

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 26th March 2018 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chair), Ms C Heron, Mrs D Goodman, Mr J Lapwood, Mr S. Cabble

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present: 13 members of the public.

Public Question Time:

Concerns were raised by members of the public over the parking of vehicles outside the houses in Fairview Close in Mill Road. In some instances, it is believed that a particular vehicle is untaxed and does not have an M.O.T.

Barton St David Village Hall and Playing Field Committee are now on Facebook.

A representative from the Village Hall Committee said that it has always been expected that the Pre-school would move to Keinton Mandeville school as and when the Lakeview Quarry development is agreed. The Village Hall Committee would like to show their support for the move and suggested that the Parish Council may wish to as well.

District Councillor Report.

Cllr Norris said that there was nothing to report except the increase in Council Tax.

County Councillor Report.

Apologies received.

Police Report

Apologies received, no crimes reported for Barton St David in March.

Footpath Officer.

Apologies received.

131.17 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\(1\)](#)

RESOLVED: Apologies received from Cllr Robinson – accepted

132.17 Chairman's Announcements

None

133.17 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.

134.17 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.

None.

135.17 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 26th February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th February be signed as a true record.

136.17 Planning

To consider the following application.

18/00584/LBC & 18/00585/LBC
Erection of Greenhouse
Breadstone House, Silver Street, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: Approval

The following application was noted: -

Application Approved.

17/04446/FUL
Replacement & enlargement of single storey rear extension and alterations to raise roof ridge height of existing house 1.2 m.
Veronica Cottage Silver Street Barton St David

137.17 War Memorial

Update on the situation with the War Memorial.

Cllr Pye reported that the War Memorial working party had obtained 3 samples of compressed gravel, (Mendip Grey, Cotswold Buff, and Somerset Gold). At a meeting of the working party at the War Memorial it was agreed that the preferred colour was Somerset Gold. However, following correspondence between Cllr Pye and the W.M.T. the W.M.T stated a preference for Cotswold Buff.

RESOLVED: A discussion took place and Councillors agreed that Cotswold Buff was an acceptable alternative.

138.17 Highway Matters

To report any highway defects.

Hurtle Pool

Update on the flooding situation at Hurtle Pool.

Cllr Pye reported that he had been in communication with Somerset County Council (SCC) Highways Department over this matter and that the pipes were jetted last week by SCC which should alleviate the flooding, however two of the landowners still have to clear their ditches.

RESOLVED: Somerset County Council Highways department to write to the landowners again requesting that they clear their ditches.

SIDS

Update by Cllr Lapwood on options available.

Cllr Lapwood reported that he had attended a meeting discussing the options available for the future of the SIDs. S.C.C. are currently proposing a charge of £100 per installation, which will be dependent on the uptake, or to purchase our own SID device.

RESOLVED: To await the outcome of S.C.C. proposal.

Speed Restrictions

Progress with speed restriction at Jarmany Hill and Tootle Bridge. Possibility of speed restriction outside the village hall.

RESOLVED: To be added to the next agenda as the County Councillor was not present.

Junction at Copis Lane and Mill Road.

Update on re fitted concrete slabs.

These have once again been re-positioned by the Highways department but could easily be moved by large vehicles in the future.

RESOLVED: - Await the outcome of the 2018/19 budget.

For Information Only

Road Closure Notification.

Notification of road closure and the impact for the village.

The Clerk explained that the bridge at Mill Street in Baltonsborough will be closed for two months. The traffic will be diverted into Barton St David via Tootle Bridge onto the crossroads at the centre of the village and up to Jarmany Hill.

Drains in Mill Road.

Cllr Pye reported that the underground pipes in Mill Road between two drains is obviously cracked and is now causing some flooding. The Highways department have been informed and will be inspecting them.

139.17 Draft Work Plan

To Update the work plan as necessary.

Cllr Heron spoke on the work plan explaining that it is a working document and suggested that it be reviewed every 3 months. The situation with the phone box was discussed, the Clerk explained that although we have received a signed contract from B.T. they have not as yet removed the telephone, and we have not paid the £1. It was agreed that the future use of the box would need to be discussed at some future date, and to ask for volunteers to re-furbish it.

RESOLVED: To await the removal of the telephone and confirmation from B.T. that we are able to go ahead.

140.17 Date for Annual Parish Meeting.

To decide on a date for the Annual Parish Meeting and format for the agenda.

RESOLVED: To have the Parish Meeting in May before the Annual Meeting, with the agenda in the same format as last year.

141.17 Finance

Accounts for payment

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure – [LGA 1972 s150 \(5\)](#)
Lucy Lapwood March wages £186.11 Office allowance £10.00 Total £196.11

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts for payment

Bank Reconciliation

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 28th February 2018.

RESOLVED: Reconciliation figures agree

Membership of The Society of Local Council Clerks.

To discuss the benefits and cost of joining this society.

The Clerk explained that the cost of joining would be £77.00.

RESOLVED: To agree the cost, and to monitor the usefulness during the year, to be reviewed before re-joining next year.

142.17 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).

There was some discussion around the 106 agreement at Fairview Close. This agreement allows for local people or people with a local connection to take priority over others, when a Housing Association house becomes vacant. It seems that the Housing Association, Stonewater, may not be strictly adhering to this agreement. It was felt that local people with a housing requirement should be made aware that their name needs to be constantly updated on the housing list. Cllr Cable said that he would try to make contact with South Somerset District Council to clarify what the actual agreement is.

Next meeting – Monday 23rd April 2018 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.