

**Minutes of Barleythorpe Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 7pm  
Rutland Showground Pavilion, Barleythorpe**

Attendance	Cllr. Malcolm Phillips – Chairman Cllr. David Blanksby Cllr. Andrew Burton Cllr. Sarah Clark Cllr. Hilary Hudson Helen Duckering – Parish Clerk 6 members of the public	
2025/58	<b>Public Participation</b>  Matt Roberts and Paul Coates, interim directors, Oakham Heights Residents Management Company Limited made a short report. Directorship handover will be completed once issues are resolved, to which Allison Homes are committed, and remedial work brought up to standard. Some work to the brook has been completed. The replacement header wall has been delayed due to an active badger set and requires Natural England licence to proceed. Some works to trees on Barleythorpe Road (zone 3) will be completed in October. Ownership, and therefore responsibility for, trees along Barleythorpe Road is being investigated via RCC with the assistance of ward members. A response is awaited.	
2025/59	<b>To approve absences</b> The absence of Cllr. Richardson was approved. Apologies received from C. Cllr. Carr and C. Cllr. Dinsmore.	
2025/60	<b>To receive declarations of member’s interests and requests for dispensations.</b> None.	
2025/61	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>  The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. All in favour	
2025/62	<b>Matters arising from the minutes of the meetings 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 not listed separately on the agenda.</b>  None.	
2025/63	<b>Clerk’s report &amp; correspondence</b>  Nothing to report at this meeting.	

**County Councillors report**

There were no County Councillors present at the meeting. C.Cllr. Dinsmore provided the following report:

1. **Local Government Reform**: As the Parish Council may be aware, the Conservative Group put in a special motion requesting a vote of no confidence in the Liberal Democrat administration with a view to changing direction on local government reorganisation. The administration's position had been that it was solely a matter of its executive powers and therefore a decision solely for the Leader to take without a vote of all Councillors. Further, the administration's strong preference was to merge Rutland with Leicestershire without proper consideration of South Kesteven as an alternative, nor of keeping Rutland as it is. The Conservative Group wants all options to be explored fully and for there to be a vote on which options are presented to the national government. The no confidence vote fell just short owing to a number of independent councillors either failing to attend or abstaining. I was grateful to get the support of my ward mate, Cllr Carr, who supported the motion. Whilst we were not able to change the administration, we have changed its policies in that it now states that (i) it will explore all of the options, and (ii) there will be a vote in November (where it has previously ignored its commitment to a vote in March and expressly stating more recently that it was a matter solely for the Leader). As a result, my election has had a tangible impact on the direction of our County. I will continue fighting this fight to ensure that Rutland gets the best possible outcome and that residents get their say on its future.
2. **Road Completion**: Cllr Carr and I have written a joint letter to Allison Homes that will request an explanation for the continuing delays on road adoption and requesting a clear timetable for the completion of the roads. We are going to be out this Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>) gathering signatures to attach to that letter to show Allison Homes the strength of feeling on this issue. I have also been in touch with a number of residents with a view to setting up a resident group to keep the pressure on Allison Homes to stick to their stated timetable and ensure that the roads are completed. Once the roads are completed, I will liaise with the Council on their adoption.
3. **Flooding**: The long overdue Section 19 report into flood defences is coming before cabinet on 14 October, where they will decide whether to publish it or not. Assuming that they vote to publish it, I will liaise with the Council and do everything I can to make sure that the recommended preventive measures are in place before the Winter months. I have also spoken to our Member of Parliament Alicia Kearns, who will contact Allison Homes to request a meeting

	<p>for me and her on sewage – which is vital to resolving flooding issues alongside roads.</p> <p>4. <b>Autumn Youth Forum:</b> I have written to the Leader of the Council to request dates to attend a youth forum in Barleythorpe to which we will invite residents to give their feedback and ideas on what more the Council can do for young people following the closure of Catmose sports centre. I know that there is real concern amongst residents that our young people are being left behind and regarding transport to educational institutions post 16, and I will work hard to make sure that is not the case.</p>	
2025/65	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To approve payments - none</li> <li>b. Receipts - none</li> <li>c. To approve financial summary and bank reconciliations.</li> </ul> <p>These were approved appendix 1 &amp; 2 below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. CIL – appendix 3 below</li> </ul>	
2025/66	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To receive planning application responses since last meeting</li> </ul> <p>2025/0629/FUL Land adjacent to Barleythorpe Hall. Section 73 application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans), Condition 4 (Hard &amp; Soft Landscaping), Condition 8 (Site Levels), Condition 9 (Surface water drainage), Condition 14 (Site boundary wall), Condition 15 (Wall around site to be retained in perpetuity), Condition 16 (Green Screen Fencing) of 2024/0966/FUL (6 no. detached dwellings with garaging and associated site work). <i>Amendment to the design of Plot 4.</i></p> <p><i>There should not be any changes allowed to the original planning application. Much time and effort was made to ensure the plan did not seriously affect the residents of Clock House Court. The reduction of the height of the plots was to ensure the residents of Clock House Court were not overlooked and their boundary not put under undue pressure of the higher land moving towards their boundaries. The final approval ensured the protected area of Clock House Court was not compromised or damaged. These proposed changes will cause problems for the residents of Clock House Court, both by being overlooked and by pressure on their boundaries being under continuous pressure from the higher land. Flooding of Clock House Court could be caused by the runoff from the higher land. The area of Clock House Court is supposed to be protected, and this protection must be continued.</i></p> <p><b>It was proposed that the Parish Council request a site visit meeting with the planning officer to fully discuss this application.</b></p> <p>2025/0846/OUT Land to the west of Main Road. Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for access for up to</p>	Clerk

