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Minutes of the meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall at 7pm.

Present:

- Cllr Robin Carter
- Cllr John Currall
- Cllr Paul Marks
- Cllr Tina Murphy
- Cllr Jan O'Hara
- Cllr Tim Sharman
- Cllr John Hunter
- Cllr Nicola Currall

Also, in attendance

- Ms D Egan Clerk to the Council
- Mrs C Wills Assistant Clerk to the Council
- Mr Richard Adshead Village Hall Manager

	Action
<p>26/013 - To receive and approve apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies received from Ward Councillors Eglin</p> <p>RESOLVED; That Cllr Eglin's apologies are noted</p>	
<p>26/014 - Public participation session</p> <p>3 MOP in attendance.</p> <p>Member of the public enquired about the new bench and where this will be positioned. Cllr J Currall responded that this will be placed next to the Cricket Club sign which needs Wicksteed approval. A meeting has been arranged with Wicksteed to move this forward.</p>	

<p>Also, the Queen’s coronation bench was mentioned in previous minutes – it this being moved? It is recognised that this needs to be in a better location and this is under discussion.</p> <p>There is a bench on the green which is broken – the Council are aware of this and will take steps to rectify</p> <p>Cllr O’Hara instigated a public discussion regarding the increase in the precept which had previously been approved at the December Parish Council meeting. Cllr Hunter responded that this was a democratic vote, 6 for and 2 against which was recorded as a named vote as per Cllr O’Hara’s request.</p> <p>A member of the public gave several thanks to the Parish Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their service to the PC, who are shortly leaving their roles • Thank you for the Xmas lights switch on event which was a great success and enjoyed by all • Thank you for the poppies that were put on the lampposts for remembrance • Thank you for the purple hearts that are presently on lampposts for ‘feel good February’ <p>A question was raised regarding the plans for upcoming meetings following the departure of the clerk. Cllr N Currall informed that the position has been advertised. Cllr Carter informed that he has been in contact with NCALC to discuss interim support regarding a RFO until the new clerk is appointed.</p> <p>Also, it was requested to note for future events/ideas to include all areas of Barton Seagrave.</p>	
<p>26/015 – To receive declarations of interest under the Council’s Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda</p> <p>None</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the above is noted</p>	
<p>26/016 – To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2026</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved, signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting</p>	
<p>26/017 To receive minutes from Events held on 7 January (posted on website) and Village Hall working group on 28 January</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the above is noted</p>	
<p>26/018 Gray’s Field Equipment</p> <p>Cllr J Currall emailed the NNC Officer again and copied in Senior Executives. Response has now been received that this equipment will be sited in the next 6-8 weeks. Cllr Marks passed on his thanks to Cllr J Currall for his efforts with this. Cllr J Currall also informed that NNC has planted 54 trees in Gray’s Field.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the above is noted</p>	

26/019 Neighbourhood Plan (NP) update

Cllr Hunter explained that external funding support has been withdrawn so the cost of the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan moving forward has been included in the budget for next year. Some work has been completed, namely, Housing Needs Assessment, 100% complete, Design Code, 50% complete. Cllr Hunter is in the process of obtaining 3 quotes for a consultant to take over and complete the remainder of the work. Consultations with members of the public will be held in due course.

Cllrs Carter, Murphy and Hunter have arranged to meet with the Clerk at Kettering Town next week for a fact-finding exercise.

Cllr O'Hara informed that there is a new NCC local plan, which is out for consultation at the present time. Consideration will need to be given how Barton Seagrave's NP will link in with NCC local plan.

RESOLVED: That the above is noted

26/020 – Village Hall

- (i) Village Hall Report - Mr Adshead had previously circulated the report as follows.

Village Hall update for January 2026

January saw the busiest month so far with all groups running to schedule and kid's parties and adult functions taking place at weekends, several one-off meetings still taking place during the week filling vacant areas and the meeting room being used twice a week in the mornings and all day Wednesday.

The Kings sport dance competition took place at the end of January with a good turnout of dancers from far afield including a group travelled from Scotland and Wales to take part.

