

BARBY & ONLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF

Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on.....MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025 at 7.30pm

Held in Barby Village Hall, Kilsby Road, Barby CV23 8TT
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PRESENT: Councillors, F Gorman (Chair), S Withington (Vice-Chair), A Cooper, T Hallam, J Pollard, N Gove and P Wagg.

IN ATTENDANCE: Katrina Jones (Clerk), Cllr Andrew Simpson (WNC Ward Cllr) and two members of the public.

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1	Apologies: To receive and approve apologies for absence
1.1	It was RESOLVED to approve apologies from Cllrs D Cotton and B O'Reilly. West Northamptonshire Council Ward Councillor Rosie Humphreys had given apologies.
2	To fill vacancies by co-option (2 vacancies)
2.1	There were no applicants at the meeting wishing to be co-opted.
3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND REPORTS
3.1	To hear any issues which members of the public wish to bring to the Council's attention: Two members of the public spoke about two silver birch trees outside their properties which they are concerned pose a risk to their properties and nearby power lines. Cllr Gorman advised that these were on West Northamptonshire Council owned land and had been surveyed by the Parish Council 3 years ago at which time they were found to be safe. Cllr Gorman agreed to report the trees to West Northamptonshire Council.
3.2	To receive reports either written or verbal from West Northamptonshire Councillors: WNC Cllr Andrew Simpson had provided a written report and gave a verbal update on West Northants Council. He also answered questions on his report.
4	DECLARATIONS of INTERESTS
4.1	To note any Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests: None.
5	MINUTES
5.1	To approve and sign the Minutes of 9th June 25: It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of 9 th June 2025 as a true and accurate record which were duly signed by the Chair.
6	MATTERS ARISING from Minutes (For information only)
6.1	To note any matters which the Parish Council need to be made aware of, not otherwise on Agenda (no decisions can be made): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cllr Gorman reported that footpath EC19 at the top of Elkington Lane is now accessible following the report made using Fix My Street. ii. Cllr Withington reported on the Ashby St Ledger solar farm meeting held on 17th June. iii. It was noted that WNC's response to the Rugby Local Plan had been strengthened and now mentioned Lodge Farm. iv. Cllr Gorman reported on the meeting she attended with WNC Highways Manager and other Parish Council Chairs.

	<p>v. It was confirmed that Cllr Gorman will report the two silver birch trees referred to during public participation on Fix My Street.</p> <p>vi. It was agreed that the overgrown hedges at the junction of the Ridgeway and Daventry Rd would also be reported on Fix My Street as they were obstructing car driver visibility at the 5 way junction.</p>
7	<u>PLANNING:</u>
7.1	<u>New Applications/ Applications to be discussed</u>
7.1.1	None.
7.2	<u>Planning Applications to be noted on which the Parish Council is not a consultee</u>
7.2.1	<u>2025/2691/PND</u> : Steel portal framed shed of 20m x 10m to eaves and c.5m to ridge with 15 degree pitch. Roller shutter doors to long front elevation, rear elevation blank and 1 personnel door gable. Rooflights to front slope: The Woodyard Normans Wood Barby Lane Barby CV23 8UX.
	The above application was noted.
7.3	<u>Planning Applications awaiting decision by West Northamptonshire Council -Daventry or Planning Inspectorate</u>
7.3.1	<u>2023/5783/MAF</u> : Proposed demolition of existing agricultural building, creation of additional earth bunds and associated green infrastructure, widening of existing vehicular access and provision of temporary vehicular access during construction period off Barby Lane: Cadman Sporting Barby Lane Barby West Northamptonshire CV23 8UX.
7.3.2	<u>WND/2021/0767</u> Barby Sporting Club, Barby Lane, Barby: Proposed extensions to and remodelling of the existing clubhouse; additional car parking to the north of the clubhouse; demolition of existing agricultural building and construction of additional earth bunds to the east of the existing bunds with associated landscaping and other ancillary works including shooting shelters and 4.5m high towers. Shooting operations Monday, 0900-1800hrs, Tues, Thurs and Sat 0900 – 1800 hrs; Wednesday and Friday 0900-2100hrs; and no Suns.
7.3.3	<u>2025/0493/COND</u> : Discharge of conditions 6 (Tree Protection), 7 (Archaeological WSI), 8 (Contamination Part A), 14 (Construction Management Plan), and 16 (Bat Mitigation) for planning permission 2024/0993/FULL [Demolition of existing house and outbuildings and construction of 4 no. new dwellings, including improved access]: Toft Hill, 19 Rugby Road, Barby CV23 8UB.
7.3.4	Grand Union Canal Transfer – Planning Inspectorate Consultation re Scoping Opinion: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/WA0210001
7.3.5	<u>2025/1974/TPO</u> : Notification of tree work at 60 Kilsby Road, Barby CV23. Intended tree work includes: T1 Maple reduced by approximately 2M 30% back to previous points and reshape. Tree has previously been pruned and needs pruning again to retain shape.
7.3.6	<u>WND/2021/0777</u> Land Off Barby Road, Kilsby: Outline application for construction of up to 44 dwellings with associated landscaping, open space, drainage infrastructure and associated works
	The above applications awaiting decision were noted. WNC Cllr Simpson reported that the planning application at item 7.3.6 was due to go to the planning committee the following week and it had been revised to provide less houses.
7.4	<u>Planning Decisions made by West Northamptonshire Council -Daventry or Planning Inspectorate</u>
7.4.1	<u>2024/5105/FULL</u> : 2No. outdoor covered structures comprising of viewing / catering area and 2no. internal accessible WCs associated with adjacent main outdoor horse arena (retrospective). Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex Limited Onley Grounds Farm London Road Barby CV23 8AJ. APPROVED.

