

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OGM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL; 6.30pm MAY 11th 2023.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr. James Coker
Brigadier Johnny Rickett

Vice Chairman: Mr. Brian Radford
Mrs Juley Piney Mrs Gillian Caithie

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

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mrs Penny Mead Mrs Val Ward Mr. Richard Ward Mrs Cathryn Aitken
Mr. Christopher Seymour-Smith Mr. Alistair Aitken Mr. Edward Hicks Mrs Suzie Coker
Mr. James Hayman-Joyce

Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest; NONE

Public Forum: James Hayman Joyce was congratulated for organising the trimming of the trees along the Wolford Road and planting of the replacement tree. Grateful thanks also to Hamish and Gillian Caithie for allowing the village to celebrate the Coronation on the lawns of Barton House, as well as The Fete Committee; Suzie, Helen, Jules and Cathryn for organising such a successful event. Thanks also to the many hands who helped to set up and break down the tents. We are all looking forward to doing it all again at the Fete on the 17th June.

Richard Ward has generously gifted the village a snowplough, and a gritter which he will operate, to be used to clear the roads (in particular the Long Compton Road) which are not gritted by the SDC, creating a dangerous hazard for traffic. An application to SDC for grit will need to be actioned. We will need to discuss the acquisition and cost of grit and insurance.

A request was made to obtain from SDC a grass cutting plan for the village to ascertain which grass is the village responsibility.

Gillian Caithie thanked the P.C for the contribution of £300 to assist with the costs of cutting the Churchyard grass. Future costs to be monitored.

Minutes of the OGM of January 26th 2023: It was agreed that the Minutes were a fair representation of the meeting and approved for signature; James Coker updated that a contract has now been issued for the Fibre Optics' installation, he did not have a confirmed date for when work will begin. The Chairman, James Coker signed and dated.

Code of Conduct & Council Forms to be completed: The Parish Councillors signed and witnessed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms and Attachment B (Councillor Code of Conduct Update Form) was completed and signed. The Clerk to forward to SDC.

Village Hall: James Coker advised that Julian Mathias (VH Treasurer) was not able to continue as Treasurer and James Hayman-Joyce has agreed to take on this role, Mandy McPherson and James will discuss the transfer process of the bank account. It was confirmed that the P.C will ensure the building and that the Trusteeship needs to be clarified and ideas for the use of the

hall would be appreciated. Johnny Rickett suggested that a `Micro Committee` should be set up to manage the Village Hall.

Website: The Clerk highlighted that suggestions had been made for the village website to be updated; a meeting to be arranged with Alex Ward who hosts the website to be set up.

AOB: Johnny Rickett has been in contact with Jeff Morris of Warwickshire Highways, and an inspection is needed to monitor the collapsing bridge on the Barton Road, he requested that the ditches were cleared to avoid silt running down the road and flooding the Little Compton Road as well as contacting Seven Trent to ascertain whether there is a leak from the mains water pipe, or if not the location of the pipe, so that, with Chris and Erin Parkin`s permission an investigation can be planned to ascertain whether it is a natural spring causing the water problem.

James Coker suggested that If required we can pin point the location of the burst pipe, by submitting a `What 3 Words` location of the leak, Once we have more information the P.C to write to Chris and Erin Parkin who own the field affected to ask their permission to inspect the leak and if necessary, get Seven Trent to repair offending pipe.

It was agreed that the existing location for the landing of an Air Ambulance was unsuitable as it is a ridge and farrow field and unsuitable, the location needs to be central to the village and Julian Mathias` field was suggested; James Coker to address with Julian.

A location is still required for the planting of a suitable jubilee tree.

Finance Update: The Hon Treasurer provided the Councillors with an update of the Parish Finances as at 11th May 2023. It was noted that year to date we had received a £1000 precept income and total expenses for the year were £1386.00. It was suggested that costs to maintain the village should be monitored and may result in an increased Precept. To be discussed at next meeting.

Date of Next OGM Meeting: TBC

Meeting closed at 19.15