

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2020  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

Present            Cllr Jan de Haldevang - Chairman  
                      Cllr James Bainbridge - Vice-Chairman

                      Cllr Sue Cleal  
                      Cllr Dr Simon Bennett

Officer:            Tan Marchant - Clerk & RFO

Apologies:        Cllr Ray Theodoulou

Residents:        Rosella Mathew, Robin Mills, Philippa de Haldevang, Rev Dr Gerard Moate

1            ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2020/21

Cllr de Haldevang was re-elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr de Haldevang had prepared a Chairman's Report 2019-20 and a copy is attached to these minutes at Annex A.

Before moving on, the Chairman announced the resignation of Cllr Rev Dr Moate with effect from 14 May 2020, due to being appointed as the new Vicar of the Windrush Benefice. Rev Dr Moate was congratulated on his appointment and thanked for his contribution to the Parish Council. The Clerk will advise the District Council of this vacancy.

2            APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Bainbridge was re-appointed Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3            APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Clerk, Tan Marchant, was re-appointed Responsible Financial Officer for the forthcoming year.

4            DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bainbridge declared an interest in Planning Matters as Application No 20/00952/TCONR at Item 8(b) below refers to his property.

5            COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Councillor responsibilities were agreed as follows:

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| a) | Planning & Highways – | Cllr Bainbridge                             |
| b) | Noticeboards –        | Cllrs de Haldevang (LB) and Dr Bennett (GB) |
| c) | Emergency Plan –      | Cllr Dr Bennett                             |
| d) | Winter arrangements – | Cllr de Haldevang                           |
| e) | Defibrillator –       | Cllr Bainbridge                             |

- f) Events – Cllr de Haldevang
- g) Traffic Calming – Cllr de Haldevang
- h) Pollution & Sewage – TBA

## 6 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was some discussion about the lack of celebration of VE Day, and particularly that the flag on the church had not been flown. Rosella Mathew said that the ropes had made so much noise that they had been removed and the flag pole is not in the right place. Philippa de Haldevang suggested that the erection of a replacement pole might be considered and the PCC contacted for their views.

Cllr Bainbridge took the opportunity to mention the problem of sewage pollution in the River Windrush, about which he had circulated a briefing note. He recommended that the Council write to the District and County Councils and the local MP to record what the campaign is trying to achieve. It was agreed this should be done and Cllr de Haldevang said he would take this matter forward.

## 7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 January 2020, previously circulated, were APPROVED by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

## 8 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Decisions since the last meeting:

- 19/03117/FUL Manor Farm, Great Barrington, OX18 4US. Demolition and replacement of modern lean-to with new single storey extension and associated alterations. **PERMITTED**
- 19/03118/LBC Manor Farm, Great Barrington, OX18 4US. Listed Building Consent for demolition and replacement of modern lean-to with new single storey extension and associated alterations. **PERMITTED**
- 19/03441/FUL Green Close Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation and internal alterations. **PERMITTED**
- 19/03442/LBC Green Close Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation and internal alterations. **PERMITTED**
- 19/04315/LBC Barrington Grove, Middle Road, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for retiling, repairs to roof structure, floors, gable and external steps and provision of rainwater goods. Compliance with Conditions 6 (details of replacement nesting sites) and 7 (provision of replacement nesting sites) **PERMITTED**
- 19/04385/FUL Post Box Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington, OX18 4TE – Replacement windows. **PERMITTED**
- 19/04386/LBC Post Box Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington, OX18 4TE – Replacement windows. **PERMITTED**

- 19/04750/FUL 621/637 Volunteer Gliding Squadron Little Rissington Airfield Gloucestershire Erection of 32 Bed Sleeping Accommodation Block (sui generis use), kitchen store extension, operations building extension and vehicle garage lean-to. **PERMITTED**
- 20/00861/LBC Green Close Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for repointing, repair of stonework and chimney, re-roofing and internal works. **AWAITING DECISION**
- 20/00952/TCONR Lower House, Little Barrington. Fell dead beech tree. **PERMITTED**

b) Applications received since the last meeting:

