

Bardwell Parish Council

Chair: Cllr David Ruffles. Vice Chair: Cllr Karen Witton

**Councillors are summoned to attend a meeting of Bardwell Parish Council
to be held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026**

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm Venue: The Tithe Barn, Up Street, Bardwell IP31 1AA

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

- 1.1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 1.2 To consider approval of apologies.

2. Declarations of Interests *relating to items on this agenda.*

- 2.1 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests; other registerable and non-registerable interests as detailed in Appendix B of the LGA Model Code of Conduct.
- 2.2 To consider and determine any requests for dispensations in relation to declarations made.

3. Approval of Minutes of the meetings held

- 3.1 2nd December 2025
- 3.2 24th January 2026

4. Public Participations session

Members of the public are welcome to raise questions or comments relating to items on this agenda.

Any other matters may be considered at the discretion of the Chair but may not necessarily be responded to during the meeting. Such matters will, where appropriate, be considered for inclusion on a future agenda or possibly responded to outside of the meeting in writing.

5. To receive reports from:

- 5.1 Suffolk County Councillor, Joanna Spicer MBE
- 5.2 West Suffolk District Councillor, Andrew Smith

6. Highways Matters for consideration

- 6.1 Knox Lane: To consider correspondence from resident. (see attached)
- 6.2 Up Street Footpath – Update (Clerk)

7. Planning - New Applications: To consider responses to planning application consultation documents received from West Suffolk Council, the planning authority.

- 7.1 **DC/25/2048/TCA** | Trees in a conservation area notification - a. one Sycamore (T4 on plan) fell b. one Poplar (T6 on plan) height reduction by two metres
Bardwell Hall Ixworth Road Bardwell Suffolk IP31 1AU
- 7.2 **DC/25/2025/FUL** | Planning application - petanque pitch and siting of shelter
Sports Pavilion, Bardwell Sports Club And Committee Spring Road Bardwell
Suffolk IP31 1AB

8. Planning Applications - To Note Decisions determined by West Suffolk Council since previous meeting. (See attached)

9. Chair's report

10. Clerk's report

11. Finance

- 11.1 Financial Report
- 11.2 Invoices for payment
- 11.3 2026/27 precept request. To note submission of precept request to WSC following meeting held 24 January 2026: £21,196.00
- 11.4 To note, and raise any further questions if required, relating to budget details 2026/27 (amended to include specific line for Peace Arch).

12. Bardwell Village News: Matters for consideration – See Clerk's report

- 13. Community Field** – any matters to report Chair
- 14. Footpaths** - Progress report KW
- 15. Peace Arch** – Update KW
- 16. Support Our Buses** - Progress report KW
- 17. Volunteer Work Force** – 2026 season commences 21st February KW
- 18. Annual Village Meeting** – To determine date and consider/agree arrangements

Reports from other organisations

19. BPFA

20. Community Speedwatch AC

21. Tithe Barn AJS

22. Correspondence

23. Diary Dates:

Tuesday 10 February - Town and Parish Forum - at Honington Village Hall

Saturday 11th April - Litter Pick

24. Questions to the Chair and items for consideration for the next agenda.

25. Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March 2026, 7pm

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P Smith, Clerk/RFO

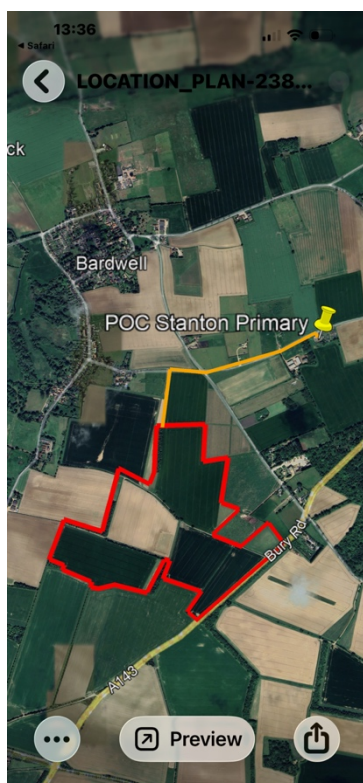
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**Ref item 6 - Highways Matters for Consideration:
Correspondence from resident – received 280126**



I presume with Andrew chairing the DC Committee, the PC are aware of planning application DC/25/2021/RM, for Bloor Homes to develop land to the East of the A143. They are already proposing to develop land to the West of the A143, opposite the old Rose & Crown as well as plans to install solar panels in the fields opposite Witton & Frost. If either of the housing developments go ahead I'd like to propose that Highways look at controlling the traffic in Knox Lane. One suggestion would be to leave the residential part of Knox Lane as it is but change the top half of Knox Lane to one way, exiting Bardwell only. This would prevent Knox Lane from being used as a rat run during peak hours.

Ref Item 7.2 To Note:

Planning Application Decisions made by West Suffolk Council, the Planning Authority, since Bardwell Parish Council's meeting held 2 December 2025.

DC/25/1720/TCA|Trees in a conservation notification - 15 yew (marked on plan) and 15 leylandi (marked on plan) overall crown reduction by up to one metre
The Old Rectory Up Street Bardwell Suffolk IP31 1AA
No objections. 9th December 2025

DC/25/1761/TCA|Trees in a conservation area notification - one Weeping Willow (marked on plan) crown lift by 5.5 metres
Old Farmhouse The Green Bardwell Suffolk IP31 1AW
No objections 12th December 2025

DCON(A)/24/0600|Application to discharge condition 2 (soft Landscaping - minor (and trees) of DC/24/0600/RM
Pinn Field Glassfield Road Stanton Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 2DS
Approved 29th December 2025

DC/25/1721/TPO|TPO 302(1973) tree preservation order - one horse chestnut (marked on plan and within G3 on order) crown lift up to 5.5m above ground level over the road, and up to 3m above ground level elsewhere.
The Old Rectory Up Street Bardwell Suffolk IP31 1AA
Approved 20th January 2026