7.4.2	2025/1173/COND : Discharge of Condition 17 (Surface Water Drainage) of Planning Permission DA/2020/0800. (Construction of new 3 storey house block; construction of a new education building, a new multi faith building, and a new barrier building, construction of a MUGA pitch; minor alterations and extensions to existing buildings; construction of new perimeter wall enclosure and internal security fencing; additional external lighting; extension to existing car parking). Hm Prison Rye Hill Onley Park Barby CV23 8SZ. APPROVED.
7.4.3	2025/1159/S73 : Variation of condition 2 to change the site access to the south entrance of permission WND/2022/0397 (Change of use of agricultural building to offices (Class E) including removing existing asbestos and metal cladding, replacement roof with black metal roof and cladding with black timber cladding, installation of windows and doors (revised scheme)). Ashtree Farm Kilsby Road Barby CV23 8TU. APPROVED.
7.4.5	2025/1071/PA : Prior approval (under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the GPDO) for the change of use of existing agricultural buildings to a single dwelling house. Barby Woodbridge Smallholding Onley Lane Barby CV23 8UT. PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED.

The above decisions were noted.

8 ACCOUNTS

8.1	i. Monies received from 01.06.25 TO 30.06.25: a. Newsletter advertising £75 b. Interest on Unity Savings Account £557.34 Noted.
8.2	i. To note Financial Position as at 30.06.25: £211,546.71 . Noted. ii. To approve Bank Reconciliation to 30 June 2025: It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation up to 30 th June 2025. iii. To note Onley Open Space fund balance as at 30.06.25: £ 75,076.57: Noted. iv. To note Onley Open Space Bank Reconciliation: Noted. v. To approve bank transfer: £17,389.38 from Unity Current Account to Unity Savings Account: It was RESOLVED to approve this bank transfer.
8.3	To note budget monitoring reports (Da & Db): Noted.
8.4	To approve the payments as listed: It was RESOLVED to approve all of the below payments except the payment to EON for maintenance which will be queried.

