



To: Cllrs Jerry Carlisle, Ali Hearn, Ian Turner, Alan Cayford, Yvonne Lee & 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 January 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 January 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 2nd December 2024 as an accurate record of proceedings.
- 4. Public Participation**

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.
- 5. Scout Hut**
- 6. Barley Barkway School Federation – Consultation for proposed expansion into Early Years teaching.**

7. Planning
7.1 Reference: 21/00765/OP

Outline Application : Outline Planning Application for Residential Development of up to 280 dwellings (including affordable housing) green infrastructure including public open space, landscape boundaries and SUDS with all matters reserved except for access which is to be taken from Barkway Road (as amended 13 December 2024).

Land Off Barkway Road And North Of Flint Hall, Barkway Road, Royston, Hertfordshire,

8. Reports from County/District Councillors

8.1 To receive a report from County Cllr Hill

8.2 To receive a report from District Cllr Prescott

9. Finance RFO report for the Parish Council

9.1 To consider and approve payments for the Council.

9.2 Finalise 2025/2026 Budget for Precept

10. Finance RFO report for the Town House Charity (As sole Trustee)

10.1 To consider and approve payments for the Town House Charity (as Sole Trustee).

11. Reports from Working Parties, Committees and Portfolio Holders

11.1 Town House Charity (as Sole Trustee)

11.1.1 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.

12.2 Plaistow, Children's Playground, Green areas

12.2.1 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.

13. The Truvelo Camera Scheme

13.1 MoU

14. Clerks Report

15. Items of Correspondence

16. Items for future discussion

17. Date of next Barley Parish meeting and items for the agenda

To note the date of next Parish Council Meeting which will be 3rd February.

Contact: Alice Robertson, Clerk to Barley Parish Council
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Barley Barkway (VA) C of E Federation of First Schools: Consultation on Change of Age Range

Proposal

Barley Barkway (VA) C of E Federation of First Schools is consulting on a proposal to admit 2-year-old children to Barkway First School. This would mean changing the age range of Barley Barkway (VA) C of E Federation of First Schools from 3–9 to 2–9 years of age, with effect from 1st September 2025.

Background

The school currently has an Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) class for children aged between 3 and 5 years old. The proposal is to accept children aged 2 years old as well from September 2025.

Benefits of the proposal

Children aged 2 years olds will continue to enjoy a play-based approach with adults supporting them to develop their independence, making choices and expanding on their interest in the world around them. Children will continue to benefit from stimulating environments and support to develop their curiosity, playfulness and desire to learn. Alongside this we will be able to develop the curriculum to ensure the knowledge and skills planned and taught to children aged 2 years old supports those taught in the EYFS class. By enabling children to start in the nursery as 2 year olds, we will remove a transition point and provide greater consistency and continuity for our children. Staff will work with children and their parents at a younger age, and so get to know them, identify their needs and have a greater impact earlier – well before they apply for Reception class at our school.

Evidence of Demand

In the light of recent budgets and change of Government, there is a projected increase in demand for 2 and 3 year-old Nursery places. New entitlements are being rolled out in stages:



Our Federation vision is to work with parents, Governors and the Diocese of St Albans to provide an outstanding Christian education, inspiring confidence and enthusiasm as well as positively impacting and preparing our pupils for the rest of their lives.

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- From September 2024, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 15 hours per week;
- From September 2025, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to when the child starts at school can access 30 hours funded childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year.
- Substantial residential development approved for Barkway Village and surrounding areas near Royston and Buntingford.

Capital and Planning

Barley and Barkway Federation has applied for the School-Based Nursery Capital Grant 2024-2025 and in the interim, the school will provide funding for the changes we would like to make to our buildings.

The proposal will not affect the Published Admission Number for the school nor the capacity and will not put pressure on the classroom space for our school aged children.

Responding to the Consultation

This consultation will run from Friday 13th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.

Barley and Barkway Federation welcomes responses on this proposal by the closing date of Friday 3rd January 2025 either by:

Emailing: 2yoconsultation@barleybarkway.herts.sch.uk – please title the email 'Nursery Consultation'

Or, by writing to Barley and Barkway (VA) C of E First Schools Federation, Church End, Barley, Royston Herts SG8 8JW before the closing date of Friday 3rd January 2025.

We hope you will want to support our proposal – all responses to the consultation will be considered and shared with the school's leadership team and the Federation Governing Board. Responses will be shared with the Local Authority and the Diocesan Board of Education but we will not send to individual responses of any specific points made or questions/comments raised.