



Barnton Parish Council

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Minutes

Full Council Meeting MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2026

Time;- 7.00pm

Venue; Clerks Office, Barnton Cemetery, Hayes Drive, CW8 4JX

Attendees;

Cllr Hooper (Chair)
Cllr J Devine (Vice Chair)
Cllr Phoenix
Cllr Carter
Cllr Burgess
Cllr Chambers
Cllr Gray
Cllr Overy

Agenda Item

1 Apologies

1.1/03/2026

NOTED; Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ayhok due to annual leave, Cllr D Devine due to ill health, Ward Cllr Wright due to ill health.

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1/03/26

NOTED; Declarations of interests were received and noted from Cllrs J. Devine, J. Gray, J. Burgess, J. Phoenix and D. Overy (as members of BCEG) in relation to item 8.10 on the agenda

3. Public Forum

3.1/03/26

NOTED; Tom Holland from Restore Habitat UK was present and presented the groups' revised proposals for use of land at Runcorn Road Recreation Ground as a community landscape.

3.2/03/26

NOTED; Revised proposals from Restore Habitat UK re; use of land for community purposes at Runcorn Road Recreation Ground were agreed in principle.

ACTION; Clerk to investigate licencing etc..

4 Cheshire West and Chester Ward Councillor Report

4.1/03/26

NOTED; A report from CW&C Ward Cllrs was received and noted.

5 APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES

5.1/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the 16th February 2026 as a true record.

6 Reports

6.1/03/26

NOTED; A report from the Clerk was received and noted

7 Correspondence Consultations Planning

7.1/03/26

NOTED; Purchase of additional defibrillators in the village as requested by a resident was considered.

ACTION; Clerk to investigate locations of current equipment and obtain quotes and funding for new equipment

7.2/03/26

NOTED; Communication received from ChALC regarding benefits of membership was noted

7.3/03/26

NOTED; Planning application no. 26/00497/FUL; 66 Elmwood Road Barnton. Proposed single storey rear extension and conversion of the existing dining room back to the original integral garage was noted with no objections arising. Closing date for comments 25th March 2026 was noted.

8. Finance/Policy

8.1/03/26

NOTED;- A working group to work with TFT/Winnington Solar Farm was established. Members;- Cllrs J. Devine, Gray, Burgess, Overy & Phoenix. Working group guidance was noted.

8.2/03/26

NOTED; A report from Cllr J Devine re; Toxic Free Tomorrow (TFT) update was received and noted.

ACTION; Cllr Devine to email copies of reports to all members of the working group.

8.3/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the payment schedule for February 2026

8.4/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the payments for March 2026

8.5/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the latest bank reconciliations at 28th February 2026

8.6/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve an increase of £100.00 for the purchase of Granite Vaults in Barnton Cemetery due to increase of supplier costs

8.7/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the introduction of a charge of £40.00 for burial register searches in the case of non-production of grave deed/proof of ownership due to the time required.

ACTION; Clerk to amend price list and notify funeral services etc.. accordingly

8.8/03/26

NOTED; Consideration of proposed printing charges for other groups/businesses in the community was deferred.

8.9/03/26

NOTED; Barnton Methodist Church use of the Councils Chambers as a community meeting place on Saturday 14th March 2026 to offer Mothering Sunday support to cemetery visitors was noted. The Church would also like to attend BPC Remembrance event.

ACTION; Clerk to invite the Church to remembrance & provide order of service etc..

8.10/03/26

NOTED; It was noted that Barnton Community Events Group (BCEG) did not wish to use the Chambers as a community meeting place on 4th April 2026

8.11/03/26

NOTED; BPC Meeting Participation Guidance was noted.

To safeguard the health and wellbeing of councillors and their families, staff, and members of the public, anyone who is unwell is asked not to attend parish council meetings in person

8.12/03/26

NOTED; Members were asked to consider nominations for 2026 Community Awards ahead of the next meeting in April

ACTION; Members to contact the clerk with nominations. Clerk to investigate litter pickers.

8.13/03/26

NOTED; Members were asked to consider content for BPC Newsletter 2026

ACTION; Clerk to re-contact all local groups and businesses for content.

8.14/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve BPC assets register for 2025/2026

8.15/03/26

NOTED; The letter of engagement of auditor for the financial year 2025/2026 was noted.

8.16/03/26

APPROVED; It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the cost of £400.00 for 2025/2026 internal audit.

9 Date of next meetings

9.1/03/26

NOTED; It was noted that a Staffing Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 20th April 2026 at 6.00pm

9.2/03/26

NOTED; It was noted that a Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 20th April 2026 at 6.30pm

9.3/03/26

NOTED; It was noted that the next Full Council meeting of Barnton Parish Council will be held on 20th April 2026 at 7.00pm and will include a presentation from Phil Davies, General Council and Compliance Director, TaTa Europe and Simon Towers, Co-Chairman, Green Earth Developments re; Winnington Solar Farm

10 Close of Meeting

10.1/03/26

NOTED; Cllr Hooper closed the meeting at 20.25