

# Parish Council Barton St David

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Barton St David on Monday 22nd July 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)

District & County Councillors: Cllr Mr Dean Ruddle (County) & Cllr Mr Charlie Hull & Cllr Mr Tony Capozzoli (District).

**Also Present** 10 members of the public.

### **7.45pm Public Question Time.**

A resident from Mill Road raised the ongoing issue of parking. Cllr Dean Ruddle commented that the only solution maybe double yellow lines.

The issue of vehicles speeding through the village was also raised, this is an issue that will be dealt with when the speed group is functional.

### **Reports from County and District Councillors.**

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that the Health and Wellbeing Fund may be re-instated. The new school in Somerton has finally been passed.

Cllrs Tony Capozzoli and Cllr Charlie Hull reported on the progress of the planning at Sycamore Farm which will now go to the Area East Committee for debate. They urged residents and council members with an interest to attend to put their views forward.

**Footpath Officer** – Report from footpath officer concerning rights of way in the Parish  
None.

**Police Report** – No police in attendance, the Clerk reported that she had looked online and in May there were five crimes in Barton St David – two for criminal damage, two for anti-social behaviour and one for violence and sexual offences.

### **36.19 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

### **37.19 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: None

**38.19        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: To move agenda item 42.19 to the end of the meeting in order to exclude the press and public.

**39.19        Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019.

RESOLVED: A minor amendment was made to the minutes before approval.

**40.19        Outcome of request to purchase a small piece of the Playing Fields.**

Clerk to update the Council and residents of the outcome of her enquires into the purchase of part of the Playing Fields to extend a garden.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the solicitor at Porter Dodson, who explained that there is a caveat on the playing field land that it can only be used for that purpose, therefore no part can be sold.

**41.19        Update on Openreach**

To discuss the response from Openreach

The Clerk distributed to Council members the proposed response to Openreach following on from a string of emails between the Parish Council and Openreach regarding the inadequate state of the telephony service in the village

RESOLVED: Agreed to send the proposed email and attachment.

**42.19        Stocks Green Wall Refurbishment**

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

RESOLVED: Deferred to the end of the meeting.

**43.19        Trees on the Telephone Box Green.**

To discuss the number of trees currently on the green, and options for reducing their numbers in order to enhance the growth of the copper beech tree.

RESOLVED: A site visit with Councillors to be arranged in September to discuss options.

**44.19        Village Gateways.**

To discuss options and preferred designs for upgrading the signage at the three entrances to the village.

The Clerk reported that there are several options available for signs, and also the possibility of village gateways. She has been in contact with the Traffic Engineer at Somerset County Council and he has agreed to meet in the near future to discuss the allowable options, (meeting to be arranged).

RESOLVED: To report back at the next meeting

**45.19        Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

RESOLVED: It was reported that there are large potholes at the side of the road at Hurtle Pool, it was pointed out that these issues could be reported by individuals online, and the more residents that report issues the more weight it carries.

## **FINANCE.**

### **46.19 Update of Financial Regulations**

To agree on which Councillors will assist the Clerk with updating the Parish Council Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED: Cllr Christine Heron to assist the Clerk with updating the Financial Regulations for approval by the full Council.

### **47.19 Cost of Solicitors.**

To agree on a maximum spend for the cost of the solicitor to view and explain the deeds that they hold on behalf of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Agreed a maximum of 5 hours.

### **48.19 Accounts for payment**

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

Lucy Lapwood July wages, Office Allowance and Expenses £288.93. A Worth invoice for work carried out on the Well Head at Stocks Green £420.00, S. Cabbie Supply of pins for safety fence £43.20, D. Goodman Flowers & Card £39.00.

RESOLVED: The accounts were agreed and signed for payment, the Clerk to withhold payment to A Worth until the work on the Well Head is complete.

### **49.19 Receipts**

Receipts received in June.

RESOLVED: £19.33 interest received.

### **50.19 Bank Reconciliation**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 30th June 2019.

RESOLVED: The figures agreed, and the documents were duly signed.

### **42.19 Stocks Green Wall Refurbishment**

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

RESOLVED: It was agreed that more quotes were needed, Cllr Heron to request another five. Cllr Lapwood to request a more comprehensive and detailed quote from A. Worth. It was agreed to look at the work of contractors before making a final decision. There is a possibility that an extraordinary meeting may have to be called in August to discuss this matter.

### **51.19 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)

None.

Meeting ended at 9.50pm

**Please note there is no meeting planned for August.**

**Next meeting** – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.