



Barnton Parish Council

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Minutes

Full Council Meeting MONDAY 15th June 2026

Time; 7.00pm

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

Attendance;

1. Cllr Hooper,
2. Cllr J Devine,
3. Cllr Phoenix (Vice Chair)
4. Cllr Carter,
5. Cllr Diane Devine (Chair)
6. Cllr Burgess,
7. Cllr Gray

12 Members of the public

1 Apologies

1.1/06/2026

NOTED;

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Chambers, Cllr Overy, Cllr Wright

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1/06/26

NOTED;

Declarations of interests were received from Cllr hooper, Cllr D Devine, Cllr J Phoenix, Cllr J Burgess, Cllr J Gray

3. Public Forum

3.1/06/26

NOTED;

The protocol for public participation was noted

3.2/06/26

RESOLVED;

Barnton Parish Council Standing Orders were suspended to allow Members of the public to address Barnton Parish Council

3.3/06/26

NOTED;

- Tom Holland (Restore Habitat UK) delivered a presentation on revised proposals to create a community orchard at Runcorn Road Recreation Ground.
- Several of the residents from neighbouring properties voiced their objections to the proposals.

3.4/06/26

NOTED;

A report from Cheshire West and Chester was not received.

3.5/06/26

NOTED;

PCSO Simon Donnelly and Constable Dan Vinton (Beat Manager for Marbury) provided a verbal report and offered advice.

3.6/06/26

NOTED;

BPC standing orders were reinstated

4 APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES

4.1/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the 20th April 2026.

5. Village Newsletter

5.1/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the 2026 draft newsletter due for distribution in July 2026 subject to agreed edits.

ACTION; CLERK

5.2/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the cost of £1012.50 for printing of the village newsletter

ACTION; CLERK

6 Reports

6.1/06/26

NOTED;

The Clerks report was received and noted

7 Barnton Football Club

7.1/06/26

NOTED;

Revision of item 8.3* of the extension to the licence to allow Barnton Football Club/1874 Northwich FC ground share for a period of 15 years was noted and agreed for ratification at the next meeting

ACTION; CLERK

8. Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2025/26

8.1/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the 2025/2026 Annual Governance Statement (Section 1).

8.2/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the 2025/2026 Accounting Statements (Section 2).

8.3 /06/26

NOTED;

The Internal Audit Report and actions required were noted

8.4/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the 2025/26 Bank Reconciliations

8.5/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the 2025/26 Explanation of Variances.

8.6/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the 2025/26 Notice of Public Rights and Publication of the Unaudited AGAR. **ACTION; CLERK**

9. Winnington Solar Farm/Contamination Remediation Strategy

9.1/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve Barnton Parish Council formal objections to the current Contamination Remediation Strategy submitted for the Winnington solar scheme development **ACTION; CLERK**

9.2/06/26

NOTED;

It was noted that the Winnington Swing Bridge Report dated 22nd August 2023 is the most recent version and Winnington Swing Bridge (CRT) Principal Inspections for Public Road bridge stock is 10 years. Therefore, the 2023 report is the current Principal Inspection and next one is not due until 2033.

10. Recruitment

10.1/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to approve the recruitment of a part time (8 hours) cemetery clerk as recommended by the Staffing Committee, minute ref; Staffing 5.1/04/26 (20th April 2026) **ACTION; CLERK**

11 Date of next meeting

11.1/06/26

NOTED; The next FCM will take place on 20th July 2026 at 7.00pm

12 Part B/Closed Session

12.1/06/26

RESOLVED;

It was proposed, seconded and all agreed to exclude the public from part B of the meeting

12.2/06/26

NOTED;

Revised proposals re; RRRG from Restore Habitat UK were considered and rejected.

12.3/06/26

NOTED;

Correspondence relating to a burial dispute, Barnton Cemetery was noted.

12.4/06/26

NOTED;

It was agreed that the application for interment will proceed in accordance with statutory responsibilities after 22nd June 2026.

ACTION; CLERK

13 Close of Meeting

13.1/06/26

NOTED;

Cllr D Devine closed the meeting at 20.54