

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OGM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD IN ST. LAWRENCE`S CHURCH ON 18th November 2022 6.00pm

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr. James Coker
Brigadier Johnny Rickett

Vice Chairman: Mr. Brian Radford
Mrs Juley Piney

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs Mandy McPherson Clerk to the Parish Council: Mrs Julia Hicks

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mrs Penny Mead Mrs Kay Sonneborn Mr. Edward Hicks Mr. Julian Mathias
Mr. Simon Lofthouse Mr. James Hayman-Joyce Mr Keith Corner Mr. Adrian Wield

Apologies: Mrs Gillian Caithie

Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest; NONE

Public Forum: It was confirmed that the village defibrillator had been serviced with new pads by Adam Jones. It was suggested that Adam was approached to hold a First Aid Course in the Village Hall.
JHJ to approach Adam

Minutes of the OGM of June 21st 2022: Julie Piney updated the meeting with costs and requirements for an electric point to be installed in the village, this includes suitable demand and off-road parking, costs range from £1500 - £8000. **Further research and consideration needed.** James Hayman-Joyce thanked the P.C for the donation to The Four Shires Stone, work has now been completed and £20,450 was raised in total. The Chairman has asked for an invoice to cover the costs of the lawn mowing of the Church yard. It was agreed that the Minutes were a fair representation of the meeting and approved for signature. **Barton House to produce invoice for mowing of churchyard lawns.**

Finance Update: The Hon Treasurer provided the Councillors with an update of the Parish Finances as at 15th November 2022. It was noted that year to date we had received a £1000 precept income and total expenses of £933.04. The larger expense items being £250 donation to Four Shires Stone Appeal, £300 to Barton Farms for the cutting of the churchyard grass, £150 for annual rental of village hall and £197 for the Parish Insurance. Mr Julian Mathias questioned why we were not using the Village Hall for Parish meetings. It was commented that it was currently not suitable for use due storage of fete items. The chairman took away the action to resolve the issue. The Hon Treasurer noted that she had spoken to Zurich Insurance about any discounts that might be available due to having both the Parish and the Village Hall insurance policies with them. Zurich responded that they could only look at providing a discount if the Village hall was either owned or the responsibility of the Parish Council. Even then it would be marginal as the Insurance for the village hall building was the majority of the premium which would not change if the policies were linked. The balance on the current account is £1,711 and savings account £3,089, after taking into consideration the various reserves of £3,334, there is a balance of £1465 available for the Parish Council to use.

Planning Updates: The **Planning Application for Stanbrook House** has been approved. The **Planning Application Appeal for the Travellers Site** is still outstanding.

Planning Application : 22/02935/FUL Construction of Anaerobic Digestion Facility in Tysoe.

The Chairman high-lighted that although this application was for an area quite a distance away from the village, should it be passed it would set a precedence for other areas. It was agreed that the P.C should register an objection echoing other objections lodged, in that this would ruin the landscape, as well the increase of heavy traffic.

Clerk to Submit to

SDC.

Village Hall: James Coker highlighted that at the last PC meeting it was voted and agreed that the Village Hall would come under the Parish Council responsibility, although it will maintain a separate bank account. It is imperative that it now tries to generate some revenue. Julian Mathias had emailed The Chairman advising that he would be standing down as Treasurer of The Village Hall and James Hayman-Joyce has agreed to take up this post. Julian advised that the total balance of the VH accounts was £12,000, some of which will be needed to maintain the building. It was agreed that a separate meeting should take place to clarify the ownership and Trustee status. Edward Hicks high-lighted that this would also be an opportune moment for the boundaries to be confirmed in light of the neighbouring cottage possibly coming up for sale. **Hamish Cathie to be invited to the Village Hall meeting to assist with clarification.**

AOB: The Chairman addressed the village and congregation with the formal announcement of The Proclamation for Accession of King Charles III on September 11th 2022 in the church.

Fibre Optics: Due to hard work by Lynne Mathias, chair of Wolford PC and James Coker we gained enough pledges of support from both villages to reach the target needed for the project to proceed. We are now in the planning and implementation phase.

Emails will be received from DCMS asking for voucher pledges to be confirmed
This has proved tricky and tiresome for those who are not a straightforward household or VAT registered Company.

The chairman has taken this up with his Openreach contact on behalf of those having issues

James Coker to advise of updates at next meeting

Date of Next OGM Meeting: TBA (To Discuss the 2023/24 PRECEPT along with any Planning Applications submitted and how to reduce speeding through the village)

Meeting closed at 19.25