	<p>110 dwellings and associated infrastructure on land to the west of Main Road, Oakham  <i>Currently there is a distinct boundary between Barleythorpe and Oakham, this development would remove this boundary and merge Barleythorpe and Oakham. The development would be quite nice but is in the wrong location. Access to the development would further increase the traffic on Main Road and cause more traffic disruptions especially during the building of the development and after, with the residents accessing and leaving the development.</i></p> <p>2025/0953/RG3 8B Saddlers Court. Change of use from Class E (Office) to Class F.1(a) (Provision of Education).  <i>Opportunity to get unit used. Parking may be an issue depending on number of students at any one time.</i></p> <p>2025/0967/DIS Oakham CCRC, Wheatfield Way. Discharge of condition 11 (sustainable drainage scheme) in relation to 2023/0632/RES (Approval of Reserved Matters (layout, scale and appearance of the buildings erected, and the landscaping for this phase) for 65 dwellings, including 26 no. 1-bedroom apartments in a mews arrangement around communal garden to be delivered as independent living units, relating to the Outline Permission under reference OUT/2009/1306/NH and the S73 Application to vary Condition10 of the Outline Permission (Planning Reference APP/2011/0832/NH)).</p> <p><b>The Parish Council has insufficient expertise to comment on the specifics of this application. A request to discuss further with a planning officer will be made, to fully understand the implications of the plan.</b></p> <p>b. To receive planning application decisions from Rutland County Council: None.</p>	Clerk
2025/67	<p><b>Flooding Prevention &amp; Risk Management Group</b></p> <p>A meeting with the Rutland County Council Flood Officer is still awaited before any further progress can be made.</p>	
2025/68	<p><b>Environment Working Group</b></p> <p>a. To receive report:          Beacon - The planting in the beacon has died, due to lack of water. It was agreed that an artificial plant will replace this.          Barleythorpe in Bloom – replanting with winter pansies will commence shortly and repairs and maintenance be completed.          Replacement of dead trees – it was agreed that potted trees rather than bare root would be more successful and cost effective overall.          All in favour.</p>	

	<p>Adjustment to mowing in NHS wood will be requested. Christmas trees which have died will be removed.</p> <p>b. Bulb planting update – locations for planting have been approved by OHMRC and planting will commence shortly..</p>	
2025/69	<p>The meeting closed at 7.40pm</p> <p>Next meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025.</p>	

Barleythorpe Parish Council  
 Finances April 2025- March 2026

The financial year is divided into six two-month periods.

CURRENT PERIOD: 2		Year to date:
<b>INCOME</b>		
Precept:		23,820.00
Sundries:		
VAT:		3,310.94
CIL:		5,466.97
Interest:		166.14
Misc:		
Sponsorship:		
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>32,764.05</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Clerk's Salary:	13,800.00	£8,320.62
Clerk's Expenses:	1,200.00	£700.00
NI contributions:	800.00	£499.44
Street Lights:	50.00	
Audit costs:	320.00	£300.00
Subscriptions:	700.00	£732.45
Website & IT:	1,000.00	£484.24
general budget:		£1,522.85
Insurance	630.00	
VAT:		£836.67
Maintenance:	5,000.00	£4,089.96
Sundries:	290.00	£123.42
Training:	100.00	
Chairman's fund:	100.00	
CIL:		
Defibrillator:	150.00	
bank charges:	60.00	£20.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24,200.00</b>	<b>17,629.65</b>

**OVERALL SURPLUS/DEFICIT:**

Current a/c: at 1 Apr 2025:	2,057.27	
Deposit a/c: at 1 Apr 2025:	29,841.79	
Adjustments:		
2025/26 opening balance:	31,899.06	31,899.06
Income to date:	32,764.05	
Expenditure to date:	-17,629.65	
Surplus/deficit to date:		15,134.40
Bank balance at period end:		<u>47,033.46</u>

