

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2025 at The Village Hall Barnwell at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors T Herring (Chair), C Soans (Vice Chair), D Brown, J de Bock, L Mailey, J Forrest, R Dunn

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk), Isaac (on behalf of L Barron MP)

25/09/205	To receive and approve apologies for absence.																																				
	None																																				
25/09/206	Public participation session																																				
	Isaac updated the meeting on aims to improve mobile signal cover for Barnwell and how BWPC could help with support for petition, and local knowledge.																																				
	Isaac left the meeting at 7. 20pm																																				
25/09/207	To receive a report from North Northamptonshire Unitary Ward Councillors																																				
	None																																				
25/09/208	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.																																				
	None																																				
25/09/209	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2025																																				
	Resolved: Signed by the Chair as a correct record.																																				
25/09/210	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only																																				
	Most items included on Agenda. Final decision on whether work party scheduled for September 21 st can go ahead to be made on the day depending on weather.																																				
25/09/211	To receive and approve the Balance of Account/Bank Reconciliation																																				
	Resolved: Balance of accounts and the bank reconciliation approved																																				
25/09/212	To examine and approve the bank statements																																				
	Bank balance of £39272.99 at August 29 th 2025																																				
	Resolved: Bank statements approved.																																				
25/09/213	To resolve under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. To incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure: 1 x poppy wreath at a cost TBC																																				
	Resolved: To spend £30.00																																				
25/09/214	To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices plus any others arising between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting (items marked * paid prior to meeting).																																				
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	Resolved: All payments approved. Cheques signed by Cllrs Herring and Brown, bank transfers authorised by Cllr Brown																																										
25/09/215	To note the Clerk's cost of living salary increase Resolved: Noted																																										
25/09/216	To note the result of the bi-monthly budget review and apply virements as necessary Resolved: No action																																										
25/09/217	To note the results of the twice yearly internal finance control checks carried out by Cllr de Bock Resolved: Noted – no issues																																										
25/09/218	To note the current situation with Npower invoicing Resolved: Invoicing resumed																																										
25/09/219	To resolve to pay the village clock annual servicing costs directly to the contractor on receipt of invoice Resolved: Resolved to pay on receipt of invoice but to stress that BWPC will only pay for the servicing costs and not for any additional works.																																										
25/09/220	To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains. None																																										
25/09/221	To note BWPC's response to planning applications received between meetings NE/24/00850/FUL – invitation to speak at hearing – no action taken																																										
25/09/222	To note action taken by BWPC in relationship with planning application NE/22/00698/OUT Resolved: Cllr Brown attended hearing and spoke on behalf of BWPC																																										
25/09/223	To note planning decisions made by NNC. None received																																										
25/09/224	To receive an update on the request for a Conservation Area appraisal. Despite several emails to NNC planning department and the Conservation Officer, there has been no response. Cllr Herring to send to the Clerk the exact wording of what is being requested as the Clerk may have been using the wrong terminology.																																										
25/09/225	To approve documents produced by Cllr Herring re council priorities and status of projects, responsibilities, and information for publication. Resolved: Approved with a copy to go on the noticeboard and the website. Cllr Herring to send the final version to the Clerk.																																										
25/09/226	To note any issues concerning highways and to resolve what action to be taken Resolved: No news on bridge repairs – Clerk to contact Kier to request that consideration is given to covering the damaged wall with a tarpaulin to protect it from																																										

