

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 7.32pm**

Present: Councillors A Fletcher (Chair), S Laycock, W Rudd, and J Mikkelson

Attending: C Callen (Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: C Callen

25/471 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – These were received from Councillors K Qureshi and J Paxton.

25/472 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.

25/473 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Fletcher confirmed the results of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum held on 19th February – 96.66% voted in favour of the Plan, with a 23.52% turnout from the electorate. Central Beds Council will now adopt the Barton-le-Clay Neighbourhood Plan as part of their policies. Councillor Paxton sent a letter of thanks to Councillor Fletcher and the other members of the Steering Committee, in appreciation of all their efforts.

25/474 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2026

A copy of the minutes was provided to all members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 19th January, **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock **with 2 in favour and 2 abstentions**.

25/475 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, noting the refusal of the application in respect of 18 Higham Gobion Road.

25/476 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

25/477 TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CB/26/00026/FULL, Barton Industrial Estate, Faldo Road: Demolition of the existing industrial unit and the erection of six smaller industrial units

- No comments

CB/26/00157/FULL, 81 Norman Road: Single storey front, side and rear extensions with roof lights.

Following discussion, Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** the following comments be submitted,

SECONDED by Councillor Mikkelson and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

- Comment: The proposed extension will provide an additional bedroom for the dwelling, making it a four-bed property. The Parish Council would like to ensure that adequate off-road parking is provided, so as not to impact the road.

CB/25/03349/FULL, 83 Osborn Road: Erection of a two storey part single storey side extension and two storey rear extension.

Following discussion, Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** the following objection be submitted,

SECONDED by Councillor Laycock and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

- OBJECT – The Parish Council object to the extension as proposed. They are concerned that extending the existing two-bed semi-detached dwelling into a three-bed semi-detached dwelling, will remove any parking spaces at the side of the property. They do not believe there is sufficient space in front of the property with the existing front extension, for a minimum of two vehicles to park off the road, as shown in the plans.

25/478 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION REGARDING THE DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE

The Government are consulting on proposed changes to the NPPF, with a deadline of 10th March. Details of the proposals and the possible impact on rural settings were provided by CPRE and forwarded to members ahead of the meeting to review. Following consideration, Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** the Parish Council respond to the consultation, commenting specifically on the weakening of the Greenbelt and the removal of safeguards which currently protect valued landscapes, which would have an impact on the local area around the Village. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Rudd and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

25/479 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Councillor Fletcher requested that a review of the Neighbourhood Plan Policies is put onto future agendas as part of the ongoing process.

Meeting closed at 7.47pm