

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Barton St David on Monday 5th August 2019 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chair), Mr. J Lapwood (Vice Chair) Mr P Robinson, Ms C Heron, Mr D Britton, Mr S Cabble, Mrs D. Goodman

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present 3 members of the public.

52.19 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: None

53.19 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).*

RESOLVED: Cllr Lapwood declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 57.19

54.19 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: Agenda item 57.19 to be excluded due to the confidential nature.

55.19 Planning

To consider the following planning

19/01795/FUL. The demolition of existing barn and the erection of a new dwelling.
Land OS 9121 at Butts Drove, Gosling Street, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council were unanimously against approving planning application no. 19/01795/FUL. The demolition of existing barn and erection of a new dwelling. Land OS 9121 at Butts Drove Gosling Street Barton St David, for the following reasons: -

The proposed new build is considerably larger than the existing barn and in open countryside on the edge of the Somerset levels. The road leading from the centre of the village is a narrow single track, and this development would generate an increase in the volume of traffic along this road. There is no footpath into the village necessitating the use of a car to travel to the local amenities. The application is not in keeping with other surrounding dwellings, it would distort the character and shape of Gosling Street, creating an isolated residence on the left, fundamentally altering the character of the Gosling Street Hamlet on the right. The Parish Council had reservations last year

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about planning permission being granted for a class Q. But now the application is to knock down and rebuild in a different location. Butts Drove is clearly agricultural land. Allowing residential development in this manner encourages speculation leading to loss of agricultural land and consequently making it more expensive.

The Parish Council would like to ask the District Council Planning Department why they were not consulted when the original class Q application was made, and request that in future they are consulted on these matters.

56.19 Village Hall Railings

Payment of the Village Hall railings.

The refurbishment of the Village Hall railings is nearing completion. A grant towards the railings which would share the cost between the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council was agreed in principle at the meeting in February 2019.

RESOLVED: For the Parish Council to pay the invoice total and the Village Hall Committee to refund 50% before the VAT.

57.19 Stocks Green Wall Refurbishment

To discuss quotes received and agree on the allocation of the work.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Heron had produced and distributed to all Councillors, a comprehensive summary of the situation regarding the quotes received to date, to be discussed at the meeting. Cllr Lapwood declared a prejudicial interest and abstained from comment and voting.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to award the work to L.E.T. Hawes. Cllr Pye and Cllr Cabble to establish a start date and to oversee the work in progress.

58.19 Parish Issues

(Note to Councillors. Parish Issues is for items of information only, items you wish to be placed on the next Full Council agenda or items that can be delegated to the Clerk to deal with. No decisions can be made under Parish Problems; decisions can only be made on items on the agenda under a clear heading with the business to be transacted).

It was reported that agricultural land at Jarmany Hill is being used to dump builders spoil, to be added to the next agenda for discussion with District Councillors.

It appears that potential unpermitted development is taking place at Manor Farm, to be added to the next agenda.

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