



To: Cllrs Yvonne Lee (Chair), Ali Hearn (Vice Chair), Jerry Carlisle, Ian Turner, Alan Cayford, & Neil Cockrell

Councillors are respectively summoned to attend this meeting for the transaction of business in the agenda below. The meeting is open to members of the public and press.

Barley Parish Council Meeting

6th October 2025

The Town House

8pm

A Robertson

Mrs A Robertson

Clerk to Barley Parish Council

To assist in the speedy and efficient despatch of business, members requiring further information or clarification on items included on the agenda are requested to enquire prior to the meeting.

**Barley Parish Council meeting: 6th October 2025 at 8pm,
Town House**

AGENDA

1. Apologies

1.1 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 To receive declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the Barley Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2025 as an accurate record of proceedings.

4. Public Participation

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

5. Planning

5.1 Ref: 25/02300/LBC - 1 Sells Close Cottages, High Street, Barley, SG8 8HY

Listed Building Consent: Installation of paddle staircase and partition at first floor level including relocating existing doors and removal of existing partition. Formation of loft storage area including repairs to some existing first floor ceilings (development already carried out).

- 5.2 Ref: 25/02352/LBC - Daubentons, Manor Farm, Church End, Barley, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 8JW**
Listed Building Consent: Insertion of rear bifold doors and windows following removal of existing window (revision of previously approved Listed Building Consent 25/00384/LBC granted 28.05.2025)
- 5.3 Ref: 24/00765/FP**
Update on proposed Foxlea Development at The Mount.
- 5.4 Housing Land Supply**
Update sent via email from the Development and Conservation Officer at North Hertfordshire Council.
- 5.5 Barkway Road, Royston – Proposed Development**
Further Update following the consultation held in Royston in September.
- 6. Village Speed Management**
To agree next steps on investigating future Speed management options.
- 7. Reports from County/District Councillors**
7.1 To receive a report from County Cllr Brown
7.2 To receive a report from District Cllr Prescott
7.3 To receive an update on the Local Government Reorganisation in Hertfordshire.
- 8. Finance RFO report for the Parish Council**
8.1 To consider and approve payments for the Council.
8.2 Donation request for MAGPAS
- 9. Finance RFO report for the Town House Charity (As sole Trustee)**
9.1 To consider and approve payments for the Town House Charity (as Sole Trustee).
- 10. Reports from Working Parties, Committees and Portfolio Holders**
10.1 Town House Charity (as Sole Trustee)
To receive a report from the Chairman of the Town House Charity Committee together with confirmation that all necessary safety checks have been carried out.
- 10.2** Plaistow, Children's Playground, Green areas
10.2.1 To receive a report from Cllr Cayford and note any issues arising in the Plaistow together with confirmation that all necessary weekly safety checks have been carried out.
- 11. Items of Correspondence**
11.1 Request of Public Liability Insurance confirmation from Fields in Trust (Plaistow)
- 12. Items for future discussion**
12.1 The Village Bench Maintenance Project
- 13. Date of next Barley Parish meeting and items for the agenda**
To note the date of next Parish Council Meeting which will be 3rd November 2025.

Contact: Alice Robertson, Clerk to Barley Parish Council
clerk@barleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Appendix:

Item: 5.4

From: Shaun Greaves

Sent: 09 September 2025

To: yvonnelee@barleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cc: clerk@barleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Subject: RE: 5 yr housing land supply

Dear Yvonne

Thank you for your email.

I understand Barley Parish Council's concerns relating to this matter and a need to obtain a better understanding of the Council's approach to planning applications and the application of the tilted balance set out in paragraph 11(d) of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The North Hertfordshire does not have a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land, and the Council's Strategic Planning team is currently working on the update for 2025. This means that policies of the Local Plan or a neighbourhood plan most relevant for determining housing applications are considered out-of-date. However, such policies are not disregarded and there are relevant planning policies within the NPPF that are relevant to housing proposals.

