

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE, 6.30pm

Present : Councillors: Chairman Mr J. Coker
Brigadier Mr J.Rickett, Mr B. Radford.
Mrs G. Cathie
Hon Treasurer: Mrs M. McPherson
Clerk: Mrs J. Gotrel
Public: Mrs C. Wootton, Mrs K. Sonneborn, Mrs P. Mead,
Mr J. Mathias, Mr. S. Lofthouse

1. **Apologies :** Mrs J. Piney
2. **Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest :** None
3. **Public Forum :** Nothing to discuss
4. Minutes of the OGM of 16th February 2021 to be signed by J. Coker and seconded by Mr. J. Rickett.
5. **Financial Update and approval of the Annual Government Statement 2020/21 :**The finances had been covered in the AGM, held previous to this OGM. Mrs M. McPherson advised there was nothing further to report and will update the council at the next OGM.
6. **Planning Updates :** The Chairman updated the council with the status of Planning Applications discussed in previous meetings, these were: BARTON HILL FARM: The erection of a steel framed portal : PASSED; The Change of use from Agricultural to residential : WITHDRAWN. BEWLEY HOUSE : The extension to existing garage : PASSED Mr. J. Mathias raised the application by RAINBOW FARM for change of use and was advised that this application had been rejected by the P.C. and SDC. Mr. S. Lofthouse added that a further application had been submitted for the levelling of soil on the field which had received no objections from himself. Mrs P. Mead joined the meeting and was welcomed by the chairman who pointed out that she had missed the praise for her cakes and bread.
7. **AOB :** 1. FIBRE OPTICS : The Chairman advised that Open Reach have an up to date list of all the residents who are interested in the voucher scheme, but that the process is being held up by the DCM. Mrs K. Sonneborn updated the council that Mr. Jamie Wootton had been in contact with Mr. Nadhim Zahawi MP who had eluded that various grants for businesses and residents were becoming available, Mrs Sonneborn mentioned that this was also addressed in The Queens Speech and Mr Nadeem will assist where possible. Mr. J. Coker said that any assistance to leverage would be gratefully received.
Mrs G. Cathie was welcomed to the meeting, Mr. J. Coker highlighted that she had missed the thanks for the use of Barton House lawns used for the BartFest. Mr. J. Mathias commented on the position with BT as there had been flash warning signals in the press that they were under pressure to sell Open Reach and that it could be a long time before we get a response, and doesn't want Mr. J Coker to be disappointed after all his efforts and negotiations.

2. BARTON ROAD REPAIRS : Mr. Michael Rogers of the Warwickshire Highways is aware of the road situation and advised that the edges would be filled in. Mr. B. Radford highlighted that the landowners are responsible to keep the ditches clear, this being Matt. Gillett and Richard Ward. Mr. J. Rickett addressed the issue that the 'dip' in the road was still not being dealt with sufficiently and that no repairs will be suffice as there is a badgers 'den' underneath, hence why the road continues to collapse. Mr. B. Radford commented that the repair was very amateur and that the Highways department should be 'badgered'.

3. TABLE APPEAL : before this subject was discussed Mr. J. Coker enlightened the meeting that the village had been approached by a filming company (Film Location Co.) who are filming for a Go Compare advert and would like to use the Village Green. The Council were asked if they felt it should be encouraged and if so, where should any payments go ? Mrs G. Cathie had spoken to Mr. H. Cathie regarding the filming who was happy for it to take place on the green but would want monetary remuneration. It was agreed that a proposal would be suggested to the Manager of the Film Location Company. Mr. J. Mathias re-addressed the Table appeal situation and that he had, had a conversation with Mr. C. Maynell who confirmed that there were tables in the village hall and was Mrs. J. Gotrel aware of this? Mr. J. Coker advised that these tables were already used for the Fete, which will be held in August this year if there were no further roadmap rules in place and that for the village to be more self-supporting it would be beneficial to own tables, which would be stored either at Barton House or Leys Farm. Mr. J. Mathias asked if any were to be purchased that perhaps it would be more cost effective to buy second hand. Mr. Coker asked if there was any other business to be raised; Mrs J. Gotrel addressed an email sent from Mr. J. Mathias regarding the planning application submitted from Kitebrook School for the proposed development , Mr. J. Coker highlighted that this does not primarily affect the P.C and encouraged any comments to be submitted to West Oxfordshire Council, he also suggested that to have 15 metre floodlights on the school hockey pitch for a school that age group is up to the age of 13 was not required, however it had been mentioned that the school may extend the age up to 18. Mrs. J. Piney had received communication from the school advising that the development would be for school use and would not be used commercially. It is the responsibility of those affected or interested to make up their own minds and contact the W.Oxon Council. Mr. J. Mathias commented that it was important in maintaining the integrity of the ANOB that we are privileged to live in. Mr. J. Rickett and Mr. J. Coker completely agreed. Mr. B. Radford remarked that there would be increased traffic and the continued problem of speeding through the village.

The date for the next OGM will be circulated by The Clerk.

Meeting concluded at 6.50pm