

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Barton St David on Monday 28th October 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)
County Councillor: Cllr Mr Dean Ruddle
(Apologies from Cllrs Mr Charlie Hull & Mr Tony Capozzoli (District) not in attendance).

Also Present 8 members of the public.

Public Question Time.

It was reported that the Drain Sucker has been seen clearing the same drains as usual, the drains below the Church, outside Folly Cottage and at Hurtle Pool, are blocked and were not on the list to be cleared.

It was reported that the 30-mph sign outside Manor House is now missing.

Cllr Pye reported thanks to Peter Farrant for repairs to the signpost at Copis Lane/Mill Road, also that Wi-Fi is now installed in the Village Hall and will be up and running early November.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Dean Ruddle had nothing to report.

The Clerk read a report received from Cllr Charlie Hull in his absence, please see appendix 1.

Footpath Officer – Report from footpath officer concerning rights of way in the Parish.

The Footpath Officer was present at the meeting and reported that currently all footpaths in the parish were walkable partly due to the work of local landowners

Police Report – No police in attendance, the Clerk reported that she had looked online and there were no crimes reported in Barton St David for August.

74.19 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

75.19 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

76.19 **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

77.19 **Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 23rd September 2019**

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the above date.

RESOLVED: Minutes agreed and signed as a correct record.

78.19 **Planning**

To report on planning breaches in the village.

The two potential planning breaches at Jarmany Hill have been reported by the Clerk. The planning breach at Manor Farm is still ongoing.

RESOLVED: Await the outcome, Cllr Pye to chase the Manor Farm issue.

The following planning was noted

Planning Determined

19/01675/FUL The erection of new dwelling with associated parking, turning and vehicular access. Improvements to access and parking for no. 2 Wayside.

Land adjacent to Ashley, Mill Road, Barton St David.

Application Approved

19/02074/FUL Erection of rear extension to public house.

Barton Inn, Main Street, Barton St David.

Application Approved

79.19 **Village Gateways.**

Update on options for renewing the signage into the village.

RESOLVED: Discussion took place and the preferred option is to replace the posts and signs at a cost of £500 each. Cllr Ruddle informed the Parish Council that a grant may be available from the District Council towards the cost.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to enquire about the possibility of a grant.

80.19 **Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

Update on the situation with the Speedwatch team.

One member of the Speedwatch team still to complete the online application and knowledge check form.

RESOLVED: The outstanding online application and knowledge check form to be completed, the Clerk to correspond with Speedwatch liaison officer to establish the next steps.

Interest in Snow Warden position.

RESOLVED: No interest.

81.19 **Work Plan**

To update the current issues on the work plan, and to add any new items e.g. the trees on the green.

RESOLVED: Work Plan updated, see appendix 2.

FINANCE.

82.19 **Funding/Grant Requests.**

To consider funding/grant request received from St Margaret's Hospice and Somerset Age U.K.

RESOLVED: To grant £250 to St Margaret's Hospice every year for the next three years, providing the Yeovil in-patient unit remains open.

Grant £100 to Age U.K. Somerset.

83.19 **Donation to the Royal British Legion**

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

RESOLVED: £100 agreed

84.19 **Accounts for payment**

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

Lucy Lapwood October salary, Overtime, Office Allowance and Expenses. Donation to Royal British Legion as agreed.

RESOLVED: Payment to Lucy Lapwood £413.18. British Legion £100.00 - Agreed.

85.19 **Receipts**

Receipts received in September.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported receipts of £19.38 interest

86.19 **Bank Reconciliation**

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 30th September 2019.

RESOLVED: Figures agree

87.19 **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 an extension to Laurels Farm appears to have been built, which may be a breach of planning, to be added to the next agenda.

The Clerk announced that she would be resigning from her post.

Next meeting – Monday 25th November 2019 7.45pm at Barton St David Village Hall.

Appendix 1.

Key things to report;

1) Regulation committee refused outline planning permission for 24 houses behind the Fox&Hounds pub in Charlton Adam; unsafe drainage/sewerage and poor accessibility. I will be presenting tomorrow at regulation and joint area south/east re the proposal for 750+ housing development at Mudford, putting a case against. Will let you know how it goes.

2) Tree planting; all other Northstone villages are on board and we are looking at costings/timescales as well as shrub choice. Somerton Town Council have given a sapling to every family at the primary school, and I would like the same to happen at Keinton and Charlton Mackrell primaries. There is a training day for volunteers at Re-Imagining the Levels on 19 November concerning this which I will be going to, would be great if others could join me.

3) Car use. Being looked at closely with reference environment strategy and it would be useful to have recently obtained data re likely uptake of any proposed new bus routes; perhaps something to start canvassing opinion on?

Finally: go easy on loud fireworks/rockets this week. Lots of anxious owners of livestock as well as a significant number of vulnerable adults in our communities. Been receiving many letters of concern. (twas ever thus, I'm sure..)

Best wishes
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Appendix 2.**Barton St David Parish Council Workplan 2019-20**

Workplan review dates: Quarterly.

Priority	Outcome	Action	By	PC Budget	Lead/s
Hurtle pool	The flooding at Hurtle Pool is significantly reduced.	All ditches and pipes now cleared. Monitor situation when heavy rain occurs. One gully to be reported as blocked	Spring 2020	N/A	LL
Phone box	The phone box is refurbished and set up with new uses.	Refurbishment to commence in the Spring. Small group established. Ideas for use still to be discussed	Spring 2020	Y	DP
Stocks Green Wall	A refurbished solid and sound wall	Wall to be taken down and rebuilt by Les	Winter 2019	Y	SC/DP
Stocks Green Garden	Establish a wildlife garden	Volunteer group established. Add item to the newsletter requesting further interest.	Winter 2019	Y	DB/CH
Phone Box Green	Thin trees to allow Copper Beech to thrive, replace Silver Birch	Add to next newsletter. Obtain three quotes for the work	Winter 2019	TBA	DG/DP
Road Safety	To reduce speeding traffic through the village.	Group formed online tests completed. Further training to be completed with the police.	Spring 2020	N/A	DP/JL
Environmental/Tree Policy	Environmental and Tree Policies to be agreed and action plan created.	Create an environmental/tree policy for Council to approve	Spring 2020	TBA	DG/DB/PR/CH