

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 23rd July 2018 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mr J Lapwood (Vice Chair), Mr P Robinson, Ms C Heron.

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present: 10 members of the public.

Public Question Time:

A local resident reported that at Hurtle Pool the grating over the drain on the south side has not been cleared and is full of mud. Cllr Ruddle suggested that the clerk log this with the highways department.

District Councillor Report.

Cllr Norris reported that the current leader of the District Council is retiring, and a new leader has been appointed.

County Councillor Report.

Cllr Ruddle reported that he had resigned as chair of the Audit Committee of Somerset County Council and left the Conservative group but will continue his current term, looking after the interests of constituents in Somerton and the surrounding villages. He also reported that the Saturday Park & Ride service in Taunton is being withdrawn.

Police Report

None present

Footpath Officer.

Not present

39.18 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 received from Cllr Pye, Cllr Cabble, Cllr Britton and Cllr Goodman – accepted.

40.18 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).*

None.

41.18 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.

None.

42.18 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th June 2018

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25th June 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 25th June 2018 be signed as a true record.

The following planning was noted

43.18 Planning Determined

18/01693/NMA Breadstone House Silver Street Barton St David

Non-material amendment to planning approval 17/03130/FUL to move window from north east elevation to south east elevation.

Application Permitted.

44.18 Notice Board

To discuss the possible location of an additional or bigger notice board on the Village Hall and agree costs.

Cllr Robinson reported that he had taken this issue to the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee as the Parish Council representative. They had agreed that the current notice board could be replaced with a larger notice board, but they were not prepared to contribute to the cost. The clerk pointed out that the notice board belonged to the Parish Council but that the Village Hall Committee were taking up half of the board with their notices. It was suggested that a new notice board could be mounted on the railings. Cllr Norris stated that a grant may be available from the Area East Committee of the District Council for at least half of the cost.

RESOLVED: The Chairman of the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee agreed to take this to their next meeting in August to see if they were prepared to contribute to the cost with the agreement that the Parish Council would allow them to take over the existing notice board for themselves. Cllr Norris to enquire as to whether planning permission would be needed to mount a board on the railings.

45.18 Stocks Green

To discuss options to increase the use of Stocks Green and repair options for the well head, the wall which is crumbling, and the hedge which is overgrown.

Cllr Robinson reported that he had taken this issue to the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee as the parish council representative. The Village Hall committee had agreed that Stocks Green was under used, they suggested that building a barbeque, or raised beds may increase the usage. Discussion took place regarding the bad state of repair of the well head and the wall and also the laying of the hedge.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that a project definition needed to be prepared before quotes could be obtained for the repair. Cllr Britton to be consulted as to whether the hedge could be laid.

46.18 Bus Shelter

To discuss options for the Bus Shelter.

The Clerk said that the request for volunteers had not gone into the last newsletter as agreed and that the next newsletter would not be published until October.

RESOLVED: To agree a project definition and go ahead with obtaining quotes for the repair and the treatment of the timber.

47.18 Highway Matters

To report any highway defects.

Overgrown brambles were reported on the footpath from the bus shelter to the war memorial.

RESOLVED: Cllr Robinson agreed to cut back. A reminder to go in the next newsletter that it is the responsibility of the land owner to cut their hedges.

48.18 Remembrance Service and Re-dedication of War Memorial

Update on commemorative silhouettes for the remembrance service on 11th November 2018.

RESOLVED: Agreed on two silhouettes which Cllr Robinson would project manage.

49.18 Travellers at Jarmany Hill

Report on suspected travellers at Jarmany Hill and to discuss options.

The Clerk read email correspondence around this issue which stated that there may be travellers using a site at Jarmany Hill as a new age traveller camping site, and that the District Council had been informed. Cllr Norris reminded the Parish Council that they can not take any action themselves.

RESOLVED: To contact the District Council to ascertain progress.

50.18 War Memorial

Update on situation.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pye has applied for consent to replace the crazy paving with compressed gravel, await the outcome. Work to commence shortly.

51.18 Date of September Meeting

This should read date of the November meeting.

RESOLVED: To move the date to 26th November.

52.18 Accounts for payment

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure – LGA 1972 s150 (5) Lucy Lapwood July wages £189.82 Office allowance £10.00 Travel £9.00 Total £208.82. SALC Training £135.00 Citizens Advice Grant agreed £50.00, Denise Goodman Framing of WW2 Collage £124.56

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts for payment

53.18 Bank Reconciliation

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 30th June 2018.

RESOLVED: Figures agreed

54.17 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).

Councillors all agreed that the new finger post which is once again in place at the junction of Mill Road and Copis Lane looks very fine, and would like to thank Cllr Denise Goodman for her perseverance and successful conclusion of this project, which was thought to have taken approximately four years from start to finish.

Next meeting – Monday 17th September 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall. (Please note no meeting is **planned** for August, but one can be called)