

**BARINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 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  
Cllr R Wingfield

Officer: Mrs T Marchant - Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr Tony Dale - Cotswold District Council  
Cllr Dom Morris – Glos County Council

In Attendance: 4 members of the public

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

43 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2021

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 October 2021, previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

44 MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

45 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the public present did not wish to speak at this point.

46 ADJOURNMENT FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Morris had given his apologies for the meeting.

47 ADJOURNMENT FOR COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Dale had given his apologies for the meeting. He had emailed his Ward Councillor Briefing which detailed the launch of flood wardens, the approval of affordable homes on brownfield sites, and the District's continued agenda to engage with town and parish councils.

48 TRAFFIC CALMING & BURFORD BRIDGE UPDATE

As far as traffic calming is concerned, the statistics are now showing 130 vehicles per hour travelling through Little Barrington at speeds of up to 45mph. 10% of the total speeders are over 40mph. The Chairman made another plea for more volunteers to support this initiative, even for just an hour or two a week. It is expected that the police will have a greater input as the statistics provided have well illustrated the extent of the problem.

The WiVTAG Campaign has continued apace, with a total of five meetings with officers of the haulage association and farmers, and two meetings with OCC representatives. The campaign now has unequivocal GCC support, with similar support from CDC. The number of HGVs travelling through the Barringtons has now increased by 45%.

A final report has been produced, issued and released to OCC. It includes a number of recommendations, but there is no immediate solution. There are a number of options, with the strongest being a restriction zone for all but those you have legitimate business in the parish. The final OCC decision is due on 5 January at the Cabinet Meeting, at which the Chairman said he would be speaking and presenting on behalf of WiVTAG.

A member of the public asked if the exemption for local HGVs would be followed up, and the Chairman responded that enforcement would be difficult and would need to be discussed.

The Chairman will be meeting with GCC Highways on Thursday next week with a view to discussing possible measures. One might be a pair of white gates leading into Little Barrington from the A40. Parish Councillors were not keen on this option, but it would be the most cost-effective.

#### 49 SPEED CAMERAS AND THE 20 IS PLENTY CAMPAIGN

The 20 is Plenty Campaign is ongoing. The Cotswolds are driving very hard for it, and Barrington Parish Council has expressed its interest and support.

Speedwatch cameras are about to be approved by police. There are two options. The first would be Automated Community Speedwatch cameras operating during the daytime using solar power, which take a photograph of a vehicle as it passes. They would cost approximately £500 per camera. The second option would be the more expensive ANPR cameras which would also require electricity and would be beyond the reach of our parish.

#### 50 WINDRUSH AGAINST RIVER POLLUTION (WASP)

Cllr Bainbridge said there was nothing new to report. As it stands at the moment, the Government's Environment Bill reference sewage pollution has been approved by Parliament. However, some MPs and Peers feel the Bill is not enough because it does not include proper timetables or targets for companies to reduce sewage discharge. He said there is currently no improvement in the river.

#### 51 VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Cllr Hope thanked all those who attended the litter pick last November and said that a fair amount of litter had been collected. He asked if residents could let him know if litter is spotted. He said that more frequent litter picks would not be practical given the limited number of residents available to take part. Cllr Hope also encouraged everyone to go along and help with the Clean-Up planned next March.

#### 52 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & FLY-TIPPING

Cllr Cleal said that seven fly-tipping signs are on display in the parish and these are regularly moved to look as if areas are being patrolled. A bag had been dumped recently and it turned out to contain dead wild animals. She informed CDC and they notified the police because there had been a lot of hare coursing etc in the area. Cllr Cleal reported it on the Monday morning, and CDC picked it up on the Wednesday afternoon, just adhering to their 48 hour target for removal. Cllr Cleal had also informed CDC about the remnants of car accidents needing removal.

53 READING ROOM PICTURES & MOTHERS UNION BANNER

Cllr de Haldevang said his father-in-law had come across ten prints of Little Barrington dating from the 1920s. The suggestion was that these be scanned and framed and displayed in The Reading Room alongside others of the same period. He estimated the cost would be about £200. Additionally, a Mothers Union Banner has been found in the local church and this could also be displayed in The Reading Room in a wooden cabinet.

The proposed expenditure was APPROVED in principle.

54 WILDFLOWER PROJECT & PLATINUM JUBILEE OAK TREE

There was nothing further to add to the Wildflower Project at the present time. Cllr Wingfield said he thought the oak tree for Great Barrington could be planted close to the footpath to the cemetery, and he suggested that a plaque would also be appropriate.

