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Minutes of the meeting of Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 January 2026 at Barton Seagrave Village Hall at 7pm.

Present:

- Cllr Robin Carter
- Cllr John Currall
- Cllr Paul Marks
- Cllr Tina Murphy
- 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>26/001 - To receive and approve apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr J O'Hara submitted apologies</p> <p>Approved – proposed by Cllr N Currall, seconded by Cllr Marks</p> <p>Apologies also received from Ward Councillors Gibbs and Eglin</p> <p>RESOLVED; That Cllr O'Hara's absence be approved</p>	
<p>26/002 - Public participation session</p> <p>6 MOP in attendance.</p>	

A resident from Polwell Lane thanked the Parish Council for their support with the success of getting the Manor Oak appeal dismissed, in particular Cllrs Murphy and Hunter. The resident asked whether they are able to appeal this decision. Cllr Hunter responded that they have the following options – to go to High Court or come back with another proposal

A resident from Barton Rd echoed the thanks and financial support given by the PC for this. The resident commented that to go to the High Court, they could only appeal on a point of law. Cllr Hunter thanked the resident for their support with the process.

A third resident thanked the PC for their support also.

The Clerk read out the following statement received from SBSS Ltd.

"On behalf of Save Barton Seagrave's Spinneys Ltd, we would like to place on record our huge thanks to the Parish Council for their support of the residents of Barton Seagrave against the appeal by Manor Oak to build 58 houses behind Barton Road. As everyone will be aware, the appeal was dismissed by the Inspector which is excellent news. This outcome was made possible as a result of the generous financial support of the Parish Council, coupled with the generosity of the hundreds of local residents who crowdfunded to enable us to afford the legal expenses. Without this, we would not have been able to defend our most valued community greenspace so robustly. We would also like to place on record our thanks to everyone who has supported the campaign since it began in May 2023, including all members of SBSS, the witnesses who gave evidence during the inquiry, the many residents who came to the evening session, Councillors Murphy and Hunter who worked tirelessly throughout the campaign, and Paul Stinchcombe, KC, who agreed to support our community, guiding and representing us brilliantly throughout. We now look forward to the development of the Neighbourhood Plan as soon as possible, to further protect this space from development for future generations to enjoy."

Resident asked about the increase to the precept and why this was happening. Cllr J Currall explained that the Council are now wishing to put in place a plan of maintenance for the village which needs proper funding. The percentage rise is high but in monetary terms, it is not a huge amount. Cllr Hunter explained that even with the increase to the precept, Barton Seagrave are still in the lowest percentage of charges for Northamptonshire. The parish Neighbourhood Plan will also require financial support, up to £10k as funding support from NNC has now been withdrawn. In addition, NNC are looking to pass over additional responsibilities to Parishes in the near future so we must be financially prepared for this.

26/003 – To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

Personal – Cllr Sharman has joined the Woodland Trust

Cllr Carter is also a member.

<p>RESOLVED: That the above is noted</p>	
<p>26/004 – To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 December 2025</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved, signed by the Chair as a correct record of the meeting</p>	
<p>26/005 Pocket Park Cllr Sharman reported on a fb post from a resident, commenting that the main paths are very muddy. Discussion ensued regarding the bark that is being swept away. It was agreed that a separate discussion is needed to decide what needs to be done. Cllrs Sharman and Carter to arrange to meet and discuss this</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the above is actioned</p>	<p>TS/RC</p>
<p>26/006 – Footpath Warden</p> <p>Cllr Sharman appointed as footpath warden and will report findings to the maintenance group. Discussion ensued regarding the Terms of reference for the maintenance Group which will be revisited at the next maintenance group meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Carter will email the former warden with the update and pass on the Council's thanks.</p> <p>RESOLVED; That Cllr Sharman is appointed as Footpaths Warden</p>	<p>Ass Clerk</p> <p>RC</p>
<p>26/007 Gray's Field Equipment</p> <p>Equipment still not in situ despite several assurances that this was to be completed by now. Cllr J Currall will contact the NNC Officer again about this and copy in senior Executives.</p> <p>RESOLVED: that the above is actioned</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>26/008 Manor Oak News</p> <p>The appeal was dismissed. Cllr Carter thanked Cllr Murphy and Cllr Hunter and all involved for their contributions.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the above is noted</p>	
<p>26/009 – Village Hall</p> <p>(i) Village Hall Report - Mr Adshead had previously circulated the report as follows.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Village Hall update for December 2025</p>	

December saw an extremely busy month 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 Santa grotto on the 18th December had a good turnout despite the weather on the evening.

Baby sensory on a Wednesday morning have extended their time into the afternoon for the next term which classes are fully booked at present.

