

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 7TH February 2019 AT 6.30pm

Present: Councillors: Mr J Coker (Chairman),
Brigadier J F Rickett, Mrs J Piney, Mr B Radford.
Apologies: Mrs G Cathie (Vice Chairman)
Hon Treasurer: Mrs M McPherson
Clerk: Mr C Maynell
Public: Mr D Poulson, Mr K Corner, Mr J Hayman-Joyce
Mrs V Bolton.
Apologies: Mrs P Mead.

1. The minutes of the PC meeting on 6th December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Parish Clerk detailed that he had communicated to SDC that the Council had submitted a 'no objection' to Application Reference 18/03709/VARY, Land off Barton Road, Barton-on-the-Heath.
3. The Council decided to make no financial contribution to VASA, and that the matter was now closed.
4. The Chairman announced that his discussions with Openreach had reached a conclusion. The community fibre project was now bypassed as Openreach have confirmed that the Villager is scheduled to have Fibre to Premises (FTTP) connected to all houses in the Village free of charge. The only downside is that no date has been confirmed. The Chairman will continue to monitor and advise of any developments. All properties within the easy reach of the Green Cabinet by the church currently have the option to upgrade to Fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) by contacting their ISP. The speed will be between 50 and 65mbs.

5. The Council decided not to join and pay the entrance fee of £88 for membership of WALC, Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils.
6. The Parish Clerk gave a short presentation concerning the new arrangements for the forthcoming Parish and District Elections on 2 May 2019. The Parish Clerk will be responsible for the supply of nominations packs to prospective candidates, for collecting and checking completed nomination forms and for delivering them by hand to SDC. A Parish meeting will be held in early March when the Parish Clerk will distribute nomination packs to those wishing to be stand for election. Further details will also be given at this time. The Parish Clerk also agreed to determine through communication with SDC the position of the current Parish Councillors in the electoral process in the Barton-on-the-Heath Parish elections.
7. The Chairman brought to the attention of the Council and the Parishioners attending the meeting the poor state of the two Village notice boards. The board on the Village Green has been repaired and a lock located for the front frame. The Parish Clerk agreed to add a notice detailing that anyone wishing to place a notice in the notice board should contact the Clerk to borrow a key. Councillor Radford agreed to organise the repair of the notice board at the corner of Camden Close, which is currently in poor condition.
8. The Chairman reported that the analysis of the Parish Plan was nearing completion of the work being undertaken by himself and Councillor Ms Piney. On completion a Parish Meeting will be held to discuss the findings.

The Parish Hon Treasurer noted that three expense item had been charged to the Parish Bank Account since the last PC Meeting. The only entry of note was that to Alec Ward, for £55. Alec has changed the timing of his invoicing for the year which will cause a mismatch across two financial years unless we raise a payment for the £55 into next year.

We now have £1,085 in the current account and £2,582 in savings The Hon Treasurer is going to investigate a more favourable interest rate for the savings

The Hon Treasurer also reminded the Councillors that the Financial Statements are required to be signed off at the next meeting, which should be scheduled before the end of May 2019.

- 10 AOB. Mr Hayman-Joyce informed the meeting that the water leak at the top of the hill on the road to Long Compton was becoming worse and that he had informed Seven Trent Water Company. No date had been given for commencement of the repair work required.

The Meeting ended at 7.10pm.

Date of next Meeting 6.30pm Thursday 9 May 2019.