Forthcoming events

- 19th February Qigong & Sound session
- 7th March Barn Dance
- 28th March Craft Fair Children in Need
- 26th April KMCC Round 2 National Championship
- 2nd May Antiques Valuation Day
- 6th June Highland Dancers

Other items

- **The warm room**, the village hall started its warm space in November 2025 Monday to Friday during 09.30-15.30. newspapers are supplied daily along with games and jigsaw puzzles if required. Below is a spread sheet of number of attendees over each month and compared to last year up take.

	November	December	January	February
2024-2025	162	133	229	115
2025-2026	151	91	175	

- **Defibrillator**, the village hall defibrillator is fully operational with new pads which expire in 2028
- **Replacement Chairs Café**, costs have been sent out to all Councillors for the replacement of 10 chairs in the café which need approval.
- **PCSO Mike Bowers** is running police surgeries on a Wednesday 19.30-21.00 which dates are listed below the dates for 2026 are as followed 4th March 1st April 29th April 27th May 22nd July 19th August 14th October 11th November 9th December.

(ii) Approval for purchase of 10 replacement chairs in café
3 quotes had been circulated to Councillors.

Office Furniture online	Wine (on offer)	£61.00	£610.00 + vat
Office Furniture online	Black or Blue	£86.00	£860.00 + vat
Office Boffins	Blue	£70.95	£709.50 + vat
Best Buy Office Supplies	Wine	£92.00	£920.00 + vat

Delivery free

It was unanimously agreed to purchase 10 wine chairs from office furniture online for £610 plus VAT. It was requested that the chairs that were being replaced are not thrown away but donated.

RESOLVED; To action the above

26/021 – Councillors’ reports

Reports received

Report from NNC Ward Councillors.

North Northamptonshire Councillors’ Report to Barton Seagrave Parish Council – FEBRUARY 2026

From: Cllr Leon Gibbs, Cllr Maurice Eglin, and Cllr Jan O’Hara

To: Chair and Members of Barton Seagrave Parish Council

Highways and Potholes

Since the Parish Council’s last meeting, there has been a noticeable increase in pothole reports across the area. The recent period of wet, cold and freezing weather, combined with the county’s clay-heavy soil, has weakened road surfaces. As temperatures rise and fall, the freeze and thaw cycle causes cracks to expand and potholes to form more quickly than usual.

Clerk

Cllr Chris McGiffen, Executive Member for Highways, continues to work with the Highways teams to stretch the limited budget as far as possible and to respond to the current surge in road defects. We have highlighted a number of local concerns, including the issues on Rockingham Road leading towards the A43 and A14, as well as matters relating to Park Road. We are liaising with officers to ensure that these works are prioritised so that roads can be made safe as soon as resources allow.

Residents are encouraged to report any issues through the Council's website or via FixMyStreet, as these reports help ensure that repairs can be scheduled and completed as swiftly as possible.

Civic Engagement

Cllr Eglin was honoured to represent North Northamptonshire Council at the RAF Alconbury Wing Commander's reception. Events of this kind help to strengthen regional and national connections on behalf of the authority and our communities.

Meanwhile, Cllr Jan O'Hara continues to work diligently on a range of planning matters, along with other ongoing casework.

Committee Updates

Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 4 February 2026

Cllrs Eglin and Gibbs attended this meeting. The agenda included: Community Safety Partnership Plan 2026 to 2029, Future Leisure Management Options, and the Draft Housing Tenant Engagement and Influence Strategy 2026 to 2029. There were encouraging improvements within the housing service, with positive trends emerging in the latest data, per below.

