

BARTON ON THE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER AT 18.30.

Present: Councilors:

Chairman: Mr. J. Coker

Vice Chairman: Mr. B. Radford

Mrs. J. Piney

Mrs. G. Cathie

Brigadier J. Rickett

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. M. McPherson

No Apologies.

Public:

Mr. J. Hayman-Joyce

Mr. S. Lofthouse

Mr. H. Cathie

Mrs. H. Seymour-Smith

Mrs. P. Mead

Mr. J. Mathias

Mr. C. Seymour-Smith

Mr. J. Castle

Out-going Clerk to the Parish Council: Mr. C. Maynell

Nominated for position of Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mrs. J. Gotrel

1. The Chairman introduced Mrs. Julia Gotrel as the newly appointed Clerk to the Parish.
2. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** Councillor Cathie regarding the planning application to be discussed for The Lodge.

3. Public Forum:

*James Hayman-Joyce highlighted the need for the restoration of the village bench, situated near the bus stop. After several suggestions Chris Seymour-Smith volunteered to repair the bench, using Oak planks kindly donated by Gillian and Hamish Cathie.

*Colin Maynell suggested to the Chairman that the community table, situated outside the Village Hall, which has been successful throughout the summer has perhaps 'run its course' as the seasons change, as well as deteriorating badly be removed. James Coker to speak to founder of the community table, Mrs. S. Coker to arrange.

*Chris Seymour-Smith opened the conversation regarding speeding vehicles through Barton, he informed Council of the tragic death of Mrs. V. Wards dog, after being hit by a vehicle [that was being driven within the speed limit] travelling through the village, highlighting the need for some action to be taken to reduce speeding. Councillor Brigadier Rickett suggested he would speak with Kitebrook school, as it seemed the majority of the vehicles speeding were during school times.

4. Minutes of the OG Meeting 20th July 2020.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th July 2020 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman for inclusion in the Parish Council Minute Book

5. Financial Update:

The Hon. Treasurer presented to the Councillors the 3rd Interim Financial update, as at 8th October 2020, and a draft Precept calculation for discussion. Copies of the reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

3rd Interim Financial Report

Receipts for the year sum £1000, being the annual precept from the District council. Expenditure year to date is £169.95, giving a current account balance of £2,083 and reserves of £2,588. There are currently provisions of £2,427 leaving £2,245 available to Barton Council.

Draft Precept Calculation shows no further income and a forecast of a further £445 spend to the end of the Financial year giving total forecast expenditure for the year of £614. So surplus of £387 for the year. The Hon Treasurer asked the meeting if there was any further potential expenditure required around the village for this Financial year.

A suggestion was put forward that some of the trees in and approaching the village require some attention, Councillor Jonny Rickett suggested a tree surgeon and for the Parish Clerk to acquire details. Once the tree surgeon has prepared a quote for the works the matter will be brought back to the PC for approval. It was also suggested that the notice board was in need of repair or replacement and perhaps positioned more centrally, near the village green. Further soundings will be taken from the Village about its future, before any repairs/replacement are contemplated.

The Hon Treasurer highlighted that the reserves held by the council were approaching the maximum allowed, being three times Precept. It was decided to review the precept again at the meeting on 14th January 2021.

6. Planning Updates:

Since the last OGM in July 2020 there have been two applications:
Application: 20/02363/FUL. Helen Seymour-Smith presented the plans for approval, addressing all aspects of the application, Hamish Cathie joined the meeting with the history of the previous residents of The Lodge and asked for the Parish Council's support.

The Council approved the plans unanimously.

Application: 20/02733/TREE and 20/02749. There were two applications from Ms. Erin Eisenberg at Rainbow farm for works to be carried out on various trees. The PC resolved that they should respond with a "No Objection" response

Colin Maynell suggested he dealt with SDC with a representation of 'No objection' for both applications as the deadline for any comments is due by 13th October 2020.

7. AOB:

Councillor Radford thanked Colin Maynell for all his hard work over the years and the Chairman also thanked Colin for keeping them on the

straight and narrow and not forgetting anything, this was echoed by the Council and all attending the meeting.

John Castle thanked the committee of Bartfest for the generous donation to St. Katharine's House Hospice who are in desperate need of funds and thanks to Gillian and Hamish Cathie for allowing it to take place on their lawn.

Simon Lofthouse confirmed that he had now acquired the land adjoining Campden Farmhouse and that it will remain as grazing land. The Chairman advised that the farm lane will be tarmacked on Tuesday 13th October as far as The Sheds. Also that there was continuing communication with Martin Crutchley regarding the Community Fibre project.

8. Date of next meeting.

It was agreed that the next OGM will take place on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 18.30

9. Meeting closed at 19.30 on 8th October 2020.