

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL on 6th FEBRUARY 2018 at 6.30pm

1. Present: Councillors: Mr J Coker (Chairman), Mrs G Cathie (Vice-Chair), Mrs J Piney, Lt Col J B Henderson
Hon Treasurer: Mrs A McPherson
Clerk: Mrs P Mead
Public: Mr J Castle, Mr K Corner, Mr D Eastland, Mr J Hayman-Joyce, Mr E Hicks, Mrs T Jones, Mr C Maynell, Mr G McPherson, Mr and Mrs J Mathias, Mr D Poulson, and Mr C Seymour-Smith

2. Apologies: Brigadier J F Rickett, Mr A Jones, Mrs L Graham and Mr J Shipton

3. The Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting on the 10th January 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Declaration of Interest:** The Chairman declared an interest in a recently received planning application to vary a condition contained within an existing planning consent which had been approved in 2006 and would step down from the Chair when this was discussed.

5. Finances to date

The 3rd Interim Statement of the finances had been prepared and copies were distributed at the meeting. Mrs McPherson said there was nothing to report in so far as all budgeted payments for 2017-18 had been made and the end of year balance available to the PC was £302.

Mrs McPherson asked that the final statement in the Annual Report be approved provided that there were no further transactions before 5 April 2018. All agreed.

The Councillors were asked to note that there was an outstanding claim for VAT for £196.90 which will come through in due course.

6. Addition to the Constitution

In respect of the above agenda item, the Chairman re-introduced the subject which had been debated at the last meeting. Time was allowed for members of the public to speak and the comments made were supportive. It was also decided that Councillor Piney would take the opportunity to review the Constitution as drafted and report back as to whether it was currently fit for purpose.

The Chairman proposed that the following addition to the Constitution be made

‘The Clerk shall be authorised by the Parish Council

“To respond to Stratford District Council (SDC) on behalf of the Parish Council in its capacity as a statutory consultee on planning applications where: -

- (a) The date for response falls between regular meetings of the Parish Council
- (b) The clerk has undertaken consultation with all Councillors and residents of Barton on the Heath electronically and also
- (c) All members of the Council and members of the public who wish to express an opinion should respond in writing to the clerk within 5 working days. If all are in agreement, and there are no objections, the agreed response will be submitted to SDC. If there are objections, then an Extra-Ordinary meeting will be called. If there has been no response within 5 working days, then approval shall be deemed to have been given by councillors and the public.
- (d) The application is not a major application as defined in the SDC constitution
- (e) The application is not subject to an objection from a member of the public “ ‘

This was supported by all Councillors with all in favour.

7. **Planning applications - 18/00100/TREE Campden Farm House**
A site visit had taken place, and all supported the thinning and removal of trees as per the application

8. **Parish Plan Update**

The Chairman reported that he had applied for a grant from Warwickshire District Council to fund the printing of a questionnaire, posters and display materials. The questionnaire is now ready to be printed and will be distributed by hand together with the Warwickshire Rural Housing Needs Survey

9. **Clean Up Village Day**

Mr C Seymour-Smith very kindly offered to organise another Clean Up Village Day. Since the meeting the date suggested is **Saturday 28th April**

10. **AOB**

Village Fete - Date for the fete had been agreed and all were asked to note their diaries of the date: **Saturday 23rd June 2018**

In line with the policy of trying to keep up to date with planning applications and respond in a proper fashion without the need to resort to XO meetings, the Chairman introduced the following planning items to be discussed.

Planning Application 18/00013/VARY - Henmarsh House for Mr James Coker

Mrs G Cathie took the Chair. Mr Coker then explained that he had made an application to vary a condition in his existing planning consent that was granted in 2006. He stated that he wished to re-design the garage building for which he already had planning permission. It would have a lower ridge line than the original design and would have a timber frame and slate roof. The changed design would have less impact on the surrounding area, neighbours and the Conservation Area than that, originally approved. Mr Mathias his next door neighbour acknowledged that this was preferable to the original design. The Councillors agreed to support this application unanimously. The Clerk will communicate with SDC on the following basis:

"Planning Application 18/00013/VARY - Henmarsh House, Barton on the Heath.

Following a Parish Council meeting at which the application to vary a condition of the original planning consent by submitting a new design for the approved garage at Henmarsh House was discussed, all councillors agreed that the new design was an improvement and had less impact on the surroundings and therefore they unanimously supported the application, with all in favour. "

Mr Coker then retook the Chair and asked Mr G McPherson to talk about a proposed plan, for which he had not yet applied for planning permission, for a stable block at **Stanbrook House**.

Mr McPherson explained that he sought advice and comments on his proposed plan and a discussion then took place. Various concerns were expressed including how it would affect the look of the village as you approached from Long Compton and if horses were to be kept in the field, the dangers of exiting onto the road. Mr McPherson pointed out that currently the eastern elevation was very exposed and visible from the road. This was especially noticeable at night with headlights shining into the windows. The Stable block would help to screen the house. It was also pointed out by Councillor Henderson that the plans had some inaccuracies on them in respect of the orientation of the buildings. These concerns were noted by Mr McPherson. On the basis that these inaccuracies were corrected and an application, when forthcoming was in line with the designs shown to the Parish Council, it was agreed by the Councillors that they were supportive of the application. The Parish Council awaits confirmation that an application has been made.

8. **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 17th May 2018 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm