Barford & Wramplingham Parish Council (BWPC)

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 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, JH, SB, SH, II, DE
Teresa Copping (TC) (Clerk)
20 Members of the public.

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

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. To receive apologies
Apologies had been received from Norman Cox Chair of Village Hall Committee.

2. Adjournment for Public Participation and reports from County and District Councillors
The Chair closed the meeting at 7.31pm.

MD had submitted a report which had been circulated to councillors in advance. RE reported that SNDC would be launching an APP to enable people to manage their waste more effectively. In addition food waste collections would begin to be rolled out across South Norfolk from April 2026.

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3. Co-option onto the council to fill vacancy to represent the Barford Ward.
No expressions of interest had been received in advance and none were received at the meeting.

4. To record declarations of interest and requests for dispensation.
None

5. To record and approve the minutes of the last meeting.
The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated with the agenda. SB proposed approval of the minutes II seconded and all were in favour.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting
None

7. Correspondence to receive and to agree any response.
The PC acknowledged the response from Asset Management regarding waterways

maintenance and await a further response from highways.

The PC agreed not to respond to the consultation on supplementary planning guidelines.

Correspondence on public spaces protection was noted.

TC advised councillors of the response from highways following a request to clear the gullies for the flood alleviation scheme. The gullies are to be cleaned in the coming weeks.

8. Planning responses to agree

JH summarised the PC proposed submission to the VCHA planning inspector reviews. JH confirmed that the PC will submit a request to speak at the hearings. The PC submission focuses on the availability of the land needed to access BAR2 given the existing lease held on behalf of residents by the VHC. Following advice from Leading Council the PC believe that SNDC are misguided in their assumption that a community vote will not be needed. With respect to BAR1 the submission focuses on both existing leaseholders and the detriment to the local economy.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.54pm.

Members of the public raised a number of concerns about the proposed housing allocation including traffic safety concerns, uncertainty and anxiety about local employment and business security, impact on the character of grade 2 listed properties and the loss of green space, attempts to circumvent a community vote on the village playing field lease. The PC reassured members of the public that they understood all of these concerns and have submitted them in earlier representations. Someone from the PC would be present at the review hearing to put forward what is believed to be a very strong case. The emerging Neighbourhood Plan has a critical role to play in ensuring that residents are able to shape the future of their environment and all residents are encourage to come forward and support the work that needs to be done. A member of public thanked the PC for the sterling work that has been done on the submission

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.16pm.

9. Finance

KW reviewed and agreed the most recent accounts reconciliation and the latest bank statement.

KW proposed that the bank account address be changed to that of the new clerk. DE seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

Further to the discussion at the October meeting, KW proposed that the precept should be increased by 5% to £14926.80 for 2026/2027. II seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

Payments totalling £1953.65 were proposed by KW seconded by SB and unanimously approved.

9a Flooding Issues.

None Awaiting response from highway re waterways maintenace.

10. Asset Register

II proposed and KW seconded the purchase of a new jungle book laptop for the PC to be funded from reserves. This was unanimously approved and will be actioned by the new clerk.

11. Highways issues to review and record.

Having circulated an up to date list of issues that have been raised with highways the clerk confirmed that to date no response had been received regarding the on-going concerns about speed and volume of traffic through the villages and surrounding roads. TC to investigate signage in Brancaster that may have some impact. The planning committee will meet to discuss a response to consultation on A47 NWL mitigation.

KW to make contact with the Chair of Marlingford and Colton PC as they share similar concerns.

12. Village Issues to record.

None

13. Neighbourhood Plan.

Nothing further to add.

14. Wramplingham War Memorial.

SB advised the council that a resident of Wramplingham has very kindly offered to pay for the restoration of the war memorial. Detailed quotes have been requested from the stone mason.

15. Review of Annual Work Plan

Nothing to report.

16. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6th January 7.30pm Barford & Wramplingham Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm.

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