.*



*2.6 There is no information in either the Supporting Statement or the Structural Survey about the level of services required to support the proposed change of use.*

*2.7 On the evidence of the Supporting Statement and the Structural Survey, we cannot see that the situation has changed from the previous application where ESBC felt that the work required for the change of use went beyond that required for conversion. Indeed, this decision appears to have been supported by the issues decided in the High Court case. Accordingly, we object to the proposal as being contrary to the criteria in Class Q.*

Prior Approval Criteria

*2.8 Subject to meeting the criteria in Class Q, an application for Prior Approval to the Local Planning Authority can be pursued. The issues to be assessed in such a Prior Approval application relate to transport and highway matters, noise impacts, contamination and flood risks, whether the location or siting makes it impractical or undesirable and the design and external appearance of the building.*

*2.9 The barn is located off Scotch Hills Lane, which is a fairly narrow and probably substandard rural lane without a footpath and any street lighting. Over the last few years, we have seen a number of planning permissions for residential use taking access off this lane. We assume that this has probably resulted in an increase in traffic flows and vehicle movements. Whilst this is probably still fairly minimal, we are concerned that the assumed net increase in traffic may result in greater conflict between vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and of course farm traffic. We feel that this is a cause for concern which requires further investigation.*

*2.10 We commented on the quality of design of the proposal in the previous application on the basis of Local Plan policies. We appreciate that reference to the Local Plan was not appropriate but that our comments on the quality of the design should still have been taken into account and not completely disregarded. Design and appearance of the proposal are relevant criteria for Prior Approval. Be that as it may, by virtue of this Prior Approval being for a change of use and consequently a conversion we assume that any external changes should be minimal, and any changes should reflect the rural character and its setting. The problem we have, however, is that it is a basic agricultural building open on one side with not a lot of character and, therefore, not a lot to retain other than presumably any proposal still needs to resemble a barn.*

*2.11 The proposed north-east elevation has three small square windows in the middle of that wall. The appearance is random, and we wonder whether they would work better as rooflights so that that wall is at least fully blank, so as to retain its barn appearance. The proposed south-west elevation contains the main front entrance with steps at one end and with patio doors at the other end, again with steps leading into the garden area. Due to the amount of fenestration, we cannot see that this elevation retains either the rural character or a barn like feel. Instead, the character comes across as a something akin to a mobile home, which we do not feel is appropriate in this rural landscape.*

*2.12 We object to the Prior Approval application on the basis of the design and appearance of the proposal not reflecting the rural character of the area. If, however, ESBC is minded to approve this proposal we would suggest that a brick skin (using matching materials) is applied to the walls so that at least it would be compatible with the barn on the road frontage.*

3. 01284 - 120 Efflinch Lane : Erection of a part two storey and single storey side extension
4. 00048 – 72 Efflinch Lane : Erection of a single storey rear extension and single storey front extension to the garage – *no objections*
5. 00051 - 10 Meadow Rise : Erection of a two storey side extension replacing existing garage, single storey rear/side in-fill extension, and replacement of flat roofed dormer with front gable, cladding to the front and side elevations of the remodelled dormer

## ESBC Decisions – Permissions Granted

6. 01218 - Green Bank, 111 Main Street : Remodelling of existing dwelling to include part single and two storey front, side and rear extensions, formation of a balcony, two Juliet balconies, raising of ridge height and alterations to vehicle access.  
(Amended Scheme)
7. 01123 - 87 Main Street : Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.  
Non pecuniary Interest declared by all members
8. 01374 - 19 Church Lane : Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation
9. 01293 – 2 Manor Court : Installation of replacement windows, including new openings to rear and side elevations with glazed sliding doors
10. 01318 - 8 Wales Lane : Erection of a two storey side and rear extension with juliette balcony and conversion of existing garage to form additional living accommodation
11. 01399 - 2 St James Court : Crown reduction by 5 metres and 2.5m from the sides to one Sycamore tree (TPO NO 218)
12. 01213 - 1 St James Court : Proposed conversion of existing garage, erection of a new front porch, rear canopy and bifold doors together with adaptations of existing fenestration and retention of detached store.

## BARTON PARISH COUNCIL - HR Committee

12 January 2023

A meeting was held on Thursday 12 January at 10.00am in the Village Hall.

Present: Lynn Bennett (chairman), Graham Hughes, Sue van Daesdonk, Alison Jones, Siobhan Rumsby (parish clerk)

The vacancy for village litter picker was discussed. Local volunteers are helping out keeping on top of the litter but it would likely increase with better weather. A decision was therefore made to advertise the vacancy – 5 hrs per week spread across the week, National Living Wage to be paid.

Gardening equipment was due for an annual service and Siobhan to book this in at Tutbury, Mike and Lynn to deliver the equipment for servicing.

Appraisals should be carried out before the year end.

Meeting finished at 10.20am

We ask that these minutes and recommendations be noted and approved by Council.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### GENERAL

1. Copy resident reports to police of litter and broken bottles by teen shelter found 15/1/23
2. Resident complaint re Flood signage left in Efflinch Lane – *Clerk responded and chased SCC Highways for removal*
3. Resident concerns re allotment holder cutting back trees on screening boundary with Hardy Close – *Clerk responded*
4. Resident report of hazardous road surface junction Ash Tree Road / Captains Lane – *lengthsman report*
5. Copy complaint to JTHS regarding overgrown hedge on Palmer Close pathway. *School confirmed Hedge to be cut back imminently*

### SCC/HIGHWAYS

6. Cllr Jessel: reports and communications;
7. Consultation on County division boundaries closing 20/3/23 - *circulated*
8. Update on gulley clearing Efflinch Lane – CCTV followed by digging out as necessary to commence 7/2/23
9. Needwood Divisional Forum Monday 13th February 2023, at 7pm via Zoom, notify attendees for link
10. Coronation details forwarded along with National Lottery Funding info. - *circulated*

### ESBC

11. Notice of Vacancy requiring Cllr position to be filled at Election 4/5/23
12. Query raised re precept request – *Clerk responded*
13. Coronation details forwarded along with funding sources info. – *circulated*
14. N Perry – details regarding tree consultant – *forwarded to Planning committee*

### POLICE

15. Report circulated.
16. New method of reporting crime via website chat - *circulated*

### SPCA/NALC/SLCC

17. SPCA – Newsletters, training circulars; Election resources