

# Parish Council Barton St David

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.**

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

**Also Present:** Twelve members of the public.

### **Public Question Time:**

Following the recent rain Hurtle pool is once again flooded and some residents of Jarmany Hill attended the meeting and requested a progress report. There was little the parish council could report as the Somerset County Highways department is still in the process of requesting that the landowners clear their ditches. However, Cllr Pye said that he would contact Highways again, and the Parish Council encouraged residents to write to the Highways Department themselves, to raise the profile of this ongoing situation, and this request is to be added to the next newsletter.

It was noted that the very old stone stile at Manor Farm has been broken up and used as hardcore and is now replaced by a gate.

Concerns were raised regarding the state of the footpath leading to the Diamond Jubilee Wood which is currently very muddy. The cost of putting hardcore down was discussed and also the possibility of sourcing some public money to cover it, or using part or all of the £1000 Parish Council budget allocation set aside for the Church.

### **District Councillor Report**

Cllr Norris reported that in the draft recommendation on the electoral arrangements for South Somerset District Council, it looks probable that Northstone Ward will gain Ilchester and if so will become one of the largest Wards, which means it will warrant two councillors. The first consultation on the Local Plan is now complete

### **County Councillor Report.**

Cllr Ruddle not present.

### **Police Report**

No police presence.

### **Footpath Officer.**

Apologies received. The footpath officer sent a report which the Clerk read out.

**104.17                    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 received

**105.17                    Chairman's Announcements**

None.

**106.17                    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.

**107.17                    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.

None.

**108.17                    Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November be signed as a true record.

**109.17                    Planning**

**The following applications were noted: -**

Applications Approved

17/03993/FUL

Erection of two storey rear and single storey front extensions. Formation of access  
3 Mill Road, Barton St David.

178/03994/FUL

Demolition of existing front porch and erection of single storey front extension.  
4 Mill Road, Barton St David.

17/04146/LBC

Internal alterations to include construction of a stud wall and doorway (Implemented)  
Breadstone House Silver Street Barton St David.

## Applications Refused

17/03995/FUL

Erection of an agricultural building.  
Land OS 8827 Main Street Barton St David.

### **110.17**      **Finance**

#### **Accounts for payment**

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

Lucy Lapwood December wages £186.11 Office allowance £10.00 Printer Paper £4.00 Gas & Electric Nov meeting £1.00 Total £201.11. Lucy Lapwood January wages £186.11 Office Allowance £10.00 Total £196.11. Peter Farrant Xmas Tree £75.00 Lexis Nexis (Council Administration book) £75.00.

**RESOLVED:** The accounts were agreed for payment

#### **Bank Reconciliation**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**RESOLVED:** Reconciliation figures agree.

#### **Budget.**

To consider and agree the budget figures for the 2018/19 financial year.

**RESOLVED:** To increase the budget figure for the War Memorial from £3000 to £7000 and to add a separate allocation of £1000 for the Village Hall

#### **Precept.**

To agree precept figure to be submitted to SSDC.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that there should be no increase to the tax payer this year.

### **111.17**      **War Memorial**

Update on the situation to date.

Following the last meeting in November a working party has been setup successfully, and they have been in communication with the War Memorials Trust (W.M.T) putting forward a case for replacing the crazy paving with compressed gravel. The case is to be put forward to the W.M.T this week. If the W.M.T do not agree then the Parish Council may need to look for grant funding and although a request for donations from parishioners has already been made via the newsletter, it was felt that another attempt should be made. The War Memorial working party would like to see the work completed before November 2018 and would like to ask residents if they have any preference regarding the colour of the gravel and the flowerbeds.

**RESOLVED:** To await the outcome of the W.M.T decision. To add an item to the next newsletter asking residents to donate to the refurbishment of the memorial and their preferences regarding gravel and flowerbeds.

### **112.17**      **Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

Cllr Goodman reported that the fingerposts are currently with a blacksmith and there may be a cost to the council for putting the post together, however Somerset County Council have promised to put the post back in place once work is complete.

**RESOLVED:** Await the completion of works

### **Possibility of speed restriction outside the village hall.**

Cllr Lapwood expressed concerns regarding the speed of vehicles passing the Village Hall at times when the Pre-school and Beaver children are arriving or leaving, at these times the gates are open, and children are free to leave the premises if not supervised.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to make enquiries regarding the possibility of speed humps or a 20mph speed limit.

### **113.17**      **SIDS**

To discuss options available for speed reduction in the village when the County Council ceases to finance the SIDS.

**RESOLVED:** The clerk to enquire about the cost to the Parish Council of installing SIDS from the County Council after March when the County Council ceases to finance their installation.

### **114.17**      **Phone Box**

To discuss the current situation.

Cllr Robinson reported that a local resident had cleaned the phone box and that the interior light was no longer working however incoming calls could still be received. The clerk said that it was approximately a year ago that the Parish Council made a request to adopt the box but that she had heard nothing.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to liaise with another Parish Council who has been successful with the adoption of their phone box.

### **115.17**      **Parish Paths**

Update on village footpaths including the footpath leading to the Diamond Jubilee Wood.

**RESOLVED:** Already discussed

### **116.17**      **Dog Bin**

To update on the progress made to date.

The Clerk reported that the enforcement team from Somerset District Council have put up some notices and patrolled the area, they are due to do another couple of patrols before making the decision as to whether another dog bin is required.

**RESOLVED:** To await the outcome.

**117.17 Meeting Dates for 2018/19.**

To agree meeting dates for the coming year.

**RESOLVED:** To review again at the next meeting

**118.17 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)

Cllr Cabble reported that work has now been completed at Mill Pond Cottage.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm

**Next meeting** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.