

# Parish Council Barton St David

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Barton St David on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 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 Tony Capozzoli (District).

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

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

It was reported that the finger posts at the junction of Copis Lane and Mill Road are now pointing in the right directions.

The Chairman of the Village Hall & Playing Field Committee reported that he is having difficulties getting broadband for the Village Hall.

The speed and quantity of traffic using Double Gates Drove was once again raised as an issue.

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

District Councillors reported that they cover 13 parishes and that a meeting has been planned for later this week for Chairmen and Clerks from each parish to attend to discuss their problems and which may help to resolve them together, they have also invited officers from the District Council to attend.

A grant worth up to £1,500 to all retail premises (including pubs/restaurants) within the ward that wish to undertake outdoor improvement works is available to be applied for.

County Councillor reported that the County Council had an underspend of £6m in the last financial year due to receiving large highways grants. This would probably be taken up by adult and children's services.

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

**Police Report** – Report from police re crime in the Parish  
None

### **23.19 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

**24.19        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

**25.19        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:** None

**26.19        Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2019**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th May 2019.

**RESOLVED:** The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

**27.19        Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

**Possibility of upgrading village signs & condition of sign into the village from Keinton Mandeville.**

The Clerk distributed leaflets advertising village gateways signs to Councillors and members of the public. It was agreed that these seemed to be a good idea to aid the slowing down of traffic. However, we would need three, one for each entrance to the village and they could be expensive, and an alternative may be to buy a small gate from a local farmers supplier and get a sign made up to put on the gate.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to make enquiries into the cost of each option and report back.

**The condition of the existing sign on Peacocks Hill was discussed.**

**RESOLVED:** To await the outcome on the village gateway signs, before taking this further.

**Update on parking restrictions in Fairview Close**

The Clerk read an email received from the P.C.S.O. stating that the housing association is not prepared to remove the double yellow lines in Fairview Close to enable more parking in the Close and thus alleviate the parking in Mill Road. It was also noted that there are now three vehicles parking in the gateway opposite the bus shelter.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to contact the bus company to see if they have an issue in either Mill Road or Main Street.

**Update on Speed Watch.**

The Clerk reported the County Council had not sealed the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) when the original 30mph limit was introduced in 2013, and therefore the 30mph speed limit signage was installed in error and does not apply. It will take until at least the end of July before another TRO can be sealed.

**RESOLVED:** Await the new sealed TRO before proceeding further with the Speed Watch programme.

### **Highway Matters Continued.**

It was noted that the blocked drain at Jarmany Hill has still not been cleared, and Cllr Dean Ruddle stated that he had reported this himself.

**RESOLVED:** Add to the newsletter that the more residents that report these issues the more weight it carries.

Also noted that the slabs at Copis Lane have once again been moved by traffic.

### **28.19 Broadband**

Update on meeting with British Telecomms Engineer resulting from the letter sent from the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that following the agreed letter sent to Openreach, she had had a meeting with an engineer to discuss the issues raised. The engineer arranged to check the cable from the cabinet to the exchange. They found that the cable that goes into the cabinet is aluminium and brittle, which will be replaced with new copper cable which will alleviate the problems currently being experienced by residents.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that there is no indication of exactly what is being replaced and therefore this did not address all of the initial issues raised, and that another letter should be sent asking for clarification.

### **29.19 V.E. Day 75 – 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

To discuss plans for the village V.E. Day celebrations for 2020.

**RESOLVED:** To request for ideas and volunteers in the next newsletter.

### **30.19 Village Hall & Playing Field Deeds and Land Registration**

An update on progress.

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with Porter Dobson (Solicitors) regarding the deed and land registration. They had explained that if a meeting was considered necessary that there would be a charge for that meeting plus the cost of the Land Registration, they will be in contact with the Clerk to discuss.

**RESOLVED:** Agreed for the Clerk and Cllr Lapwood to proceed with the meeting, cost agreed at a maximum of £250 for solicitors plus the cost of the land and hall registration, which is a set cost.

### **31.19 Specification and Options for the Wall at Stocks Green.**

To discuss and agree the specification for the wall at Stocks Green, and the options available.

Cllr Heron prior to the meeting had prepared and distributed an options paper for general discussion. This proved to be extremely useful, and Cllr Heron was thanked for her work in producing this. The results of this piece of work are as follows.

**RESOLVED:**

1. Keep the wall in the same place.
2. Lower the height of the wall by one course in line with the wall at Stocks Farm, which will increase visibility, and reduce the cost of extra stone.
3. To re-build the wall as opposed to refurbish the wall as this seems to be the cheaper alternative.
4. To produce a detailed specification for the re-build to include a new concrete footing, lime mortar, reduce the height, and to scrape out the ground on the inside of the wall and spread this within Stocks Green.
5. To obtain 3 quotes for the work once the specification is complete and agreed.
6. To erect orange netting around the part of the wall, which is currently leaning, as soon as possible, and purchase poles to enable this to happen, (cost currently unknown).

Further discussion took place regarding the well head at Stocks Green, the builder reported that upon commencing work he discovered that there is no foundation under the stone circle which is causing it to lean, and therefore he had not continued with the work as agreed, until re-build or refurbishment options had been agreed by the Council. It transpired that in the past ridge tiles were placed on the top of the well head which had been removed for safety reasons, and that these would need to be replaced when it is restored.

RESOLVED: To refurbish as recommended by the contractor and agreed by the council.

## **FINANCE.**

### **32.19      Accounts for payment**

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

Lucy Lapwood June wages, Office Allowance and Expenses. A Worth invoice for work carried out on the Bus Shelter and the Well Head at Stocks Green.

RESOLVED: To agree payment to L. Lapwood, payment for the bus shelter agreed but to be withheld until further discussions have taken place. Payment for work on Well Head not applicable.

### **33.19      Receipts**

Receipts received in May.

RESOLVED: Income received £18.11 interest.

### **34.19      Bank Reconciliation**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

RESOLVED: Figures agree, and documentation signed.

### **35.19      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)

It was reported that the stiles along Grassy Lane have still not been repaired and the bridge timbers have been moved.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**Next meeting** – Monday 22nd July 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.