

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 22nd August 2016 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chairman) Mrs H Cankett, (Vice Chairman) Mr. P Robinson, Mr D Britton Mr S Cabble

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present: Eleven Members of the public

Public Question Time

Cllr Pye thanked Mr Peter Farrant for his hard work arranging and overseeing the Village Hall central heating which has now been installed, and which was funded by the National Lottery.

The Parish Council wishes to send its condolences to the family of Maurice Biggs. Maurice sadly passed away recently, and was Parish Clerk for many years, during this time he contributed a vast amount of his time to the local community, and the Parish Council.

The number of large skid marks on the road at Jarmany Hill was raised, and it was suggested that this might be an indication of the volume of large traffic using this road.

It was noted that the hedge around the land adjoining Fairview Close is very over grown and requires cutting back.

District Councillor Report: Cllr Mr. D Norris reported the District Council had to make £4m of savings this year and £2m per year in future years. The District Council has also appointed a new Chief Executive Officer.

County Councillor Report: Cllr Mr. D Ruddle had nothing to report.

Police Report: P.C. Russell read the crime statistics for the Wincanton North area, however there was nothing specific for Barton St David. He also said that the thefts from unsecured sheds were still ongoing, and that livestock were still going missing.

Footpath Officer: The footpath officer was not present

41.16 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. [LGA 1972 s85\(1\)](#)

RESOLVED: - Apologies were received from Mrs D Goodman (accepted)

42.16 Chairman's Announcement

None

43.16 Declarations of Interest.

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the [Local Authorities \(Model Code of Conduct\) Order 2007 SI No.1159](#). *(NB this does not preclude any later declarations).*

None.

44.16 Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: - To exclude the press and public from item 52.16.

45.16 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th July 2016

To confirm and sign as correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25th July 2016

RESOLVED: - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2016 be signed as a true record.

46.16 Planning

The following application was noted.

Applications Approved

16/02844/FUL

Erection of single storey extension

Higher Church Farm Church Street Barton St David

47.16 **Finance**

Accounts for payment

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure – [LGA 1972 s150 \(5\)](#)

Lucy Lapwood August wages £179.59 + 3 hrs setting up computer funded by transparency grant £31.09 = £210.68, Office allowance £10.00 Mileage £13.50 Total £234.18, Somerton Computing £770.00, Somerset Association of Local Councils £30.00 Training costs

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts for payment.

Funding towards the War Memorial

The Parish Clerk read a letter from the Barton St David Village Hall Committee offering to donate £300 to the Parish Council towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial. The Parish Council is required to let the Village Hall Committee know 'if and when this money may be required', and arrangements for a cheque to be drawn up will be made.

48.16 **Highway Matters**

To report any Highway matters

Traffic Calming at the end of the metalled surface of Double Gates Drove.
Re-instatement of 'Slow Down' sign.

RESOLVED: Mrs B King stated that she was prepared to purchase and pay for a sign to the effect that there is a footpath ahead to be installed where the metalled surface of Double Gates Drove meets the footpath. The Parish Council had no objection to this proposal.

Councillor Britton has now re-instated 'Slow Down' sign at Double Gates Drove.

Prolonged residence of a person or persons at land in Double Gates Drove.

Cllr Pye reported that he had been in contact with the planning department and had been informed that there is provision to live on site whilst carrying out approved development yourself. This provision is not open ended, the District Council has requested a progress report, and will review this at the end of the summer.

RESOLVED: -

To be re-visited at the end of the summer.

Uncut Verges

The clerk read an email from the Highways department which stated that the cutting on minor roads is now complete, and that it may be that the verges have grown again.

RESOLVED: - Cllr Cabble to talk to Highways and request a map of grass verges to be cut.

Flooding at Hurtle Pool

It is believed that this problem is exacerbated by silt building up in the underground pipes and clearing of the ditches and waterways. The Clerk read correspondence from Mr John Nicholson from the highways department which stated that a 'minor scheme' to improve the drainage here is being presented for the inclusion in the 2017/18 financial year.

RESOLVED: -

Cllr Dean Ruddle (SCC) to contact Mr John Nicholson from the Highways department to request that the pipes under the road are jetted again.

Cllr Robinson to contact the Chinnock family who it is believed own one of the ditches to be cleared.

Cllr Pye to contact Mr Nicholson regarding the minor scheme.

A future site meeting to be arranged to establish whether or not the Inland Drainage Board may be responsible for the water course.

Road Signs

RESOLVED: -

The Clerk said that she had reported the 'Church Street', 'Main Street' and the 'Brook Lane' road signs, as needing refurbishment. She has been informed that signs are not refurbished but replaced, a site visit will take place, and the timescale to replace the signs is about a couple of months.

49.16 Flooding at Mill Pond Cottage & Japanese Knotweed at Mill House

To report on these concerns which were raised at a previous meeting.

RESOLVED: - Nothing further to report, to be added to the next agenda.

50.16 **Statement condemning any form of racism, intolerance, bigotry or xenophobia issued by South Somerset District Council**

To discuss whether or not the Parish Council wish to adopt this statement.

RESOLVED: -

The Parish Council wish to record that they support and approve the District Councils decision to pass this motion.

51.16 **Parish Issues**

Cllr Robinson noted that the stone work around the windows of the Village Hall has been repaired.

The General public left the meeting

52.16 **Staffing**

To discuss payments to the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that she always works over and above her contracted hours. She requested to be allowed to be paid for any excess hours worked on an ad hoc basis.

RESOLVED: - Agreed

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting – 26th September 2016 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.