- 19/04750/FUL 621/637 Volunteer Gliding Squadron Little Rissington Airfield Gloucestershire Erection of 32 Bed Sleeping Accommodation Block (sui generis use), kitchen store extension, operations building extension and vehicle garage lean-to. **The Parish Council objected to this application for the following reasons:**
- **Increased traffic through the villages (students, flying staff, visitors)**
  - **Intrusion into the AONB**
  - **Large (glider) trailers being towed by 4WDs**
  - **Increased air traffic (to add to that from RAF Brize Norton)**
- 20/00861/LBC\* Green Close Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for repointing, repair of stonework and chimney, re-roofing and internal works.
- Cllr Bainbridge sent the following objection to Cotswold District Council:**
- Barrington Parish Council are very concerned with the works that have been and continue to be carried out at Green Drive Cottage in Little Barrington. In short it seems that the house, which we believe is Listed, has been gutted on the ground floor with many internal features including for example fireplaces, lintels and stone floors removed. There is a current planning application pending for works, but it seems to us that significant and damaging unauthorised works have already taken place. We would be grateful if you could investigate as a matter of some urgency before further works are carried out.**
- 20/00952/TCONR Lower House, Little Barrington. Fell dead beech tree. **FOR NOTING**

\* Cllr Bainbridge reported having discussed these matters with the enforcement officer from Cotswold District Council who is satisfied that the works are being undertaken in accordance with previous planning permissions granted, noting however that the floors should be limecrete rather than concrete. No further action is proposed.

## 9 ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICIES

- a) Code of Conduct - APPROVED
- b) Internal Controls - APPROVED
- c) Assets Register - APPROVED

10 ANNUAL RETURN 2019/2020

- a. The Internal Audit Report 2019/2020 was APPROVED.
- b. The Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 at Section 1 was APPROVED and signed by the Chairman and Clerk
- c. The Accounting Statements 2019/2020 at Section 2 were APPROVED and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman.
- d. The Certificate of Exemption was APPROVED and signed by the Responsible Financial Officer and the Chairman.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The following invoices were APPROVED for payment:

<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
18.04.19	GAPTC	Annual Subscription	£48.35	£0.00	£48.35
29.04.19	John Yeatman	Internal Audit	£30.00	£0.00	<u>£30.00</u>
					<u>£78.35</u>

- b) The Annual Financial Statement 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 was noted, and a copy is attached to these Minutes at Annex B. It was noted that the balance carried forward is lower than in previous years due to the purchase of a defibrillator in Little Barrington.

12 PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

25-28 May 2020	Traffic Calming will resume (tbc)
Saturday 25 July	Windrush Valley Flower Show
6-17 August	Giffords Circus
Saturday 3 October	Strim Stream & Soup
Friday 9 October	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 5 December	Advent Drinks

Any of the above events may be affected by a continued lockdown due to the Coronavirus.

The meeting ended at 8.05

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Chairman

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL  
CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT  
MAY 2020**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for the Annual Parish Meeting of the Barringtons.

I owe thanks to my fellow Parish Councillors: currently James Bainbridge, Simon Bennett, Sue Cleal and most recently Gerard Moate, for their hard work and support of a number of key issues throughout the year; you will be hearing reports on the key projects assigned from each of them. My thanks also to Tan, our Parish Clerk, who makes sure that we keep to the correct procedures and maintains the records and PC database.

May I also add thanks to Richard Wingfield and Lynn Gorton in Great Barrington; all our efforts would be futile without alignment with their plans for the Estate and we have enjoyed extensive co-operation.

Finally, my repeated thanks and commendation to Paul Porter who resigned during the year, after twelve years in post.

**2019 – 2020** has been an unusually busy, important year for this community and we have, with your support, achieved a great deal:

- Gigaclear and BT **Faster Broadband** is installed and has transformed the working lives of many members of this community; indeed it has seen the increased residence of many of the community, who can now at least, or even at last, work effectively from home on Mondays and Fridays.
- CDC and Gloucester Highways have installed a **series of oak posts** to protect the verges and erosion of roads. While accepted that these large posts were not the preferred choice of a number of the longer standing members of the community, please be assured they were not the Parish Council's preference, but they remained the only option if we were going to have any effect on the large machinery and trucks passing through the village.
- The **Strim, Stream & Soup** event in October last year gathered a decent gang of volunteers; and were we not grateful for the effective clearing of the stream (call it dredging) with the record rain fall we have seen this winter ?
- Our programme of **Village Tidy-Up** continues, both in March 2019 and in March 2020 when over 35 volunteers gathered to support this event. After our commendation in 2019, we entered the Cotswold Clean Up competition again this year. The ever-growing size of the pile and variety of rubbish proves the importance of this annual task. I continue to urge you all to keep a watchful eye on suspicious cars/vans: fly tipping is prevalent.

