

## **BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 9<sup>TH</sup> May 2019, 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors: Mr J. Coker  
Brigadier Mr Rickett, Mrs J. Piney, Mr B. Radford.  
Apologies: Mrs G. Cathie  
Hon Treasurer: Mrs M. McPherson  
Clerk: Mr C. Maynell  
Public: Mr D.Poulsom, Mr K. Corner, Mrs B. Wield  
Mr A. Wield, Mr J. Castle, Mr J. Mathias

Apologies: Mrs P Mead, Mr J Hayman-Joyce

1. The Parish Clerk announced that the results of the District Council election on 2 May 2019 were that Sarah Kate Whalley-Hoggins had been elected as District Councillor for Brailes and Compton District.
2. All councillors signed the Declaration of Acceptance forms as Councillors of Barton-on-the-Heath. Mr J Coker was proposed by Mr J Rickett and Seconded by Mrs Piney to be Chairman of the Parish Council. The Councillors present unanimously voted in agreement. Likewise Mr B Radford was proposed as Vice-Chairman by Mr Coker, seconded by Mr J Rickett and unanimously voted in agreement by the other councillors present.
3. The minutes of the PC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman for inclusion in the Parish Council Minute Book.
4. The Hon Treasurer presented the Councillors with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018/19. Copies of the return had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting for review.
5. The Hon Treasurer reminded the meeting that it was now an electronic return and, as we have gross expenditure of less than £25,000, that we are able to certify ourselves exempt from a limited

liability external audit review. The Chairman and Hon Treasurer have already completed this exempt certification and returned to External Auditors.

The Hon Treasurer informed the meeting that all entries on the return had been taken from the Statement of Receipts and Payments schedule, which is reviewed at every Parish Council meeting, so there should be no surprises. The only addition is an invoice for cutting of Churchyard grass for the year of £180.

Mr. Glen Jones of Underhill House had kindly reviewed and signed off the accounts as the internal auditor.

The Councillors were asked if they were happy to approve Section 1 of the statement regarding their responsibility to ensure the Parish Council has sound Financial Controls. The Council affirmed their approval.

It was also agreed to publish the approved AGAR on the Barton on the Heath Village web site and notice boards by the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 for a period of 30 days. This complies with Regulation 15 (2) Accounts and Audit regulations 2015

6. The Chairman, reported that after discussions with Open Reach concerning internet connections to individual houses, there will be no requirement to use the Government Giga Bit vouchers for the provision of all-fibre connections, but the eventual all-fibre installations would be made free of charge. No date has been set for fibre to replace all the copper cable in the village. This would, when the programme is finished, bring superfast internet connections to all users in the village. The Chairman will continue to monitor the progress.
7. Since the previous OGM in February there had been 3 Planning Applications concerning Rainbow Farm. Application 19/00532/Vary Dated 5 March 2019 concerned the erection of a single storey building and some minor amendments to the pool building and the use of render elevations but was withdrawn on 24 April 2019.

Application no 19/00567 was made to facilitate the cutting back of a Holm Oak Tree at Rainbow Farm to allow tiles to be replaced. No Objection was made by the PC.

A Planning application 19/00694/FUL was submitted on 22 March 2019 to allow the addition of a kitchen and glazing of the linking extension at Woodkeepers. A 'No Objection' has been forwarded to SDC by Barton-on-the-Heath PC.

Mr Duncan Eastland has won appeal (APP/13720/X/18/32113910 dated 11/3/2019) against an earlier appeal that he made to SDC (18/01720/LDE dated 12 June 2018) who had refused to grant a certificate of lawful use of development for The Sheds.

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.
9. The Chairman reported that he had a connection to the Community Police Action Unit based in Shipston via a closed What's App group. It is used by members to notify the police and others of any suspicious activity, theft, animal rustling and other criminal acts. The Chairman asked that if any suspicious behaviour or thefts/ attempted thefts occur in the Barton Area would the villagers quickly report details to the Chairman who would directly notify the Police Unit.
- 10 Mr J. Castle informed the meeting that the battery in the defibrillator housed in the old village telephone booth needs replacing. Mr Castle agreed to investigate and manage the promised connection to the electricity which would then also provide a light in the booth.

Date of next Meeting Thursday 25 July 2019.

The Meeting Closed 19.10.