TSM	Direction of Travel	%increase	2024 to 2025	2023 to 2024
Overall level of satisfaction	▲	7%	67%	60%
Satisfaction that the home is well maintained	▲	5%	63%	58%
Satisfaction that the home is safe	▲	10%	75%	65%
Satisfaction with time taken to complete most recent repair - Repairs last 12 months	▲	9%	72%	61%
Satisfaction with the time taken to complete repairs	▲	9%	65%	54%
Satisfaction that the landlord listens to tenant views and acts upon them	▲	12%	56%	44%
Satisfaction that the landlord keeps tenants informed about things that matter to them	▲	15%	68%	53%
Agreement that the landlord treats tenants fairly and with respect	▲	17%	76%	59%
Satisfaction with the landlord's approach to handling complaints	▲	8%	34%	26%
Satisfaction that the landlord keeps communal areas clean and well maintained	▲	29.11%	71%	59%
Satisfaction that the landlord makes a positive contribution to neighbourhoods	▲	21%	68%	47%
Satisfaction with the landlord's approach to handling antisocial behaviour	▲	11%	66%	45%

Health Scrutiny Committee held on 5 February 2026

Cllr Gibbs chaired this meeting. Items considered included: General Practice Performance and Availability, and Dental Performance Data. The committee received positive information regarding the Utilisation and Modernisation Fund, which is being used effectively to maximise floorspace in GP practices and increase capacity.

Upcoming Meetings and AOB

A meeting of Full Council will take place on 19 February 2026, where the Council's next budget will be presented and set, following a months-long period of cross-party scrutiny and resident engagement.

Monday 9th February will see the start date for NNC's New Director of Transformation, Libby Caulfield. Within this role, Libby will be charged with leading the council's ambition to be at the forefront of shaping the future of local government and driving how the sector evolves

RESOLVED: That the above report is noted

26/022 – Finance/Accounts and governance matters

- a) Presentation and approval of monthly statements and bank reconciliation for January 26

Balance reconciled as follows; to January 2026, **£223,649.25**

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly statement and bank reconciliation.

- b) The invoice list of payments for January had been previously circulated

RESOLVED: To approve the payments as on the circulated list

**Barton Seagrave Parish Council
Invoice List (January 2026)
Date of meeting 10.02.2026**

Invoice Date	Creditor	Service	Amount
Retrospective 02.02.2026	HMRC	P30	£1040.84
Retrospective 02.02.2026	salary	January salary	£2468.05
Retrospective 02.02.2026	salary	January Salary	£904.90
Retrospective 02.02.2026	salary	January Salary	£718.91
Retrospective 02.02.2026	expenses	January expenses	£53.14
Retrospective 02.02.2026	expenses	January expenses	£72.98
Retrospective. 02.02.2026	salary	January salary	£1204.44
Retrospective 21.01.26	Initial	Cleaning supplies	£32.02
Retrospective 1-02-26	Scribe	Accounting Package	£42.00
Retrospective 23.01.26	Doorway servs	Main doors annual service	£162.00
Retrospective 29.01.26	Core publications	Foam hearts	£145.00
Retrospective 31-01-26	Bibby clean4shaw	Cleaning vh	£674.16
Retrospective 12.01.26	Defibspace	Defib electrode pads	£73.19
Retrospective 13.01.26	Northants aerial servs	Callout investigation and repair	£169.00
Retrospective 19.01.26	Boards direct	Additional noticeboard	£154.80
Retrospective 15.01.26	Curtiswebsite design	Upgrade of storage capacity	£72.00
Retrospective 15.01.26	Contract printing	Outdoor EV charging sign	£45.00
Retrospective 01.01.26	Warnes garden services	Village green mowing	£100.00

Signed.....Clerk

Approved.....Chairman

<p>c) 3 quotes obtained by Cllr J Currall were presented for the purchase of a 3 x 6m pop up gazebo, which was recommended for purchase at the recent maintenance Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £764.99 inc VAT (on sale) – Cllr J Currall to check the price of this 2. £844.99 inc VAT plus £32.13 delivery 3. £799.00 inc VAT <p>Unanimously approved to purchase option no 1.</p> <p>RESOLVED; Once checked, to purchase the gazebo – option 1</p>	Clerk
<p>26/023 Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 10 March 2026 @ 7pm</p> <p>Before closing the meeting Cllr Carter thanked both the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their service and presented both with flowers.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed 8.05 pm</p>	

Signed

Chairman to the Parish Council

Dated 10 February 2026