

Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 September 2025 at 7pm

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

Also present: Nicola Ledain – clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Andrew Wilton, District Councillor Nigel Dixon and County Councillor Richard Price.

2. Declarations of Councillors' interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Reports

a. To receive updates from County / District Councillors

- i. A written report had been received.

b. To receive updates from the Police

- i. The recent newsletter had been circulated via email.

c. To receive a report from Barton Turf Community Charities

- i. There was no update.

5. To receive updates on ongoing matters:

a. Wildlife Working Party

- i. NS reported that a group would be convening to fell the tree on the common. Paths around the area were being maintained well. The ducks were coming and going but didn't seem to be a current problem.

b. Black Shed Update

- i. Although there had been good progress with renovations, the drainage still needed to be completed and this would be organised. It was envisaged that the exterior would be finished by 1st January after which the interior would be started.

c. New Victory Hall Update

DD reported that the Victory Hall roof had been repaired and the scaffolding would be taken down in the coming days. The clubs and groups had returned after the summer break. The Wherry Band would be leaving their slot on a Tuesday evening to meet nearer Norwich as they were joining with the Hellesdon band due to falling numbers. A Ceildh had been organised for Saturday night, a quiz on 24th October and on 30th November there would be a lantern parade to Father Christmas, and a Christmas fayre on 6th December.

6. Correspondence

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- The council had received correspondence stating that the mooring posts on Gayes Staithe needed repairing. This was the responsibility of the Poors Trust and would be referred to them.
- The Chairman had received a response from Anglian Water regarding the sewerage scheme stating that no action would be taken in the next 2 years.
- HM reported that she had contacted MP Steffan Aquerone regarding the lack of mobile phone coverage in the area and he would be investigating.

7. Broads Authority Local Plan Consultation

- a. Having reviewed and considered the plan, it was felt it was a sound strategic document and the council agreed that they would not respond.

8. SAM2 Upgrade

- a. The Council had a discussion considering the benefits of upgrading the SAM2 infrastructure that was currently being used to deter speeding vehicles through the village. The upgrade would be possible if the costs were shared with Neatishead PC. The clerk would contact Neatishead PC to find out if they were interested in upgrading. It would also be beneficial to find out the benefits of the information gathered and how it would differ to the SAM2 now.

9. Lifting Device

- a. There would be a demonstration of a lifting device used by the First Responders at the next meeting. It was noted that there would also be a refresher organised for using the defibrillators.

10. Policies

- a. This would be deferred until the next meeting.

11. Highways

- a. The council reported that there was a low hanging branch at the junction of Hall Road and Church Road which would be reported.
- b. Issues with Berry Hall Road continued. It would be beneficial for the Highways Engineer to visit the area to assess the problems such as flooding, blocked ditches etc.

12. Finance

- a. DD reported that an application for the Community Fund had been submitted but no response had been received as yet.
- b. The financial statement would be circulated.
- c. The following payments were agreed for the parish council and would be paid via bacs:
 - Nicola Ledain – clerk salary £281.56 (August) + £281.56 (September) + £5 per month working from home allowance = £573.12
 - HMRC Q2: £211.20
 - Laptop repair and anti-virus: £55
- d. The following payments were agreed for the Charities and would be paid via bacs:
 - NNDC refuse collection: £778.60

13. Planning

- a. There had been no update regarding the planning application for Church View Barn but the case officer would be contacted.
- b. BA/2025/0249/FUL: Replace external quay-heading 110m with treated redwood. Replaced piling inside wet boathouse with steel, timber waling & capping - Riversdale House , Hall Road, Barton Turf – Council agreed NO OBJECTIONS

- c. BA/2025/0221/HOUSEH - Front extension & new entryway. New patio windows, rear windows & roof lights - Kingfishers , Hall Road, Barton Turf – council agreed NO OBJECTIONS.

14. Items for next agenda or for Communities Charity meeting

Nothing at present but councillors were reminded that they could suggest items.

15. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18 November 2025

Meeting ended at 20.50pm

