

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the meeting of Barton St David Parish Council meeting on Monday 23rd October 2017 commencing at 7.45pm and held at Barton St David Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Mr D Pye (Chairman), Mr. P Robinson, Mr D Britton, Ms C Heron, Mr J Lapwood

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

Also Present: Fourteen members of the public

Public Question Time:

The amount of mud on Mill Road following the harvesting of the maize crop – to be added to the next newsletter.

Consideration of neighbours when lighting a bonfire to dispose of rubbish – to be added to the next newsletter.

It was noted that the overgrown hedges in the village are mainly those belonging to the County Council – Cllr Dean Ruddle to inform the clerk of the email address of the Estates Manager.

District Councillor Report

Cllr Norris reported the re-structure is now in its second tranche and will be ongoing for the next year.

County Councillor Report.

Cllr Ruddle reported that there is currently a consultation taking place regarding the viability of the libraries in the county.

Police Report

Apologies received – no crimes to report in Barton St David.

Footpath Officer.

Apologies received – The clerk read an email received from the footpath officer regarding the possibility of diverting the current ROW at Higher Church Farm, he believes that every effort should be made to preserve the path in its current route.

81.17 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 were received from Cllr Goodman and Cllr Cabble (accepted).

82.17 **Chairman's Announcements**

None.

83.17 **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).*

RESOLVED: Cllr Lapwood declared an interest in agenda item 88.17 – Clerk wages & expenses.

84.17 **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.

85.17 **Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th September be signed as a true record.

86.17 **Planning**

To consider the following applications.

17/03580/FUL

Erection of agricultural building, cow cubicles and milking parlour – Building A
Higher Church Farm, Church Street Barton St David.

17/03664/FUL

Erection of agricultural building – Building B
Higher Church Farm, Church Street, Barton St David

17/03665/FUL

Construction of underground slurry store and access
Higher Church Farm, Church Street, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: Approval subject to the below concerns.

The above applications were approved but concerns were raised regarding -

- The safety precautions of the slurry pit.
- The amount of methane gas that the pit may give off.
- Whether there is sufficient land to take 6 months slurry.
- Is the rainwater soak away sufficient?

Further concerns were raised regarding the possible re-routing of the public footpath, the council understand that this has not so far been applied for but the parish council would like to make the following comments: -

- This is a well-used public footpath which is easy to walk.
- An alternative route for the footpath during construction of the new buildings, rather than closure.
- Any re-routing of the footpath should be correctly fenced, easily walkable, and maintained by the owners of Higher Church Farm.
- Further consultation regarding the proposed route.

17/04051/LBC

The installation of 5 no. replacement windows (type C) on south elevation of the dwelling (revised application)

Northfield House, Barton Road, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: Approval

17/03993/FUL

Erection of two storey rear and single storey front extensions. Formation of access

3 Mill Road, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: Approval

17/03994/FUL

Demolition of existing front porch and erection of single storey front extension.

4 Mill Road, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: Approval

Observations were raised for both application 17/03993/FUL and 17/03994/FUL regarding the following: -

- Whether there will be sufficient space to accommodate 2 parked vehicles once the extensions at the front have been completed as these protrude by 2.5 metres.
- Once the tarmac drives are created will water run off onto Mill Road or a soak away.
- That the roof tiles to of the extensions match as far as possible the current roof tiles.

The following applications were noted.

Applications Approved.

17/02809/FUL

The erection of an agricultural storage building, the erection of a horticultural greenhouse, formation of 2 no. ponds, siting of compost toilet and formation of hardstanding.

17/02928/FUL

The erection of a porch, demolition of existing garage and erection of a replacement detached garage.

Avalon, Main Street, Barton St David.

Applications Approved continued

17/03130/FUL

The erection of a double garage and store and re-siting of oil tank.
Breadstone House Silver Street, Barton St David.

17/03131/LBC

The erection of a double garage and store and re-siting of oil tank.
Breadstone House Silver Street, Barton St David.

87.17 Donation to Royal British Legion.

To agree a sum to be donated to the Royal British Legion for a wreath for Remembrance Day.

RESOLVED: To donate £50.00.

88.17 Finance

Accounts for payment

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

Lucy Lapwood October wages £186.11 Office allowance £10.00 Total £196.11, St Margaret's Hospice £250.00, Donation to Royal British Legion £50.00 as agreed above.

RESOLVED: To agree the accounts for payment.

Bank Reconciliation

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 30th September 2017.

RESOLVED: Reconciliation figures agreed.

External Audit Report.

To update the Council regarding recommendations made in the External Audit Report.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported that she had received the external audit report from Grant Thornton. The report and certificate have been duly signed and completed, however under 'other matters' they have stated that the internal auditor answered yes to objective F in relation to petty cash. This should have stated not covered as the authority does not operate a petty cash system. They stated that the Authority should ensure that the internal auditor's report is reviewed before sending to the external auditors. The authority should minute this process. If there are any errors in the Internal Auditors report it should be either amended by the Internal Auditor, or the Authority should provide an explanation for the error.

Charles Arnold Baker – Publication on Local Council Administration

To discuss whether the purchase of the latest edition (at a discounted price) would be beneficial.

RESOLVED: Purchase agreed.

89.17 Highway Matters

To report any highway defects.

Update on speed camera.

RESOLVED: The Clerk read an email from the local PCSO stating that it shouldn't be too long before enforcement can commence.

Update on flooding at Hurtle pool

The Clerk reported that the 3 farmers responsible for the ditches in the area have received correspondence from the County Highways Department informing them of their responsibilities as riparian owners to clear the ditches.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pye to contact County Highways to request a timeline.

Update on speed restriction at Jarmany Hill and Tootle Bridge.

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

It was also reported that the ditch north of Peacock Hill House is blocked which causes the drains at the bottom of the hill to block.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pye to include this as an issue when he contacts County Highways.

90.17 **War Memorial**

Update on the situation to date.

RESOLVED: A meeting took place in September with a representative from the War Memorial Trust and we are now awaiting a letter to confirm that the grant application can go forward.

91.17 **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).

Concerns were raised regarding the speed of large farm vehicles through the village, and it was felt that the corners at the bottom of Peacock Hill were particularly dangerous where large vehicles were concerned.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Next meeting – Monday 27th November 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.