

# **Parish Council Barton St David**

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## **Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chairman), Mrs D Goodman, Mr. P Robinson, Mr S Cabble, Mr D Britton

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

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

### **Public Question Time:**

Comments were made that the recent siting of the SID at Peacocks Hill may not show a factual result due to building works being carried out at Northfield House which may have slowed down the traffic, and it was also reported that the machine seemed to be old and did not always pick up increased speed.

Fly tipping was reported by the pumping station at Tootle Bridge.

The speed sign by the playing field is obscured by an overgrown hedge, Cllr Robinson to cut back.

Various footpath issues were highlighted.

### **District Councillor Report**

Cllr Norris reported that there are radical changes taking place within the Council regarding staffing.

### **County Councillor Report.**

Cllr Ruddle reported that he had been invited to Hinkley Point to view what is a massive project which has already started and will increase in the future employing up to 5000 staff.

**Police Report** – None present.

**Footpath Officer:** - The Footpath officer reported that he had negotiated with the landowner behind Manor Farm, (footpath L4/18 which is currently blocked by a maize crop) to put up a sign directing walkers to go around the outside.

The footpath at Flights Hole Weir will be closed from June for 6 months for weir repairs.

He reported that over the last year 5 metal gates had been put in on footpaths in the village including one at Cunleaze Rhyne, he stated that he uses his own discretion about adding gates as and when they become available.

The footpath issues highlighted during public question time were again discussed:  
A problem with an electric fence on the wrong side of the footpath at Hurtle Pool north to the Tor.  
An electric fence in the undergrowth at Barton Court to Park Lane next to Manor Farm.  
The footpath officer to investigate.

**38.17      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\(1\)](#)

None

**39.17      Chairman's Announcements**

None

**40.17      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

**41.17      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.

**RESOLVED:** Item 54.17 to be excluded from the Press and Public.

**42.17      Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be signed as a true record.

### **43.17**      **Planning**

To consider the following application.

17/02580/FUL

Addition of an outbuilding and creation of courtyard area.  
Blacksmiths Cottage Main Street Barton St David.

RESOLVED: Refusal.

The Parish Council found themselves unable to approve this application for the following reasons: Currently this area is a bottleneck for traffic and the addition of a building on the boundary which will be significantly higher than the existing wall creates a tunnel effect and in poor weather conditions could reduce visibility.

It is important to ensure access to the footpath.

The PC suggests that the roof lights should be on the other side to improve appearance.

What is the purpose of the building, it is not stated, (e.g. office, holiday let, etc)

The fact that a barn had been there several years ago is not relevant to the application, the building is essentially a new build and not an extension.

The following application was noted:

Application Approved

Application No. 16/04835/LBC

Replacement of 3 no. windows in the south elevation of the dwelling  
Plotgate Cottage Mill Road Barton St David

### **44.17**      **Accounts for payment**

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

Lucy Lapwood July wages £179.59 Office allowance £10.00 Parish Council phone top up £10.00 Total £199.59.

**RESOLVED:** To agree the accounts for payment.

### **45.17**      **Bank Reconciliation**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**RESOLVED:** The clerk reported that there had been no movement on the current account since the last reconciliation.

### **46.17**      **Grant application from Barton St David Pre-school**

To consider the above application.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to give a grant of £300 to be reviewed again if necessary.

**47.17      Situation at Hurtle Pool**

To discuss any progress made in respect to the flooding at Hurtle Pool.

The Clerk read an email from the County Roads department stating that clearance of the ditches is essential. However, this is an ongoing issue and the Council would like to know where it is on the list of priorities.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Pye to enquire.

**48.17      Speed restriction at Jarmany Hill and Tootle Bridge**

To discuss any progress made in respect to the implementation of a speed restriction at Jarmany Hill and Tootle Bridge.

**RESOLVED:** Nothing to report.

**49.17      Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

Dip in the road by the drain near Stocks Green in Mill Road.

**RESOLVED:** This has now been reported

Unused cars parked on road side.

**RESOLVED:** This issue was discussed but the Council came to no conclusion.

A dangerous situation was reported at the corner of Copis Lane and Mill Road where the blocks covering the culvert were now in the ditch.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Pye reported that this is to be repaired this week.

**50.17      Overgrown Hedge opposite Chapel Farm**

To discuss the overgrown hedge and consider any action to be taken.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Pye to discuss with the complainant.

**51.17      Report from Village Hall & Playing Field Annual General Meeting**

To receive a report on the above

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk reported that she had received a hard copy of this report, and would send it via email to Councillors, it is also available on the Village website.

**52.17      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)

The refuse collection in Blind Lane will resume as normal tomorrow.

**53.17      Items for the next Agenda**

None

**54.17**      **Clerk Pay Award**

To consider the Clerk's pay award in accordance with NALC and SLCC new pay scales and her contract back dated from April 2017.

**RESOLVED:** Pay award agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**Next meeting** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.45pm at Barton St David