	the worst of the winters weather. Also to ask them to move the signage as it is causing visibility issues for motorists. Cllr Mailey to send photos and description of problems with loose kerb stones near the Manor entrance to the Clerk for forwarding to Kier along with some thoughts on a possible solution to this reoccurring issue – Clerk to check dates of local Kier Highway drop-in sessions to attend and talk in person about these matters.
25/09/227	To note any Police Liaison representative & Neighbourhood Watch issues Resolved: Nothing to report
25/09/228	To note any issues concerning public rights of way Resolved: Nene Valley sign down – will be re-erected by volunteer work party.
25/09/229	To note the results of the weekly safety checks at the children's playground, and Recreation Field and to resolve what action to be taken Resolved: Cllr Forrest to carry out inspection until the November meeting. On-line recording system developed by Cllr Mailey now in place although Cllr Brown has not been able to access it. Playground roadside hedge to be trimmed by volunteer work party.
25/09/230	To note any other issues concerning the childrens' playground, and Recreation Field and to resolve what action to be taken Resolved: Nothing to report
25/09/231	To receive an update on the visual speed indicator signs and other traffic calming measures Resolved: Members Empowerment Fund grant form completed, Clerk to check status. In the event of insufficient funding being found via grants the balance will be taken from reserves – proposed by Cllr Mailey and seconded by Cllr Soans with all in favour. Quote needed for installation of poles.
25/09/232	To note any issues around flooding and to resolve any action to be taken Resolved: Clerk to contact Unitary Ward Cllr D Brackenbury re funding for flood survey and prevention measures as no response had been received to earlier email. Cllr Brown has received confirmation that the brook will be cleared before the winter.
25/09/233	To note any issues concerning the village trees. Resolved: Responsibility for trees on the Green accepted by NNC. Cllr Forrest has arranged/carried out removal of some fallen branches from the brookside willow trees which had come down in recent storms. Cllr Forrest to continue to log fallen branches on FixMyStreet
25/09/234	To note any issues concerning the Community Orchard Resolved: Dead trees to be removed by volunteer work party
25/09/235	To receive an update on verges mowing including the reduction for the grant from £992.14 to £838.10 Resolved: Mowing grant invoice submitted even though it is for far less than previous years. Cllr Brown to contact contractors to see if there is any way that their final cut can tie in with the Environment Agency's clearing of the brook.
25/09/236	To note any progress on obtaining Asset of Community Value status for the village shop and the pub Resolved: Cllr Brown to take over role of applying for ACV status with help if needed from Cllr Dunn.
25/09/237	To note any issues with BWPC assets including streetlighting and entering into a maintenance contract with EON

	Resolved: Cllr de Bock to arrange repairs to notice board door that was wrenched off in recent gales. Cllr Dunn to research different energy suppliers and possible providers of streetlight maintenance contractors. A decision to be made on signing up with Eon to be made once full details received back from Eon and compared to quotes that Cllr Dunn obtains.
25/09/238	To receive an update on mobile connectivity issues at Barnwell Resolved: Isaac addressed meeting see Item 25/09/206. Clerk to look at previous mast planning application and forward to Isaac if it can be located.
25/09/239	To consider setting up a BWPC WhatsApp group to circulate urgent information Resolved: Cllr Mailey to set up a WhatsApp group
25/09/240	To approve and adopt the Information Technology Policy Resolved: Approved and adopted.
25/09/241	To note the re-declaration to the Pension Regulator Resolved: Redecclaration submitted
25/09/242	To note resident's concerns re open ground at Castle View, and to resolve what action to take Resolved: To pass on contact details of the Housing Association to the resident for them to contact.
25/09/243	To resolve to change the domain name supplier from Namesco to Plexus (website host) to enable access to larger email box capacity, and to simplify payment of invoices. Resolved: Cllr Mailey suggested an alternative route for the Clerk to try but if that doesn't work then to change domain name suppliers.
25/09/244 (a)	Correspondence CPRE membership – not to join Barclay reduction in interest rate – noted SEND IASS North Northamptonshire (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service) information and request to attend meeting – to put poster on notice board but not to invite to attend a meeting. Third party collaboration with Parson Latham's Hospital in Barnwell over funding for 5 warm spaces sessions over the winter – not to participate as insufficient understanding as to what was require for what appears to be an extremely complicated funding application
25/09/244 (b)	Other issues – water pollution caused by release of sewage into water courses - Cllr Dunn to bring back to the next meeting
25/09/245	To confirm date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 18th November 2025 Resolved: confirmed as November 18th with the meeting starting at 7.00pm
25/09/246	To close the meeting The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed:

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