Barnton Parish Council

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Minutes

Full Council Meeting MONDAY 8th September 2025
Time;- 7.00pm
Venue; Clerks Office, Barnton Cemetery, Hayes Drive, CW8 4JX

Cllr Hooper (Chair)
Cllr Carter
Cllr Burgess
Cllr James Devine
Cllr Ayhok
Cllr Chambers

12 members of the public were in attendance

Agenda Item

1 Apologies

1.1/09/25

NOTED; Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Phoenix & Cllr D. Devine.

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1/09/25

NOTED; Declarations of interests were received in relation to RBL from Cllr J Devine & Cllr Hooper

3. Resignation

3.1/09/25

NOTED; The resignations of Caroline Twiggs and Steve Coombes was noted along with CW&C publication of the notice of casual vacancies

4 Public Forum

4.1/09/25

NOTED; *As per Barnton Parish Council Standing Orders, Members of the public are invited to address Barnton Parish Council for a maximum of 5 minutes, after which they may take no further active part in the meeting*

A spokesperson for Anderton residents brought the matter of house building proposals in Anderton to the attention of the parish council. Cllr Gibbon explained that this was only in the consultation stage and nothing had yet been approved. Both Barnton Parish Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council had submitted comments in the consultation which were aligned with the residents comments. Also discussed was poor communication and engagement with older residents who were not IT literate. It was suggested that leaflet drops were a guaranteed method to inform residents of future consultations. Cllr Gibbon suggested a whatsapp group may also be useful. Residents were asked to contact the Clerk to assist with better communication around the village.

5 Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Report

5.1/09/25

NOTED; A report from CW&C Ward Cllr Lynn Gibbon was received and noted

6 PCSO Report

6.1/09/25

NOTED; A report from PCSO Wiggins was received and noted. Electric scooters and bikes are currently problematic in the village.

7 APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES

7.1/09/25

RESOLVED; Cllr Ayhok proposed BPC approve the minutes of the last meeting on 11th August 2025 as a true record, seconded, all agreed.

8 Reports and Events

8.1/09/25

NOTED; A report was received and noted from the Clerk.

8.2/09/25

NOTED; An events group update was received and noted from Cllr Devine

8.3/09/25

NOTED; The final event plan for the 12th October 2025 re; The Opening of Jubilee Corner and Dedication of the new cenotaph was received and noted.

9 Correspondence Consultations Planning

9.1/09/25

NOTED; It was noted that Barnton Parish Council submitted comments re; CW&C Local Plan on 27th August 2025

10 Finance/Policy

10.1/09/25

RESOLVED; Cllr Ayhok proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the payment schedule for September 2025, seconded, all agreed.

10.2/09/25

RESOLVED; Cllr Burgess proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the bank reconciliations at 30.08.25, seconded, all agreed.

10.3/09/25
NOTED; The clerks report and ChALC advice re; the establishment of the events group as a committee with delegated authority and a defined remit was received and noted.

10.4/09/25
RESOLVED; Cllr Carter proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the clerks revised flexible working application dated 04/08/25 under section 80F of the Employment rights act 1996 as agreed in principle 11.08.25, seconded, all agreed

10.5/09/25
RESOLVED; Cllr Ayhok proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the renewal cost of £2677.37 for Zurich insurance 1st October 2025 - 31st September 2026, seconded, all agreed.

10.6/09/25
DEFERRED; Establishment of a working group to formulate a 5 years strategic plan for recommendation to Barnton Parish Council was deferred to the next meeting.

10.7/09/25
NOTED; It was noted that the Finance Committee falls below the minimum membership (5)

10.8/09/25
NOTED; Cllr Phoenix was elected to the Finance Committee

10.9/09/25
NOTED; It was noted that the Staffing Committee falls below the minimum membership (5)

10.10/09/25
NOTED; Cllr Carter, Burgess, Ayhok and Devine were elected to the Staffing Committee

10.11/09/25
NOTED; It was noted that BPC Grants Scheme re-opens on 1st October 2025

11 Date of next meeting
11.1/09/25
NOTED; The next meeting on Monday 20th October 2025 7.00pm was noted

12 Close of Meeting
12.1/09/25
NOTED; Cllr Hooper closed the meeting at 20.00

Signed; **Date;**