

Parish Council Barton St David

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Barton St David on Monday 23rd September 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.

In Attendance: Mrs. Lucy Lapwood (Clerk)

District & County Councillors: Cllr Mr Dean Ruddle (County) & Cllr Mr Charlie Hull & Cllr Mr Tony Capozzoli (District).

Also Present 21 members of the public.

A presentation was given by a representative of Truespeed, which is a company based in the South West offering faster broadband, a guaranteed 200 Mbps, providing one third of the community sign up to the deal. It would include free for life broadband for the Village Hall. The representative considered that even if the required number of residents sign up to the deal, that they would not be able to start work in Barton St David for approximately 12 months.

Public Question Time.

No comments.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that the Health and Wellbeing Fund has now been re-instated.

Cllr Tony Capozzoli reported that the Fire Brigade are proposing to close the fire station at Martock which could have an impact locally by increasing response time. Cllr Charlie Hull is encouraging tree planting and if there are any proposed schemes to plant trees to contact him.

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

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Footpath Officer who had said that currently there are no ongoing problems. The footpath at Plotgate is now walkable thanks to a local farmer. The Parish Council would like to thank the Footpath Officer for re-painting the finger post in the middle of the village.

Police Report – No police in attendance, the Clerk reported that she had looked online and the figures for July were four crimes in Barton St David – two for anti-social behaviour and one for violence and sexual offences, and one vehicle crime.

59.19 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: Apologies received from Cllr Denise Goodman – accepted.

60.19 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

61.19 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

62.19 Minutes of Barton St David Parish Council Meetings held on Monday 22nd July and Monday 5th August 2019

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

RESOLVED: Both sets of minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

63.19 Planning

To consider the following planning applications.

19/01289/FUL Erection of 2 no. one and a half storey detached dwellings. Garaging and associated works.

Land at Hollyhock Cottage, Peacocks Hill, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: The parish council considered this application, and did **Not Recommend** approval for the following reasons: -

It was noted that this is the fourth time an application has been made for this piece of land, it is in open countryside, (not infill), it is away from the main services of the village and the Parish Council does not consider that any of the past reasons for rejection of the planning permission on this site have changed. It was also noted that this proposed application of 2 one and a half storey detached dwellings means that they are close to the north and south boundaries of the site, and although stated that there is parking for 2 vehicles plus a garage and a turning circle, these are 3 bedroom properties which will have a potential of at least 4 vehicles, there appears to be insufficient parking, and residents and visitors would have to park on the highway which is a country lane with no street lights or footpaths. In addition, they are described as one and a half storey dwellings, however they are only 0.8 metres less in height than a regular two storey property. The Parish Council did not consider this application to be an improvement on previous applications.

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.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council unanimously recommended **Approval**.

Planning Continued.

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

Barton Inn, Main Street, Barton St David.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council unanimously recommended **Approval** for this application to improve the local amenities in the village and to support local business.

The following application is noted.

This application is not in the parish of Barton St David but is adjacent to it, for this reason SSDC planning office asked Barton St David Parish Council for their observations.

Application Approved.

19/00709/OUT Outline application for the erection of five dwellings

Land at Sycamore Farm Barton Road Keinton Mandeville

64.19 **Village Gateways.**

Update on meeting with Somerset County Councils Traffic Engineer regarding renewing the signage into the village.

Discussion took place regarding the options put forward by SCC's Traffic Engineer. Generally, the Council did not like the idea of moving the position of new signs and would prefer that the signs remained on the village boundary line.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to get clarification from the Traffic Engineer regarding costs and responsibilities of mounting new signs on the existing posts.

65.19 **Land at Jarmany Hill.**

To discuss concerns raised at the last meeting regarding the use of agricultural land for storing building spoil.

The Clerk reported that she had received a form to fill out to report a breach of planning from Cllr Capozzoli but had not completed it as she was not sure that it was the correct form. The possibility of the spoil being contaminated and leaching into the stream was also raised.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to report this matter to the planning department, and the environmental agency.

66.19 **Manor Farm.**

Update on developments at Manor Farm.

RESOLVED: To be reported to the planning enforcement officer for investigation.

67.19 **Highway Matters**

To report any highway defects.

It was reported that the slabs at the corner of Copis Lane are once again falling into the ditch Cllr Pye agreed to report this matter to the Highways Department.

Cllr Ruddle informed the Council that he had recently heard of finger posts being stolen and stated that if this happened the County Council would replace them with modern signs, and he recommended that we insure the two finger posts in the village.

Update on the situation with the Speedwatch team.

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

68.19 Councillors email addresses.

The clerk to update Councillors on information received from the Information Commissioner's Office regarding the use of personal email address for council business.

Having recently received information from the ICO regarding concerns over the use of personal devices and email addresses by Councillors, the Clerk updated the Council on what she considered the Council should put into place to be compliant with GDPR.

GDPR does not say that personal email addresses cannot be used or that dedicated devices are obligatory, just that this makes the process of being GDPR compliant more complicated. Councillors should be vigilant to ensure that personal information, which is information that identifies an individual, a name, number, address, email address, photographs, videos, which has been passed to them by the Clerk or any other body is stored securely, and that no other individual has access to that information, and that it is deleted within the agreed timeframe or when it is no longer of use.

The Clerk considered that the Council should have in place:

- A GDPR policy including an information retention statement.
- A Privacy Notice which should be published on the website.

RESOLVED: Councillors and the Clerk to look for a template for these documents, or to investigate to see if other Parish Councils have already produced these documents.

FINANCE.

69.19 Stocks Green Gardening Group.

Update from Stocks Green Gardening Group and to discuss possible financial outlay.

Cllr Heron reported that the gardening group meet once a month at Stocks Green, and they would like to promote wildlife in the green, by planting wildflowers, and requested an amount of £150 towards the cost of seeds. The Clerk also asked if they would like the hedge to be cut as usual.

RESOLVED: Sum of £150 agreed, hedge to be cut as low as possible.

70.19 Accounts for payment

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

Lucy Lapwood August and September salary, office allowance and Expenses. Fabricoat invoice for refurbishment of village hall railings £2064.00.

RESOLVED: Payment to Lucy Lapwood for July and August Salary and expenses £432.88, payment to Fabricoat £2064.00 - Agreed

71.19 Receipts

Receipts received in July and August.

RESOLVED: Receipt received July and August Interest £38.10. V.A.T. refund £1860.26

72.19 Bank Reconciliation

To agree the bank reconciliation figures against the bank statements as at 31st August 2019.

RESOLVED: Figures agree.

73.19 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)

Cllr Heron reported that overgrowth needs to be cut back as it is obscuring a sign at Tootle Bridge. Cllr Heron and Cllr Pye agreed in the first instance to ask the landowner to do this.

It was noted that two pole barns are being erected at land at Jarmany Hill, to be added to the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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