



Barnton Parish Council

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You are summonsed to attend a Meeting of Barnton Parish Council

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 (Local government Act 1972 Schedule 12, 4(1A), 4A(1))

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Agenda

Full Council Meeting

MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2026

Time; 7.00pm

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

Agenda Item

1 Apologies

1.1 To receive and accept apologies for absence

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 To receive any declarations of interests from members **in relation to items on this agenda**

3. Public Forum

3.1 Barnton Parish Council Standing Orders are suspended to allow Members of the public to address Barnton Parish Council for a maximum of 5 minutes, after which they may take no further active part in the meeting. **Public Participation protocol refers**

3.2 To receive a monthly report from PCSO Simon Donnelly

3.3 To receive a bi-monthly report from CW&C Ward Councillors

3.3 Barnton Parish Council Standing Orders are reinstated.

4 Approve & sign minutes

4.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the 21st September 2026 as a true record

5. External Audit

5.1 To note that the 2025/26 External Audit has been completed by PKF Littlejohn LLP, with the following matters arising and subsequently addressed:

- I. The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review
- II. The smaller authority has confirmed that it is not a sole managing trustee and therefore the response to Section 2, Box 11 is incorrect and should be 'yes'.
- III. Transfers between bank accounts should have been excluded from receipts and payments in the prior year figures in Section 2. Section 2, Boxes 3 and 6 for the prior year should read £35,501 and £58,307 respectively. This has been amended accordingly.

5.2 To note that the statutory Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been published on the Council's website.

6. Finance

6.1 To approve the payment schedule for September 2026

6.2 To approve the bank reconciliations at 30/09/26

6.3 To approve Barnton Parish Council Financial Regulations 2026/27 (distributed for scrutiny 27/09)

6.4 To consider additional items and member requests for inclusion in the 2027/2028 budget in order to prepare the draft budget

6.5 To approve the cost of £1200.00 (additional work/grounds maintenance contractor) for the following tree works on the dog walk, NRRG;

- Raising of the tree canopy
- Reduction/removal of overhanging leylandii
- Reduction of all side shrubs along the length of the dog walk

6.6 To approve an extension to the current grounds maintenance contract for an additional two years at a cost of £15,720.00 per annum (as per the existing contract). Continuation at the current rate secures predictable pricing and maintains service continuity.

6.7 To note that the current contractor's pricing has historically been the most cost-effective option for the council.

7. Community Engagement

7.1 To approve the closure of the Council's Facebook page due to hostile and inflammatory online behaviour, and to reaffirm that all Council communication and public engagement must take place through official, accountable channels (email, website, written correspondence, and public participation at meetings).

7.2 To note that Barnton Parish Council Remembrance Service will be held at Barnton War Memorial, Townfield Lane, Barnton on Sunday 8th November 2026

7.3 To note the associated programme for the Remembrance Service 2026

8. Local Plan Consultation (CW&C Local Plan Review 2026–27)

8.1 To note that Cheshire West & Chester Council's consultation on the proposed Local Plan will take place from 23 November 2026 to 8 January 2027. [New Local Plan | Cheshire West Planning Policy](#) [Local Plan timetable | Cheshire West Planning Policy](#)

8.2 To consider whether the Parish Council wishes to establish a working group to identify and agree key local priorities in advance of the consultation & prepare supporting evidence [Creating a clear, rules-based planning system - GOV.UK](#)

9. Barnton Football Club

9.1 To receive a report from the Clerk

10 Clerks Report

10.1 To note the report received from the Clerk

11. Part B - Confidential Matters

11.1 To approve that, *In accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations and Paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items;-*

11.2 Members are asked to note the clerks confidential cemetery report and consider the recommendations therein.

12 Date of next meeting

12.1 To note the date of the next **Staffing Committee Meeting** is **Monday 16th November 2026 6.00pm**

12.2 To note the date of the next **FCM** is **Monday 16th November 2026 at 7.00pm**

13 Close of Meeting

13.1 To Note close of meeting

Signed; T. Critchlow, Parish Clerk

Date; 11.10.26