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7th July 2026 VILLAGE HALL, School Lane, Barton, CB23 7BD at 7.30 p.m.

Attendance: Councillor Pilgrim (BP) Chair, Martin (AM) Vice Chair, Thomas (JT) arrived 19.32, Wise (GW), Devappriya (DD), Archer-Boyd (AAB) and Cucchi (FC). District Councillor Redrup (LR), Clerk (KP) RFO (IM) and five members of the public.

Minutes

- 26-27/13 Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.
- 26-27/14 To receive and approve apologies for absence**
No apologies were received.
- 25-26/15 To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda**
No declarations were made.
- 26-27/16 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2026**
The Parish Council minutes from the Annual Meeting of Barton Parish Council were unanimously **approved**. Motion carried unanimously.
- 26-27/17 Co-option of Parish Councillor**
The applicant withdrew. Two vacant post still outstanding.
- 26-27/18 To receive County and District Councillor Reports**
A full report was received by District Councillor Redrup and is available on the Parish Council website. Local Plan documents published for consultation yesterday and are available on the District website.
Bus consultations flagged and appears on the Council's agenda for this evening.
Maintenance of paths raised by AOS had been confirmed as County owned and should be maintained, AOS to deal.
Net zero Grant may not be on the radar of other villages groups and DD asked to make village groups aware.
LR – left the meeting at 19.38
- 26-27/19 Public Forum**
There were no matters raised.

- a) **To consider and resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence – the Parish Council meets the eligibility requirements under section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils (General Power of Competence) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, and to resolve to adopt with effect from 1st June 2026)**

Members considered the eligibility criteria for the adoption of the General Power of Competence. It was confirmed that the Council met the required criteria, including that at least two-thirds of the members elected or co-opted to the Council had been elected and that the Clerk held the appropriate professional qualification.

RESOLVED: The Council unanimously adopts the General Power of Competence under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 with immediate effect. Motion carried.

Proposed AAB Seconded DD

- b) **To consider the installation of appropriate safety and warning signage at the Village Pond – ALL**

A discussion was held around a Risk Assessment being undertaken. Members did not believe signage could be sought until the Risk Assessment was conducted. It was **RESOLVED** to obtain quotations for a full Risk Assessment of the pond. **AOS Working Group to progress** and bring back to September's meeting.

Proposed BP Seconded DD

- c) **To consider commending the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and to review draft proposal and associated documentation – ALL**

A NHP Working Group had not come forward. Members are asked to review a working version draft which BP will circulate. It was **AGREED** that members would review the working draft and that the revised document would be brought back to the September meeting for further consideration.

Action all.

- d) **To discuss and receive update on the GCP A603 Development Phase two Greenways Project and to consider the Parish Council's position on the proposals. Members are asked to discuss how the Council may facilitate and represent the views of the village – ALL**

Members considered how the Council could best facilitate and represent the views of the village. It was noted that further questions have been submitted to the GCP but not taken forward.

AM updated the Council that Planning Permission is still outstanding and that updated Phase two Plans will not be presented until the outcome is known. The challenge for the Council is to ensure that everyone's view is heard and represented. The GCP stated that they will hold a public meeting once contractors are appointed. Date for this awaited and will be circulated. Members agreed that the Council's objective is to achieve the best possible outcome for the village as a whole.

- e) **Update on Barton Greenways: village phase snagging list; Phase two 2 status – TTT**

Numerous emails with a snagging list for Phase one remain unanswered and the lack of response has been elevated to GCP Director Peter Blake. A further meeting of the GCP is scheduled for this week with our County Councillor (Chris Morris) and District Councillor (Lisa Redrup). We await the outcome of this meeting.

Phase two update: GCP promise a public meeting when a contractor has been appointed to reveal detailed plans for phase two (main elements are M11 bridge upgrade, slip road traffic lights, New Road/A603 traffic lights, upgrade of bridlepath to Grantchester and upgrade of baulk path around Grantchester. Baulk path approval is an item agenda on GCP Executive Board meeting 9th July 2026. GCP still waiting for planning approval for bridlepath to Grantchester. The Council expect a public meeting to be held in Barton late summer.

f) To receive update, and formally approve Parish Council budget expenditure for the privately funded Highways Initiative (PFHI) – TTT

Formal plan received for Haslingfield Road traffic calming (June 2026) and these plans have been shown to all residents on Haslingfield Road. Discussions held in person or by email with several Haslingfield Road residents. All agree to the plan in principle with requests for minor tweaks such as position of one set of speed cushions. (Awaiting response from CCC Highways.) Estimate of £27,114 was received and presented at the May 2026 meeting. CCC Highways have asked contractors to confirm costs, which they say will take 5 weeks to obtain. Therefore, the scheme and the any amendments to it, requested by AM will be placed on hold for contractors pricing. Core cost and additional cost must be included and presented to Council in the September.