To Whom Paid	Details of Payment	NET COST	VAT	TOTAL
DCK Payroll Solutions	Payroll services – July	15.00	3.00	18.00
Katrina Jones	Clerks Salary (June - July)	1,213.66	0.00	1,213.66
HMRC	Tax and National Insurance	535.61	0.00	535.61
NEST Pension	Pension contribution (employee and employer) July	162.34	0.00	162.34
Yu Energy	Electricity for street lights - June	10.17	0.51	10.68
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Yu Energy	Electricity for street lights - June	12.68	0.63	13.31
M McCormick	Newsletter Delivery – June	34.00	0.00	34.00
T Jones	Newsletter Delivery - June	10.00	0.00	10.00
Fosse Data Systems	Newsletter printing	150.00	0.00	150.00
Zarr Ltd	Email Security Licence for bopc.org.uk- per mailbox covering 1 month period up to August 2025	17.60	3.52	21.12

K Corry	Litter picking	60.00	0.00	60.00
Norse	Grass cutting – Barby Village – June x 2 cuts	611.72	122.34	734.06
Lamley Brothers	Grass cutting – Onley – June Inv - 12144	960.00	192.00	1,152.00
S Hartwell	Grass cutting – Barby play area – June x 2 cuts	100.00	20.00	120.00
All batteries	Speed sign batteries	92.00	18.40	110.40
Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	8.85	0.00	8.85
Eon	Onley street light repair	35.00	7.00	42.00
Eon	Annual maintenance charge	584.00	116.80	700.80
Playdale	Play area parts	396.62	79.32	475.94
Joe Loveridge	Bench installation and hedge trimming	490.00	0.00	490.00

9	ONLEY
9.1	To receive update from working group regarding Onley Playground refurbishment: Cllr Withington reported on a site meeting with Kompan who will provide a quote and plans. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact two additional companies for quotes. It was also agreed that Cllr Gorman would include an update in the newsletter.
9.2	To receive update and consider any actions regarding fresh water pipes replacement: Cllr Gorman reported on a meeting held with Galliford Try. It was noted that the public meeting had been cancelled as the plans were not ready to present. Cllr Gorman advised that Galliford Try had agreed to carry out a tree survey after the pipe route had been determined
9.3	To receive update regarding MOJ charging process for Onley residents for water: Cllr Gorman reported that the Ministry of Justice had advised that they are in the process of finding a solution for how the interim period will be managed until the money can be paid by residents directly to Severn Trent once the pipes have been replaced. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Gorman would write to the MP to see if he can help resolve the situation with the MOJ.
9.4	To note communication from Galliford Try regarding street light outage: Cllr Gorman reported that the location of the problem causing the street light outage has been identified between two of the street lights. Cllr Gorman agreed to contact the head of Rye Hill prison as it was believed that the street lights are owned by the prison.
9.5	To consider request from Onley Village Hall and OPRA committee for 2 x £50 prizes for fundraising fete to be held in Onley on the 6th September to raise money for a new path: It was RESOLVED to agree to donate 2 x £50 for prizes to Onley Village Hall and OPRA.
9.6	To consider purchase of a Christmas Tree: It was RESOLVED to purchase a Christmas Tree for Onley to be planted at a cost of up to £70 plus VAT.
9.7	To consider correspondence regarding overgrowth at garages: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact WNC to find out if fly tipping could be removed from private land and the charge. It was also agreed that the Clerk would ask residents in the newsletter to remove any items of theirs from the land so it can be cleared by the mowing contractors.
9.8	To receive update on any additional issues regarding Onley to be noted: None.
10	LITTER PICKING
10.1	To receive litter picking report: It was noted that five bags of rubbish had been collected in the last month.
11	FLOODING AND WATER ISSUES
11.1	To receive update and agree any actions on flooding: There was no report.
11.2	To receive update on low water pressure on Daventry Road, Barby: Cllr Wagg reported that the water company had not been in touch despite informing the Parish Council that the problem had been resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk would include an item in the newsletter
12	CORRESPONDENCE

