

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 27th March 2017 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.

Present: Mrs H Cankett (Vice Chairman), Mrs D Goodman, Mr. P Robinson, Mr D Britton, Mr S Cabble.

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present: Twelve members of the public

Public Question Time: There were no matters reported

District Councillor Report: Cllr David Norris sent his apologies

County Councillor Report: Cllr Dean Ruddle sent his apologies

Police Report: PCSO Tim Russell sent his apologies, along with a report that stated that there were no crimes in Barton St David for the last month.

Footpath Officer: Mr Phil Bradshaw PPLO sent his apologies, he sent a report that stated that the stile at Cunlease Rhyne now has a double step, and that the footpath in Park Lane (4/20) has now been widened.

139.16 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 (accepted).

140.16 Chairman's Announcements

None.

141.16 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.

142.16 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

143.16 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2017

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February be signed as a true record.

144.16 Update on flooding at Tootle Bridge

Update by Mr Anthony Dowden from Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium regarding possible plans for the flooding at the Tootle Bridge area.

RESOLVED: Mr Dowden gave an overview of the situation regarding the flooding issues at Tootle Bridge, and explained that there are several organisations, along with local residents involved. Cllr Cabble agreed to contact the residents with a view to arranging a meeting with all parties to discuss a way forward. The Council thanked Mr Dowden for attending.

145.16 Planning

The following Public Inquiry was noted.

Advice of Forthcoming Public Inquiry

Appeal in respect of application decision reference 15/04697/COL
Planning Inspectorate appeal reference APP/R3325/X/16/3155520
APP/R3325/C/16/3155519 Site at: Land OS1021 Jarmany Hill Barton St David TA11 6DA

This will take place on 4th April 2017 at 10.00 am at The Main Committee Room, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT.

146.16 Finance

Accounts for payment

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure – [LGA 1972 s150 \(5\)](#)
Lucy Lapwood February wages £200.32, Office allowance £10.00 Gas £1.00 Feb meeting, Travel to Somerton £5.40 Total £216.72.

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts for payment.

147.16 Internal Auditor.

To agree upon an internal auditor to audit the accounts for financial year ending 2016/17

RESOLVED: To appoint Sara Saunders as internal auditor for the accounts ending 2016/17.

148.16 Clerks Report

Progress update from the Clerk.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported the following: -

HEDGE

The Clerk noted that the hedge at Fairview Close has now been cut.

SIDs

The Clerk reported that she had received the latest SID's report for both Main Street and Northfields.

CARAVANS

The Clerk updated the Parish Council regarding correspondence received from the planning department regarding the Romahome and the touring caravan on Jarmany Hill.

The Romahome will be required to be moved within 28 days from the date of the formal communication from the Planning Department.

The touring caravan is to be removed by 29th March 2017.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that they have now received some of the quotes required to be submitted to the War Memorial Trust, however some clarification is still needed, and it doesn't now look like the deadline of 31st March will be met.

ROAD SIGNS

The following road signs have now been replaced – Church Street next to Virginia House, Main Street on Stocks Green, and Peacocks Hill near Greenland House

149.16 Highway Matters

To report any highway defects.

RESOLVED: Cllr Goodman reported that the finger post base has now been removed to be shot blasted and will be returned in due course.

150.16 Unauthorised Obstructions on the verge.

To discuss the reporting of unauthorised obstructions/stones on verges.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that Cllr Pye had been in correspondence with the Highways Department regarding unauthorised obstructions on the verge, and he had received from them a website which enabled residents to report obstructions directly.

(<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-transport/problems-on-the-road/unauthorised-use-of-a-roadside-verge/>)

151.16 Advertising Signage

To discuss advertising signage in the village.

RESOLVED: The signage has now been removed.

152.16 Housing and Employment Land Availability

To discuss concerns raised by a local resident regarding housing plans.

RESOLVED: Cllr David Norris was not available to comment, however he sent the following advice which Cllr Goodman delivered.

Cllr Norris presumes that concern has come about because of the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which has identified all land within South Somerset where the land owner has indicated it may be available for development at some time. Land marked in this document does not mean that planning permission for development on the site would be approved, indeed much of it would not be approved as it does not meet the objectives of the local plan or the requirements of the National Planning Policy framework. A definitive answer could not be given on the piece of land at the back of Park Close or on any of the land earmarked in the Land Availability Assessment.

153.16 Barton St David Parish Council Logo.

To agree the Parish Council's official logo.

RESOLVED: The council could not unanimously agree on the design for the logo.

154.16 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 Clerk reported that she had very recently received a press release from the Office of National Statistics asking for help to recruit staff for the test Census which has started in parts of South Somerset and to share the information in the parish. The position is for temporary Census Officers working either 25 or 37 hours per week.

Cllr Robinson reported that the guitar concert last month had been a sell-out, and that there is a Brass Quintet playing in the Church with students from the Royal Academy of Music playing in April.

155.16 Items for the next Agenda

None.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm

Next meeting – 24th April 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.