Cllr Bainbridge suggested a site on the edge of the Village Green for the oak tree in Little Barrington.

55 PLANNING MATTERS

21/02858/FUL Barrington Downs Farm, Barrington. Change of use of agricultural buildings to create 1no. residential dwelling and erection of bat roost at secondary site. **DECISION STILL AWAITED**

21/02859/LBC Barrington Downs Farm, Barrington. Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to facilitate change of use of agricultural buildings to create residential dwelling. **DECISION STILL AWAITED**

21/04352/LBC Hillside Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for addition of secondary glazing to windows at the front and side of the property. **BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION**

56 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The Financial Statement 1 October to 30 November 2021 had previously been circulated and a copy is attached. Expenditure included the purchase of a radar gun and litter picking equipment, publicity material for the WiVTAG campaign, and the annual fees for the parish website and defibrillator support. A VAT refund of £182.40 was received in October.
- b. Invoices approved by email and paid since the last meeting were Noted.
- c. Election Charges – the Clerk had circulated to Councillors an email from CDC about the proposal to charge parishes for contested elections w.e.f. 2023. However, the proposed figures in the initial approach had been amended and were subject to clarification, so a full discussion was shelved until such time as the facts were clearer.

57 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022-2023

The Clerk had circulated details of existing expenditure with an estimate of costs for the forthcoming year. At the current rate of spending, there would be a balance of approximately £1,600 to be carried over at the year-end on 31 March 2022.

There was a great deal of discussion about how much to increase the precept to cover the potential cost of speed signs, speed cameras or entrance gates, with the resultant impact on Council Tax. Match-funding might be available for any of these road safety measures, but the cost of each was likely to be in excess of £1,000. Councillors were minded to go for a one-off increase in the precept in the forthcoming year, which would be reduced in the following year.

It was agreed that the precept be increased by 16.12% to £3,600, specifically for the purpose of tackling speeding issues, and this was unanimously APPROVED.

#### 58 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Parish Council has been fortunate that John Yeatman, the RFO to Burford Town Council, has carried out the Internal Audit for the last ten years, at a very reasonable cost. However, last year Mr. Yeatman had indicated that he wished to step down from this role. The Clerk had contacted a number of other companies, but found that several were not taking on new clients, and one had quoted the sum of £175 + VAT.

The Clerk had contacted Mr Yeatman again just prior to the meeting, and he had agreed to do the Internal Audit again in 2022. Cllr de Haldevang said he would check whether the PCC Auditor might take on this role in the future.

#### 59 ASSETS REGISTER

The Clerk had previously circulated an updated Assets Register, which included amended values (omitting VAT and delivery), and the removal of a dog bin which had been relocated rather than purchased.

It was pointed out that the newly purchased radar gun needed to be added, and the insurance value of the telephone box in Little Barrington needed to be ascertained.

The changes in the Assets Register, including those above, were unanimously APPROVED.

#### 60 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a Village Clean Up – there will be a Spring Village Clean-Up in March 2022.
- b Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 – the Jubilee will run from 2 to 5 June 2022 and include two additional Bank Holidays. Cllr de Haldevang felt that the parish should hold a celebration, such as a street party, and Cllr Bainbridge said that the Little Barrington Charity were of the same mind. Cllr Wingfield suggested that the two parishes should join forces. He said in 1977 the Jubilee was held on the village green, but maybe that would no longer be suitable due to increased traffic. The Clerk said it might be possible to apply for a road closure if that proved necessary. Cllr Bainbridge recalled that in 2002, the Jubilee was celebrated during the day with games on the meadow opposite The Fox Inn, a crown competition for the children, and fireworks and a dance in the evening at Great Barrington Village Hall. The Chairman said that someone needed to take the lead on this event, and it was agreed that he would produce a flyer that would be circulated to every household in the parish.
- c Windrush Valley Flower Show – the show will be held on 23 July 2022 and organised by Minkie Puddick and Cllr Hope.
- d Gifford Circus – the Circus will come to Great Barrington between 21 July and 1 August 2022. Because of complaints about noise in previous years, it is hoped that the generator will be moved further away from its usual site, and that discounted tickets will be available for residents who live closest to the circus site.

61 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Forthcoming meetings will be held in The Reading Room on the following dates:

- Friday 18 March 2022 at 6.00 p.m.
- Friday 13 May 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.10 p.m.

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Chairman