

# **Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 7pm**

Attendance: Glenn Neave – Chair (GN), Martin Mills (MM), Helen McFadyen (HM), Doreen Dean (DD), Neil Sanderson (NS), Andrew Wilton (AW) and Philip Drake (PD)

Also present: Nicola Ledain – clerk, District Councillor Gerard Mancini-Boyle

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from County Councillor Richard Price.

### **2. To welcome 1<sup>st</sup> responders to demonstrate the raizer chair**

Councillors welcomed the local first responders to demonstrate a raiser chair which was a device that assisted them to lift people off the floor after they had fell. The council agreed that the chair was incredibly impressive. There were currently 4 in circulation within the local area. They cost £1700 and needed trained individuals to use them and training was currently in progress. As the parish council donated to the first responders, it was agreed that an article should be placed in the NIB explaining the benefits but to re-confirm that in the event of an accident at home, 999 should still be called in the first instance.

### **3. Declarations of Councillors' interests**

There were no interests declared.

### **4. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 September 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair, subject to adding (Income Tax) after 'Q2' and adding 'photos would be taken' at item 11b.

The council asked if the minutes could be circulated and published quicker after a meeting and this would be actioned.

### **5. Reports**

#### **a. To receive updates from County / District Councillors**

Cllr Gerard Manini-Boyle reported that:

- He would contact the planning officer regarding the planning application relating to Church View and would report back to the parish council.
- NNDC currently had 63 Ukrainian guests (44 adults and 19 children).
- Devolution was ongoing and submissions had been sent by each district council and county council.
- NNDC had a Norfolk Warm Homes initiative which enabled residents to access funding for various means of heating their homes. There was 1.8 million worth of funding available. The council agreed that this should be advertised in the NIB.
- There was a free dementia café which ran monthly at Hoveton Village Hall.

#### **b. To receive updates from the Police**

There was no update.

#### **c. To receive a report from Barton Turf Community Charities**

There was no update.

### **6. To receive updates on ongoing matters:**

#### **a. Wildlife Working Party**

Signed

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NS reported that it was a quite time of year. The tree on the common had been felled, hay had been removed and the water levels in the ponds were rising which was good news. He would also write a piece for the website about the common which NL would publish.

**b. Black Shed Update**

GN reported that a date needed to be arranged to start work on the drainage around the Black Shed. The fence between the Black Shed and the neighbouring properties needed to be repaired. NL reported that the Black Shed was now exempt from Business Rates for the duration of the work and a small refund would be received from the last financial year's payment.

**c. New Victory Hall (NVH) Update**

DD reported the NVH had set their budget for 2026. Hire rates had not been increased as there was no planned maintenance scheduled and they had negotiated a favourable deal with their energy providers which would help save the hall money. A feasibility study had started for additional solar panels to be put in but several barriers had been encountered so other options were being sought. Bookings were going well and the following events were in the diary:

Lantern parade and xmas lights switch up – 30<sup>th</sup> November

Xmas fayre – 6<sup>th</sup> December

Community breakfast – 24<sup>th</sup> January (tickets to go on sale 2<sup>nd</sup> January at £10 each)

**7. SAM2 Upgrade**

The SAM2 speed sign was eligible for an upgrade which would mean that data could be downloaded remotely. In the future it would also enable the Constabulary to be able to use the data more effectively, putting resources on the roads / areas that were needed the most. Cllr Richard Price had offered to pay 50% of the cost of the upgrade, with the remaining 50% being obtained through the Parish Partnership Scheme offered by NCC. The deadline for the scheme was early December and an application would be submitted. The outcome of this would be known early in 2026, with the upgrade taking place after April 2026.

**8. Fly-Tipping at Irstead Staithe**

The council were informed that rubbish had been left at Irstead Staithe. It had been removed and the Broads Authority Rangers had issued a reminder.

**9. Policies**

- a. Council agreed Social Media policy
  - b. Council agreed Reporting of Meetings policy.
- These would be published on the website.

**10. Highways**

Flooding at Berry Hall Road and the surrounding land was a continuous problem and photos had been taken to highlight the issues. NL would highlight these to the highways engineer and Cllr Richard Price and arrange a visit. PD and GN would be available to meet with them. Some of the land belonged to the Broads Authority and in rectifying the issues, NCC would liaise with them.

**11. Finance**

- a. The bank balances were as follows:
  - i. Community Account: £7311.36
  - ii. Business Premium: £2636.34

- iii. Charities account: £9413.82
- b. The following payments were agreed and would be paid via bacs:
  - i. Clerk salary October and November and working from home allowance: £573.12
  - ii. Countrystyle: £52.20 (Community Charities payment)

## **12. Planning**

- a. Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the following application:  
BA/2025/0276/HOUSEH – Like for like replacement of 125m timber quay heading – The Boat House, Shoals Road.

## **13. Items for next agenda or for Communities Charity meeting**

Section 137 donations, response from MP Steffan Aquerone regarding phone signal coverage

## **14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 27 January 2026**

Meeting ended at 8.55pm.