

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024 AT 6.00 P.M.
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON**

Present Cllr Jan de Haldevang - Chairman
 Cllr Sue Cleal
 Cllr Alex Pierre-Traves
 Cllr Ali Hope – from Item 57

Clerk & RFO: Mrs Tan Marchant

Apologies: Cllr Richard Wingfield
 Cllr Dom Morris, GCC
 Cllr Tony Dalle, CDC
 Dan Tiffney & Anne Johns GCC Highways

In Attendance: 4 members of the public

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

52 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 December 2023 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

53 UPDATE FROM COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Tony Dale had given his apologies for the meeting but had sent a brief report to the Chairman. He said that the CDC budget had been passed and services will be maintained as currently. Parking charges will increase in line with inflation. They will continue to focus on providing strategic housing for new homeowners and growing the economy to fund services.

54 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO RAISE ISSUES

No issues were raised.

55 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman gave a summary of his report, with particular thanks to Cllr Cleal in respect of security and the reporting of fly tipping, and Cllr Pierre-Traves for the two initiatives he is currently taking on.

A copy of the Report is attached to these minutes.

56 REPORT OF THE LITTLE BARRINGTON CHARITY

Mrs de Haldevang gave a brief report on the activities of the Little Barrington Charity, and a more formal report is attached to these minutes.

57 TRAFFIC CALMING MANAGEMENT

The Chairman reported that the speed camera in Little Barrington is currently inoperative, and the one in Great Barrington has been unplugged twice and removed from the post. Despite these problems, the police are keen to continue with them and have encouraged GCC to fund extensions to new poles, a replacement camera, and the repair of one solar panel.

Cllr Hope mentioned that there is still the sum of £1,000 due to the Parish Council from the Windrush Valley Flower Show two years ago, and maybe this could be put towards the cost of security. The Clerk asked how to expedite this payment and was asked to send Cllr Hope the relevant bank details so that the transfer of this sum could be made.

58 OXFORDSHIRE & GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIONAL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The Chairman had circulated an update from Cllr Mark McCappin from Leafield concerning the continuing WIVTAG activity. He and Cllr Deborah Triff are involved and have a seat at the table of the OCC Regional Planning Committee which now includes GCC.

In brief summary, the Chairman said the current permutation/conversation continues, and we are wise to continue to be wary of Burford Town Council's continued agenda, which is simply to widen the area around Burford by a further five miles and to include all the bridges but not those in Witney. So it is an extension of the original plan, which is being resisted by WIVTAG.

Full details of the update are attached to these minutes.

Cllr de Haldevang said there was no update on the latest risk and strategy plan for the A40. The budget for that will include repairs and signage through the village.

Mrs de Haldevang said the tarmac and painting works at the top of the road had been done beautifully but nothing had been done about the drainage, so it will continue to be a problem as soon as frost and then thaw next occurs. She also said that the contractors are not supervised and appear to spend hours chatting and sitting around rather than working. The Chairman asked for this to be minuted and said he will pass it on to the Highways Department.

59 WASP

Cllr Pierre-Traves said that he had nothing further to report from the Rivers Trust. Cllr de Haldevang asked if other local councils were involved in this initiative and Cllr Pierre-Traves said he believed so. The Trust had asked him if plans of the drainage network in the parish were available. The Clerk didn't know but Mrs de Haldevang wondered if old plans drawn when a mains septic tank was being considered in the parish a while ago might still be available. Cllr Pierre-Traves said he would also ask Cllr Wingfield.

60. PARISH WELCOME LEAFLET

Cllr Pierre-Traves said that the contents of the welcome leaflet were now complete, and it just needed to be passed to the Clerk for design purposes. He wondered how to ascertain who newcomers to the parish might be, and it was suggested that word would get around, and he could also speak to Lynn in Great Barrington in respect of tenants and include something on the local WhatsApp group.

61 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. Spring Tidy Up – Saturday 6 April 2024. Cllr Hope said the Save the Date notice had gone out. Volunteers should meet at 9.30 a.m. at The Fox.
- b. D Day Anniversary - 6 June 2024– The beacon lighting will take place in Great Barrington to commemorate the 80 years anniversary as part of the National beacon lighting. Further details to follow.
- c. Coffee Mornings – Cllr Pierre-Traves is now organising these once a month in The Reading Room, usually on the third Saturday of the month, with the help of volunteers including Sheila Illman and Jacky King.
- d. Gifford Circus – 25 July to 5 August 2024. Giffords are offering two free weekday tickets per household.
- e. Windrush Valley Flower Show – 27 July 2024. A letter was circulated in all the communities in the valley and a good response was received, but more volunteers are still needed, particularly from Windrush and Sherborne. There will be a meeting at 6.30 p.m. on 5th April in Great Barrington Village Hall for a short briefing and volunteers are encouraged to attend.
- f. Ride & Stride – 14 September 2024.
- g. Strim Stream and Soup – 28 September 2024, commencing at 10.00 a.m.
- h. Autumn Tidy-Up – Saturday 9 November 2024.
- i. Advent Drinks – Saturday 7 December in The Reading Room, Little Barrington. Volunteers are needed to help run this event.

62 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Mrs de Haldevang asked if the Emergency Plan has been kept up to date, and this will be taken up with Cllr Wingfield.
- b. The Chairman said that meetings have been held between CDC and the National Trust about the regeneration of Sherborne Park, which the Parish Council had not been aware of. The idea is that they will create three visitor centres and much more, which is a little concerning in regard to traffic and other issues. Cllr de Haldevang has written to CDC expressing our concern and a copy of his letter is attached to these minutes.
- c. The Parish Council has been consulted about the proposed extension to the London Oxford Airport by Oxford Aviation Services. The Chairman will complete the questionnaire and express our concerns.
- d. The Chairman was pleased to report that the Parish Council's share of the Council Tax had dropped by 14%.

63 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

All meetings are held in The Reading Room, Little Barrington, at 6.00 p.m.

Friday 17 May 2024	Parish Council AGM
Wednesday 16 October 2024	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 December 2024	Parish Council Meeting

The meeting ended at 6.45 p.m.

Chairman