In parallel, following a wise suggestion by Richard Wingfield, I am in touch with the Parish Councils in the Rissingtons to consider a joint, aligned or community awareness programme.

- **Gifford's Circus** visited the village again in August and we will continue to try to make the two weeks as enjoyable as possible and perhaps better compensated for all residents.
- We have installed successfully the first **Defibrillator** in Little Barrington and have secured funds for a similar system in the Great Barrington telephone box. This, combined with three successful sessions of **First Aid Training**, attended by a total of nearly 30 people, has been a successful project.
- The **Advent Drinks** party was attended by over 50 guests and is now an annual event during a traditional time of gathering and giving; may I thank Sue, Jacky and the many of you who supported it with delicious food.

- The **Security and Parish Community Watch** programme now has a dedicated, active project leader in Cllr Sue Cleal.
- With thanks to Beth Tarpey, we now receive copies of the **Burford Bridge** magazine; a valuable and interesting source of local information that keeps us linked with our local town. Cllr Sue Cleal has kindly agreed to take on the magazine distribution task.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, our rallying call for help in a programme of **Traffic Calming** (following the Burford Town Council's bridge weight restriction plan) has resulted in a huge response; probably a reflection of the concern about the volume and speed of the traffic passing through these small villages. The programme continues and is, thanks to your support, entirely sustainable with 35 volunteers manning seven teams, each of which is responsible for 1/5 days during one working week per month. The data provided and already recognised as valuable by Stow Police, will serve to support any post Burford Bridge traffic calming implementation plan and has already been used as important evidence for action by the MD of CDC during his visit to the Village last month. Thus far, 82 drivers have received a probably unexpected and certainly unwelcome letter from Stow Police! The programme will continue until at least July, proving that even a small community such as ours can punch well above its weight.

In parallel, we are now active members of the Gloucestershire and Cotswold public transport and safe roads initiatives.

As to the future, we are always going to pursue and engage in matters of importance on your behalf. The **Windrush River pollution project** is, I suspect going to become the next major issue where we will need your active support through either petition or action. Sadly and indirectly connected, without wishing to lower the tone, I fear that village **sewage treatment** will soon need to be addressed seriously and collectively.

None of all this activity or progress would be possible without your active, interested support. It was probably the case about five years ago that this community was perhaps considered by some to be isolated, or with an ever-decreasing number of full-time residents, difficult to corral. You have proved that to be totally incorrect and we have achieved a great deal with your active engagement.

Perhaps fittingly and finally, 2019-2020 has seen far too many funerals, marking the departure of valued, respected members of our little community. We have lost Ivan Avery, Jim Lazenby and most recently .... Baldwin; all of them pillars of these two villages and our remaining live link to the historic, rural past and generations of families who found a home in the Barringtons. If ever I personally need motivation for all our efforts in the maintenance, repair and treasuring of this little corner of the Cotswolds, it is in their honour and in memory of their great care, hard work and life-long affection for this unique place.

I am most grateful to you all.

**Jan H de Haldevang**  
Chairman

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Financial Statement April 1 2019 to March 31 2020**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>			<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
Balance brought forward	2731.44		Insurance	203.18
Precept	3000.00		GAPTC Subscription	47.38
VAT Refund	159.86		Clerk's Salary	1262.08
Defibrillator Grant	625.00		Sage Payroll Costs	87.60
			HMRC PAYE	310.60
			Heartbeat Trust – Annual Fee	151.20
			Heartbeat Trust – Defibrillator	2312.00
			Auditor	30.00
			Clerk's Expenses - Ink	35.00
			Phone Box Paint	307.20
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>6516.30</b>		<b>Total Payments:</b>	<b>4746.22</b>
			Balance C/F	1770.08
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6516.30</b>		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6516.30</b>