

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.25pm**

Present: Councillors K Qureshi (Acting Chair), W Rudd, S Laycock and J Paxton (ex-officio)
Attending: C Callen (Clerk) and Councillor J Selley
Minutes Taken by: C Callen

Councillor Paxton **PROPOSED** Councillor Qureshi to chair the meeting in the absence of both the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/182 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – These were received from Councillors A Fletcher, G Gardner and J Mikkelsen.

25/183 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*) – There were none.

25/184 MATTERS ARISING

Update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan – External Examiner is currently completing his review. Central Bedfordshire Council has conducted a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) screening opinion of the Submitted Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan. CBC is legally required to screen the Plan and provide its opinion as to whether it will require SEA, as well as consult statutory consultees on this opinion before issuing a Screening Determination Statement, detailing reasons for the determination. Further updates are awaited.

Central Beds Council Building Control have invited the Parish Council to submit suggested names for the streets being built on the new Taylor Wimpey site. Details will be sent to all members ahead of the next Full Council meeting, for their consideration.

25/185 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2025

A copy of the minutes was provided to all members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Qureshi **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 24th March 2025, **SECONDED** by Councillor Rudd with **3 in favour and 1 abstention**.

25/186 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED/GRANTED

The list of planning application decisions was circulated to members prior to the meeting. A copy is provided within the minutes. This was acknowledged by members.

25/187 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

25/188 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE CPRE BEDFORDSHIRE UNDERSTANDING PLANNING WORKSHOP ON 4th OCTOBER

As advised at the last Full Council meeting, CPRE Bedfordshire are running a workshop at Parkside Hall, Woburn Street, Ampthill on 4th October 9.30am – 3pm, regarding Understanding Planning. Members to advise the Clerk if they wish to attend.

25/189 UPDATE REGARDING CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GREEN SPACE REVIEW UNDER THEIR LOCAL PLAN

As advised at the last Full Council meeting by Councillor French, Central Beds Council are about to launch their consultation regarding Local Green Spaces, as part of their Local Plan update. An online topic session was held on Monday 29th September to provide further details. Councillor Qureshi and the Clerk attended and provided an update at the meeting. As part of the work completed under the Neighbourhood Plan, the Local Green Spaces for Barton-le-Clay have already been considered and documented, which considerably reduces the work required to be undertaken by the Parish Council for this project.

25/190 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
There was none.

Meeting closed at 7.44pm