

**BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL on 31st JULY 2018 at 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Mr J Coker (Chairman), Mrs G Cathie (Vice-Chairman),
Lt Col J B Henderson and Brigadier J F Rickett
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs M McPherson
Clerk: Mrs P Mead (standing-in)
Public: Mr J Castle, Mrs S Coker, Mr K Corner, Mrs E Eisenberg, Mr and Mrs R Graham, Mr James Hayman-Joyce, Mr C Maynell, Mr D Poulson, Mr B Radford, Mrs F Rickett, Mr C Seymour-Smith, and Mr A Wield

1. Apologies: Councillor J Piney
2. The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting which took place on 23rd May 2017 were approved and were signed by the Chairman.
3. **Declaration of Interest**
There were two declarations on interest namely the Chairman with regard to the land near Henmarsh House planning application and Brigadier Rickett and the application by Mrs E Eisenberg at Rainbow Farm as the access for works was opposite Brigadier Rickett's property at Barton Fields. At the appropriate time the Chairman will hand over the Chair to the Vice-Chairman
4. **Accounts**
The Hon Treasurer had circulated copies of the most up to date Accounts to the Councillors prior to the meeting. There were no changes to report since the last meeting. However, it was suggested that the sum of £1,500 be placed in the maintenance account in order to cover possible future expenditure. These was agreed unanimously.

It was understood that the process for lodging the Annual Return had been changed and that it was now done electronically. In addition, if the Parish's income is less than £25K, the accounts just needed an internal auditor to agree the accounts. The accounts were approved by the Councillors present and signed in their presence by the Chairman and the acting Parish Clerk and will be placed on the Parish website and the noticeboards as required.
5. **Appointment of a new Clerk**
Colin Maynell had kindly agreed to take over as Parish Clerk from 1st October.
6. **Constitution**
On reflection, the Chairman felt that the PC had swung too far in the direction of reliance on email correspondence and that there should still be an XO meeting of the Council if a Planning application was a major one or at all contentious and there was time to organise it. He also felt that the new system put a lot of responsibility on the Clerk. He stressed, though, that for the system to work at all, it was incumbent in particular on the Councillors to check through applications most carefully when they were received, and the general public were also encouraged to look through the plans with care and due consideration. Each application will be considered by the Clerk and the Chairman before deciding which route to take.

The Chairman would like the minutes to record his thanks for the work Councillor Piney did on behalf of the PC in providing a revised and modernised version of the Constitution for their consideration.

There was a vote on which version of the Constitution to adopt. The Constitution as produced by Councillor Henderson was agreed to be preferable with the addition of a paragraph on the timing of consultation.

7. **Planning Applications:**

18/00353/FUL Rainbow Farm - Ms E Eisenberg - erection of single-storey pool building. Although this application had now been approved by SDC, concern had been expressed by Councillor Rickett and Adam and Annabelle Jones about where the proposed temporary road would be built. Mrs Eisenberg was invited to speak and explained the background behind the decision to use a temporary single-track road for the building works in that it would be far less disruptive to those living around the village green, reminding Councillors of the issues they had raised when discussing the previous application for their extension. The works would take about 9-12 months and Ms Eisenberg stated that the road only had temporary planning permission. She understood that any plan to make the road permanent would necessitate a further application to SDC and the Highways Department and would come before the PC in the usual way. It should be noted that this would be contested in the strongest possible way by their near neighbours, if this were to occur.

The conditions proposed and accepted by SDC under Application 17/03420/FUL would be in force during all the works at Rainbow Farm (see XO Minutes dated 13th December 2017 Point 5 1-6) A request was made by Linda Graham that Ms Eisenberg arrange for toad tunnels to be placed at strategic intervals under the road in order that migrating toads were unaffected by the temporary road.

Planning Application Consultation 18/02139/TREE Rainbow Farm

The Chairman had previously circulated details of this application to the Councillors and the Village on the 23rd July. The date for a response to SDC is the 8th August. As Councillor Henderson had asked for it to be discussed at a PC meeting and all the parties were available to discuss it, the Chairman asked Ms Eisenberg to explain the reasoning behind the application.

Ms Eisenberg commented that an additional application had been made for the felling of 5 trees on this land, some of which are diseased. There was a full report by a tree specialist attached to the application. Mr J Hayman-Joyce, the closest neighbour to Rainbow Farm, had no objection.

Councillor Henderson did object on the basis that it was not on the agenda and that it had not been circulated. The Chairman corrected him on that matter and confirmed that he wished the matter to be discussed at this meeting.

Mr Hayman-Joyce made it very clear that two of trees were diseased and as he was the only person who was affected by their removal and supported the application, he felt that it should be supported by the PC

The matter was put to a vote. Councillors Rickett and Cathie were in support, as was the Chairman. Councillor Henderson Objected. Therefore, the application was supported by a majority and the formal response would be made by the Clerk.

18/01547/FUL - Land off Barton Road - erection of one stable and tack room. This application has been validated by SDC and a formal decision awaited. The application was made by the Chairman who, in the absence of a Clerk, had circulated details to his fellow Councillors and the rest of the village.

The Councillors supported the application and having doubled checked this to ensure transparency the Chairman asked Penny Mead, as acting Clerk, if she would respond to SDC on behalf of the Councillors which she did in due time.

Julian Mathias registered an objection on the SDC website. Adrian Wield commented that he hoped that any storage of manure would be done as far away from the existing houses as possible.

18/01720/LDE - Confirmation of Lawful implementation of planning permission 14/00798/FUL The Shed, Barton on the Heath.

It had been hoped that Duncan Eastland would be able to attend. Unfortunately, he could not, and the Chairman read out a statement setting out the current state of play.

The current application is for a legal determination of whether a material start had indeed been made by Mr Eastland, prior to the expiration of the Outline planning consent.

If that is proved, then Mr Eastland will make an application under S.73 for an amendment to the extant consent to;

1) rotate the building sixteen degrees about its centre point to align the roof ridge lines north- south;

2) amend window details at basement level on the southern facade, and on the western facade to accommodate internal layout changes.

3) amend internal layout (though we do not need consent from anyone for this aspect)

Mr Eastland is not applying to increase the size of the building footprint. He is not applying to change the ridge height. He is not applying to make the building more visible or sit higher in the landscape.

He wants to keep the building as close as possible to its original location, the rotation being about its centre point and solely to optimise the photovoltaics

If the application to vary is turned down (and then the subsequent appeal) Mr Eastland has confirmed that they will build to the original plans.

Mr Eastland has confirmed that it is unlikely that works will start before April 2019.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 4th October at 6.30 p.m. in the Village Hall
The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.