

## **Parish Council Barton St David**

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### **Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.**

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

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

**Also Present:** 20 members of the public.

#### **Public Question Time:**

It was noted that the footpath sign on Main Street pointing towards Park Close has been removed, and is currently lying down in Stocks Green, it was thought that this was probably due to the recent building works which have taken place very close to the positioning of the sign. The Public Path Liaison Officer (PPLO) who was present at the meeting agreed to arrange to have it re-instated.

#### **District Councillor Report.**

Cllr David Norris was keen to raise awareness that the local plan is to be revised. The District Executives meet next week, and he promised to send a link to the website after this meeting. It will then go to consultation, he emphasised the importance of responding to the consultation.

#### **County Councillor Report.**

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that the County Council budget will balance at the end of this financial year, however it will continue to be difficult next year.

#### **Police Report**

No crimes to report.

#### **Footpath Officer.**

The PPLO reported that in his role as Area Secretary for the Ramblers Association he had received information that money has been allocated to fill in potholes, and that he has applied to have the footpath leading from Broadclose Way southwards along the church boundary towards the village Community field to be gravelled, however he has not had confirmation as to whether this application was successful.

He also reported that the stile on the footpath leading from Hurtle Pool to Grassy Lane has still not been repaired by the landowner, and that he has now reported this to the rights of way team at County Hall.

He stated that the finger post at the cross roads in the middle of the village needs to be re-painted, and volunteered to do this in the better weather.

Please note that agenda numbers 105.18 to 109.18 have been duplicated from the December extraordinary meeting.

**105.18      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 Cllr Goodman - accepted

**106.18      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: Cllrs D. Britton, C. Heron and D Pye declared prejudicial and pecuniary interests in agenda item 109.18

**107.18      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

**108.18      Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

RESOLVED: The minutes were duly signed as a correct record

**109.18      Planning**

Cllrs D. Britton, D. Pye and C. Heron left the room.

To consider the following application.

18/03928/FUL Temporary permission for the siting of a caravan for occupancy in connection with a horticultural enterprise and construction of a reed bed for the treatment of waste water from the caravan.

Land north of OS 6453 Mill Road, Barton St David.

The applicant was given the opportunity to outline the current state of progress with this project. He stated that the top layer of glass around the walls was all that is left to fit, and that the fitting of the doors, water system and the electric system is 95% complete, he anticipated that completion would be around three to four months.

RESOLVED: The Council recommend approval for the temporary permission for the applicant to reside in an on-site caravan for a maximum of two years. Giving the applicant time to complete works and prove that the horticultural project is a viable and sustainable business.

The Council also approve the applicant's request to construct a reed bed to treat waste water from the caravan.

Cllrs D. Britton, D. Pye and C. Heron returned to the room.

The following applications were noted: -

Applications Determined

18/03346/LBC. The installation of 16 no. replacement windows and 1 no. door  
Breadstone House, Silver Street, Barton St David.  
Application permitted with conditions.

18/03782/HOU. Alterations and the erection of single storey extension  
Fairway, Main Street, Barton St David  
Application permitted with conditions.

**110.18**      **Double Gates Drove Traffic.**

To discuss the use of Double Gates Drove by motorised vehicles.

Discussion took place around speed reduction measures that could be put in place.  
The siting of an official looking sign was discussed, the Clerk to investigate.  
RESOLVED: At a later time in the meeting Councillors agreed that there could be a  
public liability issue if someone were to be injured as a result of the sign being in  
place, and that no further action would be taken.

**111.18**      **War Memorial**

Update on progress.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the W.M.T. who had  
informed her that the grant application still had to be assessed.

**112.18**      **Notice Board**

Update on delivery and erection of the notice board.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that delivery is expected within two weeks.

**113.18**      **Work Plan**

To update the work plan.

RESOLVED: Work plan updated.

**114.18**      **Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

Parking Mill Road & Park Lane

The Clerk has reported the parking situation in both Mill Road and Park Close to the  
P.C.S.O, who has responded to the effect that the situation will be monitored during  
routine patrols and any issue addressed.

It was suggested that the Traffic Engineer at Somerset County Council be contacted  
for guidance around the issue in Mill Road.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact the Traffic Engineer. The Clerk to include in the next  
newsletter a suggestion that when the public identify a problem with road blockages  
that they ring 101 to report it.

Under highway matters Cllr Robinson wished to thank the anonymous residents who cleared the footpath at the bottom of Peacocks Hill, which now allows room for a pushchair.

**115.18 Grant Requests.**

To consider grant requests received from Somerton Library and Shop Mobility.

RESOLVED: To grant £200 to Somerton Library, to be reviewed on an annual basis.

The request from Shop Mobility was discussed and Cllrs agreed that as this is outside of our catchment area and they would not consider a grant appropriate.

**116.18 Internal Auditor.**

To agree on an internal auditor for the 2018/19 accounts.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to ask the internal auditor used last year if she would consider auditing the accounts for 2018/19.

**117.18 Accounts for payment**

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

Lucy Lapwood December & January wages £379.64 Office allowance 2 months £20.00 Travel £6.75 Total £406.39. P Farrant Grass Cutting £107.20, Village Xmas Tree £75.00 Total £182.20. L.E.T. Hawes (War Memorial) £8068.32. Jon Harrington (Three Clubs Ltd) Web Domain £23.98.

RESOLVED: The accounts were agreed for payment. The Clerk also reported that a 50% payment (£1009.26) had been made towards the notice board as agreed at the December meeting, a further 50% to be made after delivery in approximately two weeks' time.

**118.18 Income Received**

To report on income received.

RESOLVED: Interest £10.83, £1000 donation towards the War Memorial, £10 cash donation from Book Sales towards the War Memorial has now been banked.

**119.18 Bank Reconciliation**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 31st December 2018.

RESOLVED: Figures agree.

**120.18 Budget & Precept**

To discuss the budget figures and agree the precept for 2019.

The budget and precept figures were discussed having been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To remove the £1000 allocated to the Village Hall and the £2000 allocated for a Defibrillator.

To increase the figure for Stocks Green from £2500 to £4500, to increase the figure for the bus shelter from £1000 to £2500.

To decrease the figure for the phone box from £3000 to £500.

Cllrs agreed to keep the Precept figure the same as it has been for the last two years, this being £10651.

**121.18      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).

RESOLVED: None

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

**Next meeting** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.