Barford & Wramplingham Parish Council (BWPC)

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7:30pm at Barford Village Hall

Members: Cllr Keith Waldron (KW) [Chair]
Cllr Jeremy Hyam (JH) [Vice Chair]
Cllr Sandra Betts (SB)
Cllr David Evans (DE)
Cllr Sara Harrold (SH)
Cllr Ian Irving (II)

Present: KW, SB, II, SH *(arrived at 7:34)*
Jimmy Miller (JM) (Clerk)
2 Members of the public.

In attendance
Cllr Margaret Dewsbury (MD)
Cllr Richard Elliot (RE)

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. **Public Forum – maximum of 15 minutes for comments from members of the public**
None.

2. **Report from County & District Councillor**
Previous to the meeting, MD sent a report which was sent to all councillors.

SB asked MD about gritting and regarding where gritting takes place and which roads get gritted. MD said that there is a huge list of roads which get gritted and also which roads are prioritised. MD said that anyone is allowed to use the grit bins to help with paths, etc.

RE said that budget-setting is currently taking place.

RE said that the LGR Consultation closing date is 11th January. RE said that he favoured a two-council solution for Norfolk.

RE said that SNDC will be submitting evidence regarding the South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocation Plan Examination to the independent planning inspector the following week. He said that BWPC had put forward a very strong case.

3. **Co-option onto the council to fill vacancy to represent the Barford Ward.**
None.

4. **To receive and approve apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and approved from JH and DE.

5. **Declarations of interest for items and applications for dispensations**
None.

6. To approve minutes of meeting of 18th November 2025 SB, II

SB proposed that the minutes be approved; seconded by II; unanimous decision in favour. The minutes were duly initialled and dated by KW.

7. To receive and note the Clerk's report

Noted.

8. Planning

a) Applications received

None.

b) Applications received since 1st January 2026

None.

(c) Planning decisions

None.

(d) Planning Decisions received since 1st January 2026

None.

9. Correspondence – To consider and respond to the following correspondence:

Correspondence list to be issued

A parishioner requested an update on the Barford milestone from MD and when it would be repaired, as the intention is to paint all the milestones between Norwich and Watton. MD said that she had contacted NCC regarding this.

10. Finance

a) To note Bank Reconciliations

b) To note Accounts

KW proposed to approved the bank recs and accounts; seconded by II; unanimous decision in favour. KW duly initialled and dated the bank recs, the accounts, and the bank statement.

c) To approve items for payment:

Payee	Item	Amount
J. Miller	Salary for December 2025	£419.23
J. Miller	Home office December 2025	£13.00
J. Miller	Salary for January 2026	£419.23
J. Miller	Home office January 2026	£13.00
J. Miller	Mileage (meeting January 2026)	£21.60
J. Miller	Laptop	£199.49
Barford Village Hall	Hall hire 2025	£225.00

SH proposed approving the payments; SB seconded; unanimous decision in favour.

d) To approve payment of invoices received since 1st January 2026

None.

11. VCHAP Inspectorate Investigation

KW said that the hearing will be taking place the following week. KW will represent the PC at the hearing.

12. Consultation on Local Government Re-organisation

KW proposed that text which had been circulated is sent to the Consultation; II seconded; unanimous decision in favour.

13. Flooding issues to record

A brief discussion took place on flooding and drainage.

14. Asset maintenance

II asked the Clerk to send details of the newly purchased laptop so that it could be added to the asset register.

15 Village issues to record

SH asked whether there were any updates about enforcement regarding golf course, specifically land off Church Lane. The Clerk will check e-mails regarding this and circulate to councillors. RE said that it's not a live case for enforcement.

16 Neighbourhood Plan update

KW said that BWPC have put in an application for a grant. RE said he'd chase it up with the Planning Officer.

17 Review of annual work plan

The Clerk will keep the annual work plan up-to-date and circulate every month. Emergency plan; co-ordinator is still in place and ready. Cicy

18 Agenda items for meeting in February 2026

Reviewing emergency plan

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: 3rd February 2026