

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Barton St David Village Hall on Monday 24th February 2020 commencing at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chair), Mr P Robinson, Ms C Heron, Mr D Britton, Mrs D Goodman

In Attendance: Mrs Caron Potts (Clerk)

County Councillors: Mr Dean Ruddle and Mr Charlie Hull. District Councillors: Mr Tony Capozzoli and Ms Val Keitch

Also Present: 10 members of the public.

Public Question Time.

Observation made that Wessex Water had been conducting a survey of the drains and clearing some gullies.

Comment made regarding discarded dog waste bags hindering hedge cutting on track between Church Street and Brook Lane.

Cllr D Britton joined the meeting at 7.53pm

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Val Keitch presented on the 4 Somerset District Councils views to the proposed changes to County Council structure – see appendix A.

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that Council Tax would increase by 1.99% this year, children and adult services were still a priority.

Cllr Charlie Hull reported that a 'transport in village' audit was planned to review rural services.

Cllr Tony Capozzoli gave an update on the Butts Drove planning application.

Report from Speedwatch team

7 enthusiastic volunteers have conducted 5 speedwatch sessions this month at various times of day. Of the 500 cars clocked about 5% were traveling over 36mph and will receive a letter. To promote the positive purpose of this scheme future dates will be posted on the website and Coordinator Charlie Painter has been asked to speak at the next Keinton Mandeville PC meeting.

Footpath Officer – Apologies received.

Police Report

Arson and Criminal Damage	3
Burglary	1
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1
Public Order Offences	3

18.20 Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given.

Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to resolve to approve the reasons given.

RESOLVED: Apologies were given by Cllr Steve Cabble – unanimously accepted.

19.20 Declarations of Interest.

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items.

RESOLVED: None

20.20 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded from the meeting.

RESOLVED: None

21.20 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th January 2020

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the above date.

RESOLVED: Minutes agreed by all and signed as a correct record.

22.20 Casual Vacancy

No response to Public Notice of Vacancy, a new councilor can now be co-opted.

RESOLVED: Advert to be repeated in Parish newsletter- agreed unanimously.

23.20 SSDC Tree Give Away Update

Our 50 trees have now been distributed and are in the process of being planted and data catalogued. Many thanks to Cllrs Goodman and Heron for facilitating this. A village Environmental Champion has been requested.

RESOLVED: Place request for an Environmental Champion volunteer in the newsletter- agreed unanimously. Clerk to ask Cllr Hull for specification.

24.20 VE Day Celebrations

Cllr P Robinson outlined the draft programme of events for Friday 8th May commencing at 3.15 with a short service of remembrance at the War Memorial followed by a vintage tea party and lighting of the beacon.

25.20 Planning

1. New Applications

20/0344/AGN Erection of agricultural barn on Small Mead Drove – for information only.

19/03424/OUT Outline application to erect a two storey dwelling and garage at Marlins, Main Street. Discussed the speed survey and proposed passing place for cars.

RESOLVED: Unanimous - no objections. Clerk to inform planning.

2. Decisions – None

3. Ongoing

Manor Farm has been visited by the enforcement officer regarding the possible planning breach.

RESOLVED: Cllr D Pye to chase again - agreed unanimously.

4. Withdrawn

19/01289/FUL Erection of 2 dwellings on land at Hollyhock Cottage.

26.20 Highway Matters

1. Parking at the top of Brook Lane.

Incident reported where an ambulance was unable to gain direct access to a patient on Brook Lane due to insufficient room due to parked vehicles.

RESOLVED: Request to be made in Parish Newsletter for more considerate parking. - agreed unanimously. Clerk to action.

2. Double Gates Drove speed limit sign.

5 MPH Barton St David Council speed sign has been erected. Cllr Britton questioned the validity of its location.

RESOLVE: Sign to remain in current location for a 3 month trial. Agreed by majority.

3. Maintenance of road from Hurtle Pool to Jarmany

Villagers are encouraged to report highway issues directly.

RESOLVED: Clerk to put highways issues website details in Parish Newsletter. Unanimously agreed.

27.20 Resolutions

1. Village website £200 – agreed unanimously to proceed with accessibility upgrade.

2. Clerks half day audit course £35 - agreed unanimously.

3. New Code of Conduct Regulations – adopted and signed by chair.

4. Telephone Box repainting - agreed unanimously, clerk to obtain quote.

28.20 Actions from minutes not already covered/carried forward

1. Tree policy – work still ongoing

2. Review of Double Gates Drove sign in May

FINANCE

29.20 Accounts for payment

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure

Payment of Clerks salary for January and February - £520.01, Stock Green Wall £8160, Clerks intensive training day £85, D Pye Double Gate road sign £30.99. Section 137 payments to Citizens Advice South Somerset £50, Somerton Library £200.

RESOLVED: Payment to all above - agreed unanimously.

30.20 Bank Reconciliation

Bank reconciliation figures shown to match the bank statements as at 30th November 2019.

The Clerk reported receipts of £19.43 interest

RESOLVED: agreed unanimously.

31.20 Items for Next Meeting

Requirement and funding for one or two village defibrillators

Next meeting – Monday 23rd March 2020 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.

Meeting ended at 9.46

Actions arising from this meeting

Clerk

1. Provide Charlie Painter with website information

2. Send councils comments to the planning department regarding application 19/03424/OUT

3. Draft newsletter content including – Speedwatch update, Tree giveaway, request for Environmental Coordinator, Councillor vacancy, Pub parking, Poo bag disposal and pothole reporting procedure.
4. Obtain Environmental Coordinator specification from Cllr Hull.
5. Obtain quote for telephone box repainting.

Cllrs Heron and Goodman

1. Finalise Tree Policy

Cllr Pye

1. Contact enforcement office regarding Manor Farm site visit.