Action AM/GW

g) To discuss and agree Bus Route Consultation response. To delegate responsibility to TTT Working Group to respond with the Parish Councils agreed comments on the consultation.

Members were made aware of the Consultation with links posted on our website. Efforts have also been made to let residents along the A603 know about the consultation, especially those that live at the hamlet on Wimpole Road near Lordsbridge. It was agreed that it is important to support the new "D" bus service which is proposed to replace the 75 bus with an hourly service. It was also agreed that there is a need to ask for a bus stop at the hamlet of houses. Residents have been asking for to reinstate the bus stop there for several years, and we have had no action from CPCA when we put in a request. The new "D" service will be welcome and a great improvement on the 75 bus service. Council **RESOLVED to delegate TTT Working Group** to respond detailing these comments. Motion carried.

Proposed FC Seconded DD

h) Update on Asset of Community Value Application – A&OS

AOS WG confirmed the need to discuss with the landlord his interest in applying for an ACV designation. Matter to be brought back to Septembers meeting.

Action - AOS

i) Grass Verge and hedgerow responsibilities – A&OS/ IM/KP

The Clerk reported that, with the assistance of the District Councillor, arrangements are being made for a meeting with County Council Officers,

the Parish Councils contractor and Members. The purpose of the meeting is to establish ownership and maintenance responsibilities and to promote a collaborative approach to ensure that all public footpaths with Barton are maintained to a safe standard.

Action – KP/IM and AOS

26-27/21

Reports

a) To receive report from Finance and Governance

- Budget and reserves reviewed.
- County Responsibilities -as noted in 26-27/20(i)
- LHI (Local Highways Improvement) Internal review of current LHI scheme completed around August; ratified in October.
- PFHI – as detailed and noted in 26-27/20 (f)
- Greenways – as detailed in 26-27/20 (d)
- S106 - Noted that funds cannot be reallocated.
- NHP – as detailed in 26-27/20 (c)
- People / Council Engagement - Responsibility list to be circulated

b) To receive report from Amenities and Open Spaces

Key Updates

- Play logs near the village pond: Complaints regarding bird fouling and sap were reviewed. The Council noted that the logs were placed at this location by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. As this is a GCP matter, it is not within the Council's remit and no further action will be taken.
- Village Pond: Vegetation management and liability were discussed. A more detailed risk assessment is proposed.
- Dog Poo Bag Provision: Installation of dispensers remains outstanding due to issues with rotten wood at the proposed locations.
- Tree Planting (Cambridge Road): Concerns remain regarding tree failures and whether adequate watering is taking place – the group are in touch with South Cambs District Council Communities' team.
- Greenways Planting and Village Greenery: Work is underway to clarify maintenance responsibilities and address overgrown hedges and planting areas.
- Recreation Ground Car Park: continued concerned about the condition of the resurfaced car park and the failure of the plastic grid system. (Part of GCP Barton Greenways snagging list. See 26-27/20 (e) above.)
- Playground Inspection: Thank you to Karen for organising the inspection after the recent damage. The Working Group reviewed the inspection report and agreed to do a walk around the playground. We will also look to obtain a report from the other company the PC has used in the past so we can compare recommendations and quotes.
- White Horse Inn ACV: The Asset of Community Value designation expired in May 2026 and would require a fresh application.

- Oak tree at Roman Hill: a resident has flagged concerns relating to their property, so the Working Group are going to meet with them and assess.

Proposed Actions

- Village Pond: Seek quotations for a more detailed risk assessment – in progress.
- Dog Poo Bags: Follow up regarding installation – in progress
- Tree Planting: Pursue discussions with SCDC regarding replacements and watering – in progress
- Greenways Maintenance: Continue clarification of responsibilities and undertake a village walkabout – date arranged in August.
- Playground: Seek comparative costs and potentially a second quote before major expenditure.
- White Horse Inn: Discussion needed with the landlord on his interest in applying for an ACV designation.

