

Parish Council Barton St David

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

Present: Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chair), Mr J Lapwood (Vice Chair), Ms C Heron, Mrs D Goodman, Mr P Robinson

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present: 9 members of the public.

Public Question Time:

Concerns were raised regarding rubbish being dumped at Hurtle Pool and Manor Farm. The situation around the planning application for 6 houses at Jarmany Hill which has gone to appeal for non-determination was outlined by Cllr Pye. Cllr Dean Ruddle explained the process and providing that it is a written appeal it shouldn't take too long to get a decision. Cllr Heron expressed concern about the current situation within the planning department with delays in determining plans and felt that the Parish Council should write to the District Council expressing concerns.

A summary of the situation regarding the lack of funding for the move of the Pre-school from Barton St David to Keinton Mandeville was given.

It was reported that the stile at Hurtle Pool has still not been repaired. Also, that the traffic using Double Gates Drove has increased and is now excessive – to be added to the next agenda in January

District Councillor Report.

Apologies were received from Cllr David Norris

County Councillor Report.

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that an additional £10m has been given for highway repairs, however currently they don't have the staff to carry out the work, and an additional £5m has been given for care, but he was unsure whether this is for children or adult care.

Police Report

No crimes to report

Footpath Officer.

The Footpath Officer sent his apologies. The Clerk reported that the Footpath Officer had returned a consultation of the footpaths in Barton St David sent by Somerset County Council, changing the category of footpaths in Barton St David from category 3 – rarely used footpaths to category 1 – footpaths regularly used and likely to be used on a daily or frequent basis.

88.18 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 were received from Cllr Cabble - accepted

89.18 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).*

RESOLVED: None

90.18 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.

RESOLVED: None

91.18 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 15th October 2018.

RESOLVED: The minutes were duly signed as a correct record

92.18 Planning

To consider the following application.

The Parish Council considered this application. They were grateful for the extension of time for observations and to be given the opportunity to comment. They felt that the proposed works were to be of a very high standard.

18/03346/LBC. The installation of 16 no. replacement windows and 1 no. door Breadstone House, Silver Street, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: To recommended approval.

It was noted that a planning application has been submitted to the District Council from a local resident with severe disabilities after an accident. It was agreed that the Parish Council would hold an extra-ordinary meeting in December if the official notification is received from the District Council in time.

93.18 War Memorial

Update on progress, Use of Smartwater, request donation from VHPF committee.

A D.V.D produced by the Barton History Club was shown which recorded the restoration process of the War Memorial from the beginning, to the end, culminating with the Remembrance Day ceremony. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Robinson for producing this marvelous piece of work which can be kept in the village for posterity.

RESOLVED: To give a copy to Mr Les Hawes, Mr David Odgers, and Mrs Carol Moore, and to request a copy to file with the minutes.

The Clerk reported that she had requested, and now received the Smartwater, but was unaware how it should be applied.

RESOLVED: To refer to Mr David Odgers of Odgers Conservation for guidance.

The Clerk reminded the Council that a promise of £300 had been received from the Village Hall and Playing Field Committee in July 2016, it being part of the profit from the WW1 Battlefield Tour towards the refurbishment of the War Memorial.

RESOLVED: To request this money as the restoration is now complete.

94.18 Notice Board Size

Agree size of notice board and ownership.

Discussion took place around the size and quality of the proposed notice board. Cllr Robinson had obtained 3 quotes for notice boards, of varying prices, quality and guarantees.

RESOLVED: To purchase a good quality board big enough to take 16 A4 sheets of paper at a cost of £1682.10 plus V.A.T.

Cllr Lapwood suggested that it might be easier if the Parish Council took ownership of the board and paid all of the outstanding monies after any grant had been received, or the full cost if a grant is not achievable, and once the new board is in place to relinquish ownership of the existing board to the Village Hall Committee.

RESOLVED: Agreed.

95.18 Phone Box

To discuss the restoration and possible use.

A request for volunteers was made in the last village newsletter and the Clerk reported that she had received one request. A member of the public at the meeting also volunteered.

RESOLVED: To set up a working party, but to defer this matter to the January meeting when the work plan is to be discussed.

96.18 Highway Matters

To report any highway defects.

A number of concerns were raised over the persistent parking of cars in Mill Road, by Fairview Close residents and visitors, close to the junction of Main Street. It was considered to be a hazard to cars turning from Main Street into Mill Road as cars travelling up Mill Road need to pass these cars on the same side as cars turning the corner into Mill Road, and there is potential for a collision to happen.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Pye and the Clerk to compose a letter to Fairview residents.

SID's.

The Clerk reported that SID's would no longer be financed by the County Council

97.18 Xmas Tree

To agree a sum for the purchase of the village Xmas Tree.

RESOLVED: £75.00 was agreed.

98.18 Meeting dates for 2019

To agree meeting dates for 2019.

RESOLVED: Meeting dates agreed

99.18 Accounts for payment

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

Lucy Lapwood November wages £189.82 Office allowance November £10.00 Total £199.82. SALC Training £30.00 Odgers Conservation £753.60 Purchase of Xmas Tree as agreed.

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts for payment, Xmas tree to be paid in January

100.18 Income Received

To report on income received.

The Clerk reported that she had received £10.00 in cash from a local resident towards the restoration of the War Memorial, and that she proposed transferring £10.00 from her personal account to save the costs of travel and time going to the bank in Somerton.

RESOLVED: Agreed.

101.18 Bank Reconciliation

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

RESOLVED: Agreed

102.18 Budget & Precept

To discuss the budget figures and precept for 2019, to be finalised at January Meeting.

The Clerk distributed a draft set of budget and precept figures, discussion took place around the proposed budget figures, and it was thought that there is a need to increase the figure for the Bus Shelter to £1000.

The precept was discussed and generally it was felt that there is no need for an increase in the Precept this Year.

RESOLVED: To agree and finalise these figures at the January meeting

103.18 Standing Orders

To discuss updating the Standing Orders.

The Clerk updated the Council on the current position regarding the Standing Orders, and reported that they needed to be updated by using the latest model of Standing Orders from NALC.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to work on this document, to be agreed by the Council at a future meeting.

104.18 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).

RESOLVED: None

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Next meeting – Monday 28th January 2019 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.