Forthcoming events

- 25th January Kings Dance competition
- 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
- 28th November Craft Fair Children in Need

Other items

- **The warm room**, the village hall started its warm space in November and during this period we served a total of 151 drinks and during December served 91 drinks the warm space is open Monday to Friday during 09.30-15.30. newspapers are supplied daily along with games and jigsaw puzzles if required.
- **Defibrillator**, the village hall defibrillator pads need replacing at end of January, a pro-forma invoice has been requested from the company so these can be purchased.
- **PCSO Mike Bowers** is running police surgeries on a Wednesday 19.30-21.00 which dates are listed below the dates for the rest of 2025 10th December, the dates for 2026 are as followed 7th January 4th March 1st April 29th April 27th May 22nd July 19th August 14th October 11th November 9th December.

Cllr Carter asked about the usage of the warm room – this has been well received with November and December serving a total of 242 drinks. January has been quieter so far. It was agreed to increase advertising.

RESOLVED; To note the above

26/010 – Councillors’ reports

Reports received

**Wallis’s Spinney Pocket Park Report by Cllr T Sharman
December 2025**

19th December 2025: A post on the Barton Seagrave Communication Group Facebook page (9.2K followers), highlighted the state that the main path in the Pocket Park had fallen into. The path had become very muddy. Some years ago, bark mulch chippings had been placed on the main path. Over the years these had worn away. A comment by another person said that someone had been sweeping the remains of the bark mulch chippings into piles at the side of the path. I offered to go along the next day to take a look.

20th December 2025:



Figure 1 Main path Pocket Park

Today, I went to investigate the paths in the Pocket Park. I noticed that someone had indeed been sweeping what was left of the mulch into a narrow band at the side of the path, particularly near the main entrance (*Fig 1*).



Figure 2 Gravel surface showing beneath mud

On closer inspection I noticed that the original gravel path surface was showing up underneath the mud (*Fig 2*).

In fig 2 the original gravel path can be seen turning left. Over the years walkers have taken a short cut which has now become very muddy. Clearly new gravel or bark mulch needs to be put down over the full length of the main path in the Pocket Park.

22nd December 2025: Today I carried out a litter pick in the Pocket Park. I filled a small bin bag with litter consisting mostly of crisp packets, cans and bottles (*Fig 3*).



Figure 3 Litter pick bag of rubbish

Cllr T Sharman 01 January 2026

Report from Ward Councillors – January 2026

Councillors would like to wish everyone a happy new year and hope residents had a pleasant festive period.

Cllr Maurice Eglin, Cllr Leon Gibbs and Cllr Jan O'Hara send their apologies that they are unable to attend this meeting as an emergency meeting has been called at North Northamptonshire Council which takes priority.

Since the last report, councillors have continued to undertake ward casework and council duties relating to Barton Seagrave and the wider North Northamptonshire area.

Casework during this period has included housing enquiries, highways matters including potholes and estate roads, reports of anti social behaviour, planning related enquiries, and general council service queries. Additional casework has included bin collection issues raised by residents and followed up by Cllr Leon Gibbs. These matters have been followed up with relevant officers.

Highways activity has included monitoring maintenance schedules and raising Barton Seagrave locations reported by residents with the highways team.

Committee work during this period has included preparation for and attendance at scrutiny meetings, review of committee papers, participation in discussions relating to the Corporate Plan, and reviewing the upcoming 2026 to 27 financial review.

Planning work has included reviewing planning applications, consideration of planning related correspondence, and participation in planning committee processes where applicable. Cllr Jan O'Hara continues to work hard in her role as Executive Member for Planning and Economy, with a clear focus on ensuring that residents are put first in decision making.

Civic duties have included attendance at the opening of the Christmas theatre production at Castle Theatre. In addition, Cllr Maurice Eglin, in his role as Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council, had the pleasure of formally opening the new fish and chip shop in Burton Latimer, which was a great honour and a positive occasion for the local community and business.

Councillors previously highlighted the North Northamptonshire Council cold weather protocol which operated during periods of severe weather to support vulnerable residents, including those at risk of rough sleeping. The protocol enabled additional support services to be put in place, helped ensure concerns could be reported quickly, and allowed referrals to be made to the appropriate teams. The programme has now finished for the season and was a significant success in supporting those most in need across the area.