Matters Requiring Further Council Consideration

- Village Pond: Approval may be required for expenditure on a professional risk assessment.
- Recreation Ground Car Park: Determine whether to pursue further remedial works or negotiations – discussion in progress with GCP.
- Playground Repairs: Decision required on funding repair work, subject to further quotations.
- Play log Area: Decision required on potential relocation and future maintenance arrangements.

c) To receive report from Traffic and Transport

TTT WG responded to EWR consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. We will also respond to the consultation for the revised D bus route that will replace the 75-bus service. Councillor Martin attended the meeting with the Rail minister that was organised by our local MP on behalf of several neighbouring Parish Councils. The working group continues to engage with CCC Highways on traffic calming and speeding issues within the parish particularly on Haslingfield Road and Wimpole Road. We continue to engage with the GCP on Barton Greenway plans and provide support to Comberton Parish Council on their endeavours to have a safe active travel route between the two villages.

Full report available - <https://bartonvillage.org/your-council/working-groups/traffic-transport-travel-working-group/>

d) To receive report from Communications

Newsletter under review and feedback taken onboard. Council wish to improve communication and a working catalogue to be created. A search function may improve capability.

Action AAB/BP

23-27/22

Planning

Applications received, in hand or determined.

26/02383/HFUL 7 Kings Grove, Barton

Erection of detached shed to side of dwelling and replacement of existing hedge with 2m high fence.

The Council has no comment.

26/02151/FUL 3 Comberton Road, Barton

Installation of a Solar PV system to the roof of the detached garage outbuilding

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

26/02152/LBC 3 Comberton Road, Barton

Installation of a Solar PV system to the roof of the detached garage outbuilding

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

26/0575/TTPO 1 School Lane, Barton

T1 – Yew Tree – Reduce as per planning application – **INFO ONLY**

26/01575/CL2PD 17-19 High Street Barton

Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the conversion of the two existing semi-detached dwellinghouses into a single dwellinghouse – **INFO ONLY**

26/0424/TTCA 40 Wimpole Road Barton

G1 - Conifer trees - Remove - Reason - Remove to open the house up to more light and we feel the trees have outgrown themselves - **APPROVED**

The Parish Council were invited to view a carriage but declined due to no application had been submitted.

26-27/23

Finance

a) To receive Finance Report from RFO

IM outlined the current bank account situation. He asked for questions relating to the May and June receipts and payments and answered each. After discussion, Council **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the receipts and payments for many and June 2026. Motion carried

b) To receive and approve bank reconciliation up until 30.6.2026

Unity Current £23074.56

Unity Flex Saver £67841.08

All bank reconciliations were unanimously approved.

Proposed BP Seconded DD

c) To approve/ratify all payments, income and Direct Debits as detailed below:

May Payments

£314.64	BWP Creative Website hosting annual fee
£75.79	CLlr Arora regarding pooh bag dispensers
£3.00	Lloyds credit card monthly fee
£9.82	H3G Clerk phone
£155.88	Ian Minto reimburse Zoom annual fee
£1182.48	Salaries
£40.60	SSE Energy Street lighting
£966.92	Clear Insurance Annual policy fee
£7.00	Unity Bank monthly fee

May Receipts

£144.45	Comberton Crusaders FC Pitch hire
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June Payments

£3.00	Lloyds Band Credit card fee
£230.99	CAPALC Internal audit fee
£98.11	CLlr Martin re-imburse re rec repair materials
£1161.81	HMRC PAYE and Salaries

£96.00	Parish Online annual fee
£215.16	Nurture Rec grass cutting
£370.80	Nurture Verges etc Grass cutting
£121.78	Nurture Grass cutting
£63.49	Rymans Printer cartridges
£9.82	3G Clerk Phone
£406.91	Nurture Grass Cutting
£120.00	Safe Play Playground Inspection
£36.42	SSE Energy Systems Street Lighting
£215.60	Nurture Landscapes Grass Cutting
All payments and receipts were APPROVED unanimously. Motion carried.	
Proposed BP Seconded AAB	

26-27/24

Date of next meeting

To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30 p.m. Barton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 20.25

Date Signed:1st September 2026

To be in draft format until the next official meeting of the Parish Council in September 2026