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12.1	To note correspondence from member of the public regarding Toft Hill development and referral to planning enforcement: Cllr Gorman reported that a member of the public had reported that the building contractor had been carrying out work and making noise early in the morning in breach of the planning conditions and using the field next to the site which is outside of the village boundary. It was noted that a report had been made to planning enforcement who had advised that permission had been granted to use the field to store materials during the building work and WNC would write to the developer regarding the breach of planning conditions.
12.2	To consider correspondence from member of the public querying when Ukrainian Flag will be flown: It was RESOLVED not to fly the Ukrainian flag and agreed that the Clerk would contact the member of the public.
12.3	To consider complaint regarding overgrown hedges and agree any actions: It was RESOLVED that Cllr Gorman would report the overgrown hedges on Fix My Street.
12.4	To consider complaint regarding overgrowth on The Ware and agree any actions: It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would obtain quotes for cutting back the overgrowth.
12.5	To note response from Charity Commission regarding Barby Townlands Educational Charity: It was noted that the Charity Commission had written to the Parish Council to advise that its concern regarding the change of BTEC's constitution had been upheld and the change is void. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Gorman would forward the correspondence to BTEC and arrange to meet with the Chair.
12.6	To note NCALC Annual Conference on Saturday 4th October, 10am – 1pm and agree whether two delegates would like to attend: It was agreed that any councillors who wished to attend would contact the Clerk to book their place.
12.7	To note correspondence regarding Grand Union Canal Consultation: It was agreed that the Parish Council had no comments.
13	PLAY AREAS
13.1	To consider play area surfacing quotes for Barby play area: The quotes for wet pour, wood chipping and grass matting were considered. It was agreed that a long term plan is required. It was agreed to include an item on the next agenda to consider the purchase of wood chipping to meet the current need.
14	TENNIS COURT
14.1	To receive report and consider any actions regarding tennis court: Cllr Wagg reported that BTEC have agreed to remove the shed on the site. It was noted that a parishioner had reported that there were weeds around the tennis court and the surface was slippery. Cllr Wagg agreed to raise these issues with BTEC. It was noted that the fire at Barby garage had not caused any damage to the tennis courts.
15	PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE
15.1	To receive report from working group and agree actions regarding new Parish Council website: A report was provided by members of the working group who advised that they were looking at advertising charges for the new website. Cllr Pollard reported that she had contacted everyone with information on the website and many had confirmed that it was out of date. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain additional website quotes for the next meeting.
16	TREES AND HEDGES
16.2	To agree Parish Council Tree Policy: It was RESOLVED to adopt the draft tree policy and if any members of the public have any comments on the policy these will be considered.
16.3	To consider Tree Survey: It was noted that the tree survey had not been received yet and agreed that Cllr Gorman would speak to the contractor regarding this.
16.4	To agree quote for Barby play area hedge trimming: It was agreed to include this item on the next agenda as quotes had not been received.

17	RESERVES
17.1	To agree Parish Council reserves: It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
18	GRANTS
18.1	To consider grant request from Barby Village Hall for funding towards cost of CCTV: It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
19	SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE
19.1	To consider any actions regarding replacement Speed Indicator Device for Barby: Three quotes were considered and it was agreed that the quote from Elancity was the preferred option. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would ask Elancity to quote for an additional speed display sign and apply for a Road Safety Grant of £5,000 for the cost of two speed display signs.
20	STRATEGIC PLAN
20.1	To consider any actions regarding creation of a strategic plan: It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
21	EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS
21.1	To note request from member of the public to exercise public rights under Account and Audit Regulations 2015: It was noted that a parishioner had exercised their public rights as part of the audit process and had requested the reserves policy, the asset register and the cashbook. It was confirmed that these had been provided.
22	PARISH COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT
22.1	To receive report on recent engagements and consider Parish Council interaction at forthcoming events: Cllr Gorman reported on the Parish Council table at the Barby Church fete. It was agreed that the Parish Council would have a stall on 6 th September at the Onley fair. Cllr Wagg and any other available Councillor agreed to represent the Parish Council at the produce show in Barby on 31 st August.
23	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
23.1	Cllr Gorman reported that the vicar would like to attend the September meeting to talk about The Derry. It was RESOLVED to hold a meeting on 11 th August due to a planning application which had been received.

Meeting closed at 9.46pm.

Next meeting of Barby & Onley Parish Council will be held in Barby Village Hall on MONDAY 11TH AUGUST 2025 at 7.30pm.

Signed Date:

NB Minutes cannot be construed as the official record until approved and signed at the next meeting.