

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of Headbourne Worthy

Parish Council

Held at 6.45pm on Monday 8th June 2026

Barton Farm Primary School, Kings Barton

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Chair: J Hamblin Clerk: Belinda Baker

Present: Cllrs J Hamblin, M Leone, N Wilson, M Iredale,
A De Stefano, M Turner, R Watters.

WCC None

Clerk: Belinda Baker

Public attendance: Two

C/26/017 **Apologies**
There were none.

C/26/018 **To receive declarations of pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other significant interests from members concerning specific items on the agenda**
There were none.

C/26/019 **Public Participation**
One member of the public spoke about a Facebook post she felt was misleading. The other member noted that other Kings Barton residents had different views on the importance of Barton Meadows to the Kings Barton development.

C/26/020 **To agree how items 5 and 6 on the agenda should be funded if agreed**
Cllr Hamblin expressed concern that the proposal was that the payment should be coming from the commuted sums provided by CALA. Cllr Iredale said she shared the concern and wanted to make it clear that any payment for these items would not come from HW funds. The Clerk said that the advice from the Council's solicitor's was clear that the commuted sums could be spent on items other than maintenance provided the open spaces continued to be properly maintained.

The Chair moved item 6 up the agenda

C/26/021 To agree whether or not to proceed to take legal action, in regard to Winchester Town CGR, as per the proposal by HWPC's solicitor and if agreed, to agree the costs.

Cllr Watters commented that the proposal was required in order to get WCC to come to the table. He said the responses that had been received from WCC had been dismissive. He acknowledged that a PC had the right to undertake legal action against another Council, if it was to the benefit of the Parish. However, he expressed concern that this would be using the commuted sums inappropriately. Cllr Wilson said that because the money was in the HWPC bank account then the whole PC was responsible for its use. Cllr De Stefano said that the improvements to Barton Meadows had already been paid for by the commuted sums. Cllr Turner expressed concern at the payment of £8,500 required for the proposal. He queried if this was good use of Council funds. Cllr Hamblin proposed meeting individually with Cllr Cramoysan to ensure that he fully understood the views and feelings of the Kings Barton councillors, and then to arrange a meeting with Mr John so that these concerns could be clearly communicated to him, before the final decision on the CGR. The Council voted 3:3 on the proposal, with one abstention. The Chair had the casting vote which was not to proceed.

C/26/022 Kings Barton Community Building – to agree installation of a sprung floor and the costs for the floor if not covered by CALA

The Council agreed to provide the funds for the installation of a sprung floor at the Community Building to the BSEN14904 standard, the recommended standard for a general sports floor. The upper limit price of £35,159 was agreed. Cllr Turner said that if CALA allowed another supplier to undertake the installation it would be cheaper. This had been proposed to CALA but he had not yet had a response. The Clerk warned that at the recent meeting CALA had been unenthusiastic about this proposal. The Council agreed that payment should be taken from the commuted sums, preferably from the amount due from the transfer of the 2A open space (KB/26/038b).

Action: Clerk

C/26/023 To decide a press relations and communication strategy, including the Council's, as a result of item 5 if necessary

The Council agreed to engage with the press to explain the disappointment KBC felt that WCC were not prepared to partake in discussions regarding Barton Meadows. It was felt that this would be another way of getting WCC to talk to KBC. Cllr Iredale proposed using a suitably experienced professional contact to prepare the release to be agreed by the Council. This was agreed.

Action: Cllr Iredale, Clerk

C/26/024 To agree whether or not to apply to register Barton Meadows as an Asset of Community Value

The Council agreed it was appropriate to apply to WCC to register Barton Meadows as an asset of community value. The Clerk explained that there was an online form to be completed and WCC would make an assessment as to whether to include it on the ACV register. She noted that the recent English Devolution and Empowerment Act 2026 had strengthened the hand of communities wishing to purchase a registered asset.

Action: Clerk

Meeting finished at 7:45
The Chair thanked the attendees.