

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2025 AT 6.00 P.M.  
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON**

Present            Cllr Richard Wingfield - Chairman  
                      Cllr Alex Pierre -Traves - Vice-Chairman  
                      Cllr Sue Cleal  
                      Cllr Ali Hope  
                      Cllr Alex Pierre-Traves

Officer:           Mrs Tan Marchant -      Clerk & RFO

In attendance:   John Watt, Clerk Designate  
                         One member of the public (Rahim Dharamshi)

Apologies:       Cllr Tony Dale

64      INTRODUCTION OF NEW CLERK

John Watt was welcomed to the meeting. John will take over as Parish Clerk with effect from 1 November 2025. John is currently studying for the ILCA qualification, and the Chairman stressed the expectation that this will be achieved by the end of the year.

65      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

66      MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2025

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14 May 2025 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

67      MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held via *Microsoft Teams* on 25 September 2025, to authorise changes to the TSB Mandate, were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

68      ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Rahim did not wish to raise any issues.

69      TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

a.        WIVTAG - Cllr de Haldevang was pleased to report that Burford Town Council and WIVTAG have now got together with Oxfordshire County Council to seek a regional solution to the current traffic issues. There is finally a recognition that point area weight restrictions (i.e. on each road) do not work and are unpoliceable, whereas an area weight restriction is fairer with corridors that are unrestricted through the area (i.e. perimeter roads such as the A40), with all other roads policed and restricted to 7.5t.

b. **SPEED CAMERAS** - Cllr de Haldevang said that the camera in Great Barrington is continuing to work well. He presented a variety of statistics showing that traffic volume continues to be high and 52% of vehicles are travelling over the speed limit. Letters are still being sent out by the police to repeat offenders, but the impact is borderline and the local neighbourhood police will only take further action if they choose to do so.

Following the repeated damage to the speed camera in Little Barrington, a galvanised steel cage has now been produced by the local blacksmith and Cllr de Haldevang will organise its fitment within the next week or so. The colour of the cage was discussed, and the general feeling was that it should be painted green to blend in with nearby trees.

Finally, Cllr de Haldevang said he has tried to persuade local police of the need to use their radar gun, so that recordings can be collected over three or four early mornings and presented to the police. Cllrs Hope and Wingfield, and Rahim, said they would be prepared to assist him with the use of the radar gun when it is procured.

#### 70 **WASP (WINDRUSH AGAINST SEWAGE POLLUTION) UPDATE**

Cllr Pierre-Traves said there was nothing further to report. As far as he is aware, the Cotswolds River Trust is trying to secure funding to purchase the test kits first mentioned last year.

#### 71 **NEIGHBOURHOOD/COMMUNITY WATCH & FLY TIPPING**

Cllr Cleal said that fly tipping had eased. She still reports via the WhatsApp residents group anything relevant to the parish. Cllr Wingfield said that builders had been fly tipping in the last two months between the two bridges in Great Barrington, but Lynn has been reporting this direct to the district council. Cllr Cleal asked to be advised of this when it occurs.

#### 72 **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- a. **Autumn Litter Pick** – Saturday 15 November 2025
- b. **Advent Drinks** - Saturday 6 December 2025 in Great Barrington Village Hall. Invitations will be circulated in due course. WVFS have offered £300 towards the cost. Tan said that a harpist was a nice addition last year and Alex said he would look into this again.
- c. **Spring Litter Pick** – Saturday 28 March 2026.
- d. **Keep Fit Classes** – Cllr Pierre-Traves had successfully secured Lottery funding for weekly Keep Fit classes in The Reading Room, and he was congratulated on his success. He said the number of attendees varied between four and six each week, although on the last occasion seven had attended. The maximum capacity is eight. He said that funding would cease in July next year and would therefore need to be reapplied for in May, and he would supply the details to the Chairman for this purpose.
- e. **Coffee Mornings** – Cllr Pierre-Traves said there would be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 22 November, and Tan said she would inform residents by email and put it on the website News page.

#### 73 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Reference	Date Received	Details
25/01554/TCONR	20 May 2025	Thatched Cottage The Green Little Barrington Removal of multi-stemmed sycamore tree which overshadows the cottage and has grown over/through the electricity pole and cables that has the potential to disrupt supply to the neighbouring

		<p>cottages and east side of the village. The tree (marked by X on the plan) is situated on higher ground (on the edge of a steep bank) 3 meters from end of the cottage. It is believed to be self-seeded and, given its shape, appears to have been cut to the ground previously but the regrowth was not controlled. There are approx 8 stems which at 1.5m height measure: 1.5m, 1.2m, 1.27m, 1m, 75 cm, 60cm, 67cm &amp; 40 cm. It has significant top heavy canopy growth and should it fall it would cause considerable damage to the property. It is planned to plant native replacement trees on the adjoining land belonging to the Executor</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b>  <b>PERMITTED 25 JUNE 2025</b></p>
25/01644/FUL	29 May 2025	<p>The Glebe Barn, Great Barrington  Replacement fenestration.</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b>  <b>PERMITTED 29 AUG 2025</b></p>
25/02112/TCONR	7 July 2025	<p>Barrington Grove Middle Road Little Barrington.  1 - Norway Spruce (dead) - fell. G1 - Norway Spruce x4 - fell. G2 - Cherry x2 - fell. 2 - Norway Spruce - fell. 3 - Ash - fell. G3 - Leylandii x4 - fell. 4 - Ash (with ADB) - fell. G4 - Leylandii x4 - fell. 5 - Leylandii - fell. G5 - Leylandii x3 - fell. 6 - Ash (with ADB) - fell. G6 - Cherry x3 - fell. 7 - Ash (with ADB) - fell. 8 - Ash (with ADB) - fell. 9 - Ash (with ADB) - fell. 10 - Manna Ash - remove 2 lower limbs over the water. 11 - Ash (dead) - fell. 12 - Beech - remove lower limb. 13 - Norway Spruce - fell.</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council was very concerned about the number of trees that are being felled without a reason given and without any reassurance that replacement trees would be planted.</b>  <b>DECISION AWAITED</b></p>
25/02333/LBC	25 July 2025	<p>Sundial Cottage The Green Little Barrington  Replacement of stone slates from defective roof slopes with stone slates similar to existing, new treated battens, reforming swept valleys, mortar to verges, associated leadwork, replacement of rotten oak gable rafters. Replacement of garden building roof covering with new cedar shingles and new battens</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b>  <b>PERMITTED 25 SEPT 2025</b></p>