Councillors remain committed to Barton Seagrave and its residents and continue to be available to support, represent, and respond to local issues

Maintenance report

Maintenance Group Barton Seagrave Parish Council held on Wednesday 3 December 2025

Present: Cllr Robin Carter, Cllr John Currall, Cllr John Hunter, Cllr Tim Sharman, Ms Clare Wills – Assistant Clerk to the Council

MG25/08 – Apologies: Cllr Nicola Currall, Cllr Tina Murphy, Cllr Paul Marks

MG25/09 – Actions and updates from previous meeting:

Cllr John Currall opened the meeting welcoming and thanking all for attending. Cllr Currall went on to cover the updates from the previous meeting:

- The Clerk informed the Chair she had not received any further correspondence from Martin Griffiths, Leader of NNC regarding new signs for Barton Seagrave – it was agreed, we wait until Friday 12 December before emailing again for a response.
- Cllr John Hunter reported that he has been in contact with an artist in Kettering regarding the BT boxes at the Post Office and the Stirrup Cup. The project is ongoing, as the current weather conditions are not ideal for outdoor painting – perhaps, mid 2026 to start the process.
- NNC were unsuccessful with securing any small trees, therefore as were Barton Seagrave. However; NNC can re-apply next year and hopefully Barton Seagrave can be considered.

· Cllr Sharman informed the group the damaged handrail to the steps from Gotch Road to the old railway cutting to fix my street, so hopefully it is in hand with NNC.

MG25/10 – Grit bin: The Grit Bin licence has been granted, however; there are 7 conditions to meet before installation of the bin can go ahead, as BSPC meet all conditions the only one yet to be completed is the resident letter requesting their permission of installation – Assistant Clerk to write a letter to residents once Cllr Currall has sent addresses.

MG25/11 – Bench: Cllr Currall suggested the bench to be cited outside the Cricket Club and all agreed – this particular land is owned by Wickstead, and therefore, we will require their permission for a concrete base for the bench to be installed.

Assistant Clerk to write to Wickstead requesting permission attaching a photograph of the exact area in which the bench will be placed. Cllr Currall to send photograph.

MG25/12 – Footpaths: Cllr Currall and Cllr Sharman talked about 2 alleyways that are seriously overgrown and would like to get all the weeded cleared up – Cllr Currall to get 3 x quotes.

MG25/13 – AOB: Cllr Currall raised the point that when councillors who are also residents participate in village clean-up activities; it should be made clear whether they are acting in their capacity as councillors or as private residents. In addition, a risk assessment must be carried out to ensure the safety of all involved.

Assistant Clerk to prepare a general maintenance risk assessment to be presented at the next meeting.

A discussion followed around having a Maintenance Policy in place –Assistance Clerk to prepare and discuss with Clerk in time for the next meeting.

Cllr Robin Carter would like the back section of the war memorial tidied up and taken care of – he would like this item to go back to full council for permission for quotes. Ask Clerk to add to the next agenda item.

Assistant Clerk to write to resident asking their permission to tidy this area.

Cllr John Hunter would like the Kings Coronation Bench re-cited near the Cricket Club, and the new bench to be cited near the war memorial – would require full council approval.

RESOLVED: That the above reports are noted

26/011 – Finance/Accounts and governance matters

- a) Presentation and approval of monthly statements and bank reconciliation for December 25

Balance reconciled as follows; to January 2 2026, £219,453.82

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly statement and bank reconciliation.

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

**Barton Seagrave Parish Council
Invoice List (December 2025)
Date of meeting 13.01.2026**

Invoice Date	Creditor	Service	Amount
Retrospective 02.01.2026	HMRC	P30	£894.08
Retrospective 02.01.2026	salary	December salary	£2273.65
Retrospective 02.01.2026	salary	December Salary	£905.10
Retrospective 02.01.2026	salary	December Salary	£718.91
Retrospective 02.01.2026	expenses	December expenses	£39.57
Retrospective 02.01.2026	expenses	December expenses	£88.64
Retrospective. 02.01.2026	salary	December salary	£1005.35
Retrospective 22.12.2025	Initial	Cleaning supplies	£32.02

Retrospective 1.01.2026	Scribe	Accounting Package	£42.00
Retrospective 28.10.2025	Clymac	fire alarm annual maintenance	£288.00
Retrospective 20.11.2025	Baillie hygiene	Washroom supplies	£122.28
Retrospective 31.12.2025	Bibby clean4shaw	Cleaning vh	£674.16
Retrospective 14.12.2025	NNC	Bin collection	£131.43
Retrospective 15.12.2025	Microsoft office	Microsoft package	£84.99
Retrospective 10.12.2025	Tescos	xmas chocs	£16.20
Retrospective 23.12.2025	Spectrum Fire	Extinguisher/fire blanket	£165.96
Signed.....Clerk Approved.....Chairman			
RESOLVED: To approve the payments as on the circulated list			
26/012 Date of next meeting Tuesday 10February 2026 @ 7pm			
Meeting closed 7.55 pm			

Signed

Chairman to the Parish Council

Dated 13 January 2026