

BARTON-ON-THE-HEATH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE OGM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL; 6.30pm November 28th, 2023

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Chairman: Mr. James Coker Brigadier Johnny
Rickett

Honorary Treasurer: Mrs Mandy McPherson

Clerk to the Parish Council: Mrs Julia Hicks

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Mr. James Hayman-Joyce Mrs Kay Sonneborn Mrs
Cathryn Aitken

Mr. A. Aitken Mrs Kay Sonneborn Mr. Simon
Lofthouse Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins

Mr. Adam Jones Mr. Edward Hicks Mrs Penny Mead

Apologies: Mrs Gillian Cathie and Mrs Julie Piney

Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest; NONE
James Coker opened the meeting by asking the Clerk to record in the Minutes of the Parish Council a few words of grateful thanks and appreciation regarding Hamish Cathie who passed away peacefully at his home earlier in the month. Hamish was a great character and will be remembered with affection for his kindness, generosity, sense of humour and the many years of service to the Parish Council and the village. Both Hamish and Gillian have for many years supported the village in numerous ways including allowing charity fund raising events to be held in the grounds of Barton House. Hamish and Gillian have also tirelessly and generously supported the Parish Church and the Parochial Church Council. On behalf of the PC we wish to pass on our heartfelt thanks and sincere condolences to Gillian James and Helen.

Public Forum: Cathryn Aitken apologised for the omittance of the Carol Service in December's LINK, but will advise the village once all details are confirmed. Ed. Hicks added that after a meeting with two other members of PCC an email will be circulated to the village regarding the Church, and as yet no format had been decided with regards to the Carol service. He asked if the PC had any objections in asking The Clerk to circulate this email, there were no objections.

Minutes of the OGM of 19th September, 2023: James

Coker gave an update on the poor condition of the Barton to Little Compton Road, when in wet weather there is constant water running down the road, he has spoken to Chris Parkin and a meeting has been arranged to inspect the area and report to South West Water. Also the leaking water valve by Rose Cottage has been reported to Severn Trent. Adam Jones confirmed that the Defibrillator is in working order and that he is willing to give tuition on the use of it in the New Year. It was agreed that the Minutes were a fair representation of the meeting and approved for signature.

Planning Application Updates: Two Planning Applications have been approved: Rose Cottage - New windows and Barn to the North of the village – Extension to barn.

Financial Report: Mandy MacPherson gave an update on the bank account:

Opening Balance	In:	Out: £1,250.00
VAT refund	127.00	
Precept	1,000.00	
Pruning of trees		100.00
Annual hire of VH		150.00
Building Ins.		205.00
Closing Balance		£1,914.00
Reserves		£3,114.00

It has been noted that Alex Ward's invoice is due and that he will be not be hosting the village website from December 2024.

Mandy recommended that the Precept remain at £1000 and that this is submitted in January.

Proposed by James Coker and Seconded by Julia Hicks. Agreed by Mr. Johnny Rickett and Mrs Gillian Cathie

Village Hall: James Hayman-Joyce updated the meeting with the accounts as at 31/10/23.

Lloyds Currant Acct.	£506.29	
Lloyds 32 day notice Acct.		£12,084.55
Received from Fete	1,000.00	
Supply 2 x Gas	-180.50	

Cylinders

Closing Balance £1,325.79 £12,992.75
31/10/23:

Awaiting refund from SDC for hire of VH in May 2023 as Polling Station £87.50 Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins will also chase this with SDC.

After some research it was agreed that to rent the hall should be £10 per hour with a minimum charge of £30, there will need to be a cleaner found.

AOB: James Coker addressed the issue of Trustees for the Village Hall as it now stands Caroline Henderson and the Vicar are Trustees and that nominees should be by role and not name; James Hayman-Joyce offered to communicate with the Solicitors to address.

Johnny Rickett thanked the support from the village for the Poppy Appeal, collecting £362, the highest amount in the area. He also mentioned the annual Boxing Day Clay Shoot and asked for numbers to assist with catering.

Councillor Sarah Whalley-Hoggins addressed the meeting with an update from the SDC; with the Lib. Dems. now in control she is holding them accountable, especially where the rural areas are concerned. There is a full Council meeting in December where she will be addressing the local bus service and would value any comments and thoughts on the service and what is required to improve it. The Ellen Badger Hospital, Shipston, Councillor Whalley-Hoggins advised that there had been no decisions on beds and that more doctors were needed and so a wider reach to surgeries had been asked. An update on The Fox and Hounds, Great Wolford – another application is anticipated in the New Year, when she will be calling for as much support from local villages to attend this meeting. Councillor Whalley-Hoggins reassured the meeting that she was seriously “on it” with regards all matters raised. James Coker advised that Open Reach have now commenced with the installation of fibre optics. And that those who had vouchers pledged should receive an email advising that they can now contact their supplier to arrange connection.

Meeting ended: 7.20pm

Next Meeting: 30th January 2024