25/02419/TCONR	4 Aug 2025	<p>The Old Vicarage The Green Little Barrington T1 Ash: fell to ground level- sign of ADB T2 Ash: fell to ground level - significant sign of ADB, risk to pedestrians and road users</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b> <b>PERMITTED 3 SEPT 2025</b></p>
25/02825/TCONR	8 Sept 2025	<p>Copse Opposite Arkells Yard Park Farm Road Great Barrington Poplar x 2 (Populus Alba) Both trees have been identified on the attached tree inspection report as being at risk of collapse due to age and hornet holes in the base. The recommendation is to fell both trees. It is not proposed to replant as the copse is thick with woody shrubs that will continue to grow on. These are more appropriate and present less risk to the stone barns which are Listed Grade 2 in the farmyard opposite.</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b> <b>PERMITTED 14 OCT 2025</b></p>
25/03035/FUL	2 Oct 2025	<p>59 Great Barrington Demolition of 1980's single storey rear extension with replacement two storey rear extension</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b> <b>DECISION AWAITED</b></p>
25/03036/LBC	2 Oct 2025	<p>59 Great Barrington Listed Building Consent for demolition of 1980's single storey rear extension with replacement two storey rear extension.</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b> <b>DECISION AWAITED</b></p>
25/03068/TCONR	29 Sept 2025	<p>73 The Green, Little Barrington. G1-Willow Group:- reduce heights by approximately 30% - reduce width to match.</p> <p><b>Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.</b> <b>DECISION AWAITED</b></p>

#### 74 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Financial Report – The Financial Report 1 April to 30 September 2025 had been previously circulated. The most noticeable change to the report was the addition of two Standing Orders, one to the Fitness Instructor and one to the Little Barrington Charity for room hire, both in respect of the Keep Fit Classes. The grant funding of £3,380 secured by Cllr Pierre-

Traves had been received in August. It was noted at the end of the report that the £1,000 received from WVFS at the end of 2024 had been earmarked for speed camera repairs.

- b. TSB Board Resolution – this document was required by TSB to accompany the updated Bank Mandate, which is currently being processed.
- c. Postage Costs – these costs had been incurred by the Clerk (total £18.50) and by John Watt (£9.25) in respect of John's signature on the new Mandate and the posting of the Mandate to TSB, all by Special Delivery.

## 75 BINDING OF COUNCIL MINUTES 2013-2025

Councillors APPROVED the binding of the Council Minutes 2013-2025 into one volume, at a cost of £100. Cllr Wingfield suggested that a scanned copy of the Minutes would also be useful, in case the bound volume was ever lost. Tan will contact the bookbinder to see if he can include this within his quote.

## 76 ASSERTION 10 – UPGRADE OF WEBSITE & EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Clerk explained that the website template needs to be upgraded, and the domain name needs to be changed to *gov.uk* in time for next year's audit (AGAR) as a legal necessity. It is also recommended that Councillors have parish council specific email addresses using *gov.uk* as opposed to using their own personal emails.

The cost of updating the website template and adopting a *gov.uk* domain would be £100 as a one-off cost; the cost of the *gov.uk* domain only would be £35 per year. There is no additional cost to providing *gov.uk* email addresses.

IT WAS APPROVED to proceed with the updating of the website template, the adoption of a *gov.uk* domain, and the adoption of *gov.uk* email addresses for the parish council, for the one-off cost of £100.

## 77 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Cllr de Haldevang said he was aware there was a lot of correspondence going back and forth about the Sherborne National Trust wetlands project and he was concerned at the implications on traffic movement. The parish council had sent a letter of support in March 2024 but things had moved on a pace and plans were now a little concerning. The Chairman said he would make contact with the Chairman of Sherborne Parish Council to find out more.
- b. Cllr Pierre-Traves mentioned the new congestion charge in Oxford and said he wondered how many residents are aware of it. Those who live in Oxfordshire have been leafletted about this charge, but this doesn't include the Barringtons. The Clerk said she would inform the residents on her email listing and would also include it on the website.
- c. Cllr Pierre-Traves had emailed the Parish Council in August to say that the Windrush Valley Flower Show (WVFS) had proved a great success again this year, raising over £3,000. The Committee wished to offer grants to all the local councils to support any community activity. They would give **up to £600 per village to support an activity or investment locally that would benefit the community**. This could go towards a village social, exercise classes, repairs to public facilities, or anything of this nature. The key was that it should have a community benefit. Cllr Wingfield had opted for a wooden bench sited at Great Barrington Church, and Little Barrington had requested £300 towards the cost of providing the Advent Drinks event, as mentioned above.

77 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Friday 10 December 2025	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 20 March 2026	Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 11 May 2026	Annual General Meeting

All meetings will be held in The Reading Room, Little Barrington, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

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Chairman