

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER 2020
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

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

Clerk: Tan Marchant

In Attendance: Dr Simon Bennett, Anthea Watson

Apologies: Cllr Ray Theodoulou

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Anthea Watson declared an interest in Item 14 –Co-option of Councillor.

14 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Anthea Watson was the only candidate for co-option to the Parish Council to replace Gerard Moate. She was duly elected and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman welcomed her to the Parish Council.

15 RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Bennett had submitted his letter of resignation to the Chairman on 30 September 2020 due to his family moving to Burford. The District Council had been informed and had issued a Notice of Vacancy. The Chairman thanked Mr Bennett for his three years on the Parish Council and for his invaluable help during that time.

16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 May 2020, previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

17 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Dr Bennett did not wish to raise any issues.

18 BURFORD BRIDGE TRO/TRAFFIC CALMING

- (a) The Chairman reported that this is month two of the six-month period of consultation. Surrounding villages have started to feel the impact of the closure of the bridge to HGVs, whilst Burford has experienced a positive difference. Cllr Watson said that the ambulance service appear not to be aware of this change, which she experienced personally, and Cllr de Haldevang said he would report this.
- (b) Traffic Calming – the Chairman said that there were 125-130 cars per hour going past in the rush hour. In off peak times, there was lots of speeding. They are working closely with the police and the initiative will continue. Cllr Cleal said that turning into Little Barrington from the A40 is particularly difficult and Cllr de Haldevang said the police are aware of this.

19 WINDRUSH RIVER POLLUTION (WASP)

Cllr Bainbridge reported that testing of waterways is ongoing but not currently in our parish. Local MP Sir Geoffrey Clifton Brown has been asking searching questions of Thames Water and the Environment Agency, but it is still a case of wait and see. A report from Thames Water is awaited. No further action can be taken at the moment.

20 GREAT BARRINGTON DEFIBRILLATOR

Dr Bennett confirmed that funds had now been received from the Windrush Valley Flower Show and Cotswold District Council towards the purchase of a defibrillator in Great Barrington. Barrington Park Estate will carry out the installation. The phone box has been removed by Richard Wingfield for repainting. The quotation from the Community Heartbeat Trust totalled £2,075 which included Annual Support for the first year.

As Dr Bennett had left the Parish Council, another person would need to be found to oversee the purchase and installation of the defibrillator. Dr Bennett said he would put forward some names.

Council APPROVED expenditure on the provision of a defibrillator in Great Barrington.

21 PLANNING MATTERS

20/01797/FUL Fox Inn Great Barrington - Installation of two pipe access restriction features (Witches Hats) on the pipe crossing.
The Parish Council believe that the proposed installations would be an inappropriate visual intrusion into the AONB and Conservation Area and harm its setting in this very public area. As an alternative we would urge the applicant, Thames Water, to 'underground' the water pipe or reroute it at the upstream road bridge, which would instead enhance rather than further harm the AONB and the Conservation Area.
SUBSEQUENTLY PERMITTED BY COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

20/02105/TCONR Sundial Cottage The Green Little Barrington - Works to trees in conservation area for T1 - Willow - fell; T2 - Old Willow pollard – fell.
The Parish Council OBJECT to this application. The owner of Sundial Cottage has over the past few years cut down a number of trees at the property (it seems also without replacement) and it is the Parish Council's view that the cumulative effect of those works and the further works now proposed will significantly damage the appearance and setting of the Conservation Area. The Parish Council would urge the applicant to pollard the willow trees, which is traditional and in keeping with the village, rather than fell them.
SUBSEQUENTLY PERMITTED BY COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

20/02819/FUL Carpenters Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington - Full application for insertion of dormer window and replacement external stair to garage.
The Parish Council had no objection to this application.
AWAITING DECISION FROM COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

20/02820/LBC

Carpenters Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington - Listed Building
Consent for new window opening in existing faux door, insertion of
dormer window and replacement external stair to garage. **The Parish
Council had no objection to this application.**
**AWAITING DECISION FROM COTSWOLD DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

It was noted with regret by Councillors that Cotswold District Council do not seem willing to engage in discussion with the Parish Council on planning matters where the Parish Council have objected to planning applications.

22 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2020 was noted. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

23 WEBSITE UPDATE

The Clerk had circulated details of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) which have been developed with the goal of providing a single shared standard for web content accessibility that meets the needs of people with disabilities. The legislation had come into force on 23 September 2020 and all parish and town councils had to comply with the changes. The cost to the Parish Council would be an annual charge for website hosting, and a one-off charge for domain transfer and migration of the website contents.

Council APPROVED the payment of Invoice 3561 in the sum of £144 for the Hosting, and Invoice 3562 in the sum of £275.99 for the Migration. VAT on these invoices will be reclaimed by the Clerk in the near future.

24 COMMUNICATION

The Chairman said that communication is a challenge and stressed the importance of updating the village database. He said that the PCC, via the new Vicar, would be able to assist with names of those in Little Barrington. He asked Cllr Watson if she could help in developing and confirming a database for residents in Great Barrington.

25 PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Chairman said that he hoped the following events would be going ahead:

Advent Drinks -	Saturday 5 December 2020
Village Tidy Up	6 March 2021

Cllr Bainbridge suggested that another date be found for the Strim Stream and Soup Event which had been cancelled on 3 October, and Cllr de Haldevang said he would see what could be arranged.

26 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Friday 11 December 2020	6.00 p.m.
Friday 12 March 2021	6.00 p.m.

RESOLVED that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

28 NALC PAY AWARD 2020-2021

Councillors felt there had been insufficient time to consider the proposed pay award for the Clerk and therefore deferred a decision until the December meeting.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

Chairman