

**BARINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 28 MAY 2021 AT 6.00 PM
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON**

Present: Cllr J de Haldevang – Chairman
Cllr J Bainbridge - Vice Chairman
Cllr S Cleal
Cllr A Hope

Officer: Mrs T Marchant - Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr Dominic Morris, Gloucestershire County Council
Cllr Tony Dale, Cotswold District Council
Stow Police Representative

Members of the Public: Andrew Pearson, Sarah Newell, Claire Brennan, Minkie Puddick, Rhona Cash, Christopher Cash, Philippa de Haldevang, Richard Wingfield, Helen Lord, Brendon Goeldenbot, John Lockey, Louise Lockey, Jacky King.

At the end of the meeting, the Chairman gave his thanks to Anthea Watson for the work she had carried out on the Community Emergency Plan during her brief time as a parish councillor.

13 WELCOME FROM THE PARISH CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Members of the Public to the meeting.

14 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MAY 2021

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2021, previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020/21

The Chairman gave a summary of his Report for the year 2020/21 and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

16 REPORT OF THE BARRINGTON CHARITY

Cllr Bainbridge gave a brief history of the Little Barrington Charity for the benefit of new residents. The Charity was established in the 18th Century and has a portfolio of seven cottages on Minnow Lane and seventy acres of farmland on which a small farmhouse was built. The Charity took on the Reading Room in the 1930s. The objects of the Charity have been broadened from Little Barrington to include the surrounding parishes. The objectives are firstly to keep the Reading Room available for recreation and leisure activities for the local community to use, such as children's birthday parties, Pilates, bridge classes, and even the occasional private lunch. Contact Sophie Bainbridge to organise a booking. The second objective of the Charity is the upkeep and support of St Peter's Church in Little Barrington, and the third is for relief of the poor and needy of the parish.

The Charity is administered by five Trustees: Philippa de Haldevang as Chairperson, together with Paul Stanley, Venetia Crosbie-Dawson, Charles Neil, and Cllr Bainbridge. Paul and Charles were appointed as Trustees in 2020. In the year to 2020, the Charity made donations and covered church expenses in the region of £30,000. Income from rental of property was approximately £66,000.

The Charity has continued to support Sherborne Primary School and also made a contribution to Kates Home Nursing based in Bourton on the Water in 2020. Other expenditure covered maintenance of the Charity's properties and general administrative expenses

17 GUEST SPEAKER - GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Dominic Morris had given his apologies for the meeting.

18 GUEST SPEAKER - COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Tony Dale had given his apologies for the meeting.

18 GUEST SPEAKER – STOW POLICE REPRESENTATIVE

The Stow Police representative had given his apologies for the meeting but had submitted a brief report which the Chairman read out to the meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

20 WINDRUSH AGAINST SEWAGE POLLUTION

Cllr Bainbridge said there was nothing further to report at this stage. The Private Members Bill put forward by the MP for Ludlow is still under initial consideration. He said that the increase in housing in Bourton on the Water had put a strain on the sewage system, but the main problem was lack of investment by Thames Water. The hope is that the problem will be more regulated in the future with less frequent emissions. There is no doubt that the biodiversity of the Windrush has been compromised, and the Parish Council continues to press for a solution.

21 TRAFFIC CALMING/MANAGEMENT

The Highways Authority has carried out road and pavement maintenance and updated road markings. It plans to improve the A40 in hedging to ensure that the junction is safer to use. There has been a great deal of kerb and roadside repair, much of the damage being caused by heavy trucks. In terms of traffic management, short of signage being improved and the continuing efforts of residents, the only options would be speed bumps, speed cameras, or chicanes, all of which would require some sort of street lighting. For the present, the best option is a combination of entrance gates and the parish's continued efforts with traffic calming. The Council will continue to look at what else the Highways Authority can offer. One option would be to buy two old vehicles, register them, and park them in such a way as to form our own chicane.

A resident mentioned the state of the drains which are causing the roadside to crumble, and Cllr de Haldevang said that this needed to be taken up with Gloucestershire County Council.

22 SECURITY AND COMMUNITY WATCH

Cllr Cleal said she had filled in a questionnaire from Neighbourhood Watch but she felt they needed to be more spontaneous with the information they supplied, as it was often too late to be of any use. She mentioned the WhatsApp group run by Jacky, which gave much more

news on what was going on and worked well on a daily basis. However, if she receives anything of interest from Neighbourhood Watch, then she will of course ensure that it is circulated via WhatsApp.

23 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cllr de Haldevang confirmed that the following events were planned for the forthcoming months:

- a) **Windrush Valley Flower Show – Saturday 24 July 2021.** Minkie said that she would welcome volunteers to help with the show and with the supply of cakes and bric a brac etc. Cllr Hope said that particular help would be needed with setting up and taking down. Let Minkie or Cllr Hope know if you can help and they will put you in touch with the organiser, Penny.
- b) **Giffords Circus – 5-16 August 2021** – will be held on the cricket pitch. It was noted that the row of cottages nearest to where the Circus is held have not enjoyed the event very much in the past due to noise and lack of privacy, and Cllr Bainbridge said that discounted tickets for residents had been discussed when the Circus last came and it might be worth raising that with them again.
- c) **Strim, Stream & Soup – 18 September 2021.** This is a gathering of villagers to help clear the green before the onset of winter. It's especially important to do this to keep the stream clear.
- d) **Village Tidy Up – October 2021** – The litter pick is normally held annually in the spring, but it was felt that an autumn tidy up would also be beneficial. The date will be circulated as soon as it is decided upon.
- e) **Advent Drinks** in the Reading Room – **4 December 2021.** Will be organised by Cllr Cleal and Jacky King. They would appreciate any assistance.
- f) **Village Tidy-Up – March 2022.** Date to be advised.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

Refreshments were served.

Chairman