

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

TO BE HELD ON: 21st October 2025 AT: 6.30PM IN: THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Council:

Chairman : Mr. James Coker Mrs. Juley Piney Brigadier Johnny Ricketts
Mr. Alistair Aitken

The Clerk to The Parish Council : Mrs. Julia Hicks

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. Mandy McPherson

General Public:

Mrs. Kay Sonneborn Mrs. Penny Mead Mr. Simon Lofthouse Councilor Jo. Barker
Councilor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins Mr. Richard Ward Mrs. Suzanne Coker
Mrs. Cathryn Aitken Mrs. Heather Rutherford Mr. Marc Pennick

1. Apologies:

None

2. Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

None

3. Public Forum

James Coker approached Cllr. Jo Barker regarding the village signage, after several collisions into the side of Henmarsh House; Cllr. Barker suggested that this should be raised with Highways and that a survey would need to take place before a 20mph speed restriction through the village could be authorized. Cllr. To liaise with Michael Rogers: Head of Highways.

4. Minutes of the OGM of 12th May 2025

Were agreed and seconded by Mrs. Juley Piney; signed and approved by Mr. James Coker.

5. Mrs McPherson presented the Interim Financial Statement (attached). It was noted that expenditure had increased compared to previous years, primarily due to new financial commitments including grass cutting, verge maintenance, banking fees, and an annual defibrillator maintenance contract. It was acknowledged that an increase in the 2026/27 Precept would need to be considered. Despite this, the village continues to have the lowest Precept in Warwickshire. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Precept should be increased to £2,000 for the 2026/27 submission.

6. Updates from OGM of 12th May 2025

- Thanks to Adam Jones for his time spent in training for the use of the newly installed Bleed Kit and refresher of the Defibulator.
- Mr. Alistair Aitken advised that, as yet there had been no response from the Highways Department regarding the allocated areas marked for maintenance of verges.
- Mr. James Coker confirmed that the village green tree had been successfully `pruned`

7. Planning Applications:

Mr. James Coker confirmed all Planning Applications and Notifications status:

- 25/01395/FUL - re-submission of application 25/00546/FUL)– Berkley House – Single storey and side extension – Permission granted with conditions
- 25/00585/FUL – Dover House – Refurbishment and restoration work – Permission with conditions
- 25/00586/LBC – Listed Building Consent Approved
- 25/01735/FUL - Old Rectory - Remedial structural works including crack repairs, new roof, roof covering and dormer, and new first floor – Pending consideration
- 25/01816/FUL – Home Farm Cottage – Change of use of annexe from ancillary accommodation to holiday let. Addition of a flue, rooflight and air source heat pump– Pending consideration

Mr. James Coker, in James Hayman-Joyce absence delivered the Village Hall accounts up to date:

Village Hall accounts

Current account £890.51 This includes the annual £150 hire charge received from the Parish Council last week

Deposit account £12,660.74

AOB:

- Cllr. Jo Barker informed the meeting that she was the only Conservative Councillor in Stratford District Council and that she was particularly interested in the National Grid and pending roadworks in the area, confirming that The National Grid are responsible for the repair of any damaged roads due to these roadworks.
- Cllr. Sarah Whalley-Hoggins addressed the meeting, advising on a pending Planning meeting to be held regarding the 1500 extra new homes allocated to Shipston on Stour.
- Cathryn Aitken had scanned and posted off excess books from the Fete bookstall, raising a further £250, many thanks for all the time spent processing the books. The Fete donations have been distributed to: Campden Home Nursing, with a large sum going to St. Lawrence Church.
- Mrs Kay Sonneborn advised that the church electrics had been inspected with no bare wires or faults reported.

Next Meeting TBC

Meeting ended: 19:12