A 5-year housing land supply will be achieved through granting planning permission for housing developments. However, it is **not** the case that everything will be granted planning permission and that making comments on applications is futile. Although I understand the frustration when applications for housing developments are granted contrary to the comments of parish councils where the tilted balance has been applied, I encourage responses to consultations from parish councils which will be considered.

Each application is considered on its merits and where the tilted balance applies if the application of NPPF policies that protect assets or policies of importance, such as designated heritage assets like conservation areas or listed buildings, provides a strong reason for refusing development or the adverse impacts of granting planning permission would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits when assessed against the policies of the NPPF as a whole the recommendation of officers will be to refuse planning permission.

Whilst I decline your invitation to attend a meeting of your Council to explain this matter, I will be undertaking training for NHDC Members on this subject and will ask that this is disseminated to parish councils including Barley Parish Council.

Many thanks
Shaun



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From: yvonnelee@barleyparishcouncil.gov.uk <yvonnelee@barleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 September 2025 18:10

To: Shaun Greaves

Cc: clerk@barleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Subject: 5 yr housing land supply

Dear Shaun,

I write on behalf of Barley Parish Council and the current position of housing land supply in the District.

Over recent years Barley has seen substantial infill development and the applications continue to be submitted. Along with highways, it is the area that causes villagers the greatest concern.

We are aware of the short fall in the required five year housing land supply in the district and the deficit of 1,359 units, equating to only 3.9 years supply as detailed in NHDC's 5year Housing Land Supply Update of May 2024. I couldn't find a 2025 update so I assume one has not been published yet? We are also aware that it is the council's view that given this shortfall and the obligations in Para 11 of the NPPF, the policies in the Local Plan are considered historic and thus there is a presumption in favour of all residential development unless it is proven to cause demonstratable harm.

We would like understand the implications of this approach on the planning applications that are being submitted in Barley. We certainly don't want to be written off as trouble makers, but given the length of time, energy and expense that went into the production of the Local Plan, we find it difficult to explain to villagers why those very policies after less than three years, are now being disregarded. The view is that anything will now be granted permission and objecting is futile.

A better understanding of the Council's approach, together with current housing figures, would undoubtedly help the Parish Council to direct our arguments in the most effective way possible.

It would be extremely helpful if we could have a discussion with you about this. We meet on the first Monday of every month and would be delighted if you would be able to address one of our forth coming meetings. If this is not possible we could arrange an ad hoc Informal Gathering, which would not be open to the public, at a time that is more convenient to you.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Cllr Yvonne Lee
Chair Barley Parish Council

Item 6

Hi Yvonne,

Following on from our call a couple of weeks ago and subsequent emails with Stuart, please see set out below our proposed scope and associated fees for traffic calming measures through Barley.

For clarity I have split out the anticipated tasks and associated fee below:

- Obtain OS and Highway boundary for B1368 (£200 plus disbursements)
- Review of traffic flows and speed data (provided by BPC) (£200)
- Consider traffic calming options (LTN 1/07) and suggest potential options (£350)
- Online meeting with BPC to discuss options and agree preferred option (£200)
- Prepare a proposed traffic calming drawing based on OS (£500)

We propose the output of the work will be a design drawing, relaying key constraints and design considerations, as well as proposed mitigation measures.

Our proposed total fixed fee is £1,450 excluding VAT and would be carried out in accordance with our standard Terms and Conditions (attached).

I trust that's clear and as required but if you do have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please give me a call.

Kind regards,

Leila Farhan
Director – Sustainable Infrastructure



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Item 11.1

I am writing to you on behalf of Fields In Trust who are the freehold or custodian owners of The Plaistow in Barley, which you manage.

I have been asked to write to all our fields to enquire about the public liability insurance that should be in place to cover the activities of the field.

We understand that you arrange public liability insurance cover for the field yourselves. It is important that cover is in place. We are therefore carrying out an audit as requested by our insurers to check that all our owned sites have appropriate cover in place. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would confirm by 17th October 2025, for our records, that you have insurance in place.

If you are no longer the contact for the site can you either let us know the details of the new contact or pass this e mail to them.

Robert Killen
On behalf of Fields In Trust

