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

 **MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL**

 **MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY,**

 **25th July 2019, 6.30pm.**

 Present: Councillors: Chairman Mr J. Coker

 Vice Chairman Mr B. Radford. Mrs J. Piney,

 Mrs G Cathie

 Apologies: Brigadier Mr J. Rickett,

 Hon Treasurer: Mrs M. McPherson

 Clerk: Mr C. Maynell

 Public: Mr D.Poulsom, Mr J. Castle, Mr J Hayman-Joyce,

 Councillor Mrs Sarah Whalley-Hoggins, Mrs T. Jones

1. The minutes of the PC meetings on 9th May and 21 June 2019 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman for inclusion in the Parish Council Minute Book.
2. The Chairman welcomed Me Ed De Jonge and Councillor Mrs Sara Whalley- Hoggins to the meeting.
3. The Hon Treasurer circulated to the Parish Council copies of the First Interim Statement 31 July 2019 of Receipts and Payments for the Financial Year 2019-20, The opening balance of £905.02 plus the receipt of the 1st instalment of the precept of £500 less payments to

Alex Ward Web Services of £36.00 and a Reimbursement to Mr J Castle of £81.60 for a new battery for the Defibrillator indicated a balance at 31 July 2019 of £1,287.42.

1. The Council gave thanks to Mr Castle for his work and overseeing of

the Village Defibrillator, where during winter it was agreed that

the heater but not the lights will be operating during the winter months.

 5. There were only 2 planning updates to discuss since the previous

 OGM:

 i Application 19/00694 for Woodkeepers, alterations to existing

 Outbuilding and glazed linking extension and amended opening to

 Northern elevation was granted on 26 June 2019, applicant Claire

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 Ii Application 19/01979, Windmill Hill Plantation for a forestry

 building and extension of an existing access track, applicant

 Mr Ed De Jonge.

 Mr De Jonge was asked to explain his application in more detail. He

 detailed the submission in the application made by Mr De Jonge’s

 consultant to cover matters required for prior notification for

 construction under a Part 6 Class C Forestry development.

 Mr De Jonge informed the meeting that he had already improved

 the tree stock and now required a building to house and protect the

 machinery necessary to service the plantation. Mr De Jonge added

 that there would be no plan to connect mains electricity to the new

 building as this would conflict with the Cotswold AONB Dark Skies

 initiative. Finally Mr De Jonge detailed that the building would not

 be visible from any road.

 Having reviewed the proposal The Council voted to support the

 application and the Parish Clerk was duly asked to reply to SDC

 accordingly.

 9. The cutting of grass in Barton was discussed at length, without any

 firm decision of where the Parish Council would like SDC (or their

 contractors) to cut the grass and where it may be left to grow.

 It was that grass cutting would be a major agenda point at the next

 OGM and that the outcome would be passed to Councillor Sarah

 Whalley-Hoggins for her action at SDC level.

 10. Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins asked to address the meeting,

 Sarah introduced herself as cabinet member of SDC and held the

 Community Portfolio with responsibilities on the Police and Crime

 Commissioners Panel, Community Safety and CCTV,

 Environmental Sustainability, Leisure Services and Green Spaces,

 Parish Champion, Planning and Development, Rural Affairs and

 Strategy Cotswold area of outstanding natural beauty.

 11. The meeting recognised the recent passing of Berkley Hicks aged

 94 with great regret. Mr Hicks had been for many years a farmer

 In Barton-on-the-Heath and will be sorely missed.

 The Next Ordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council will be

 Held on Thursday 17 October at 6.30 in the Village Hall.

 The Meeting closed at 19.20.