

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022 AT 6.00 P.M.
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON**

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

Cllr Sue Cleal
Cllr Ali Hope
Cllr R Wingfield

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant - Clerk & RFO

In Attendance: Cllr Tony Dale – Cotswold District Council
10 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Dom Morris – Gloucestershire County Council

The Chairman led a minute's silence prior to commencement of the meeting in remembrance of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

16 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Minutes of the AGM held on 13 May 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

17 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked if there would be an organising committee to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May next year. The Chairman said this was a very timely reminder and thanked him for bringing it to the Council's attention.

18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Dom Morris had given his apologies to the meeting, but the report he had submitted was read out by the Chairman. The report did not cover any relevant issues for the Barringtons.

19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

A summary of the report given by Cllr Dale is as follows. A new £2.4M digital skills academy has been opened in Cirencester. Four nationally recognised zero-carbon aviation companies are now based in Kemble, which is a designated airport for sustainable aviation. Social housing projects have been started locally. Leisure centres are all fully back in operation with new heat pumps, solar panels, etc.

A member of the public mentioned that there was a government paper about two years ago concerning the possibility of giving the Cotswolds a designated National Park status, but it had all gone quiet, and he wondered if residents would be able to vote for or against. Cllr Dale said that initially it would be a government decision, but it could then be put to a referendum. Two areas had been designated a National Landscape, which confers a little more

funding, and these were the Chilterns and the Cotswolds. He said that National Park status is a 10-year process which is administratively burdensome. It would wipe out the planning authorities of five local counties: Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Wiltshire. All of these planning authorities would be subsumed into the National Park planning authority and that would have a huge impact.

It was queried what the benefits of National Park status would be, and Cllr Dale responded that the government believed that it would protect the biodiversity of the natural landscape and would force much higher standards of development.

Cllr Dale closed by saying that the District Council website is a useful tool for gaining help and support with the financial problems that so many are currently experiencing.

Cllr Dale was thanked for his report.

20 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- a. Burford & OCC – Oxfordshire County Council remains committed to an area wide 7.5-ton ban on HGV traffic. Unless a heavy vehicle has proven business within the designated 7.5-ton area, it will not be allowed in. Further consultation might take up to two years. Burford Town Council are clearly not happy and have tried to raise the ETRO again, this time with an 18 ton limit, but it is unlikely to be successful.
- b. Community Speed Watch remains active. There are currently about twenty active volunteers, but more are needed for just half an hour a week, one week a month. One resident had queried whether it was a waste of time, but the Chairman said the statistics gathered provide data which continues to make an impact with the police and with local authorities.
- c. Funding for Speed Cameras – financial approval has been gained from GCC for a single speed camera which is solar powered. There is also approval for a part-funded scheme for a more expensive camera, costing about £10,000. The cost will need to be match-funded by 50%. The funding appeal will be launched in the near future.
- d. Countermeasures – there are very few effective alternatives, and something like entrance gates to the village or signage would require lighting.

21 WINDRUSH VALLEY FLOWER SHOW & GRANT

Cllr de Haldevang gave his congratulations to the WVFS Committee for the success of the Flower Show. The Committee has allocated £500 from the proceeds to each of the five local villages, which Cllr de Haldevang felt could be a contribution to the camera fund in Little Barrington.

22 VILLAGE TIDY-UP

Cllr Hope said that the Autumn Tidy Up will be on Saturday 12 November 2022, after the Halloween and Bonfire Night events. It normally takes about two hours commencing at 10.00 a.m. and The Fox Public House provides refreshments. Please support if you can.

23 STRIM, STREAM & SOUP – 17 SEPTEMBER 2022

Cllr de Haldevang said that a great deal had been achieved in really good weather and included the path that goes down to Minnow Lane. He gave his thanks to all the residents who took part.

24 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Chairman thanked all those who organised this long weekend of events, which was a huge success. Also thank you to everyone during the period of national mourning.

25 DEFIBRILLATOR & FIRST AID TRAINING

Cllr Hope advised that the training took place on 1 October 2022. It is hoped that even more residents will attend on the next occasion, which is likely to be in 2024.

26 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & FLY TIPPING

Cllr Cleal continues to replace the fly-tipping signs every time they are removed and reports any fly tipping as soon as it occurs. The village WhatsApp group continues to be used for any relevant neighbourhood alerts.

27 WINTER PREPARATIONS

Cllr de Haldevang said that two of the grit bins need replacing, which will be dealt with before the winter. The Clerk confirmed that two pallets of grit have been ordered for the forthcoming winter.

28 FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. Advent Drinks will be held on **Saturday 10 December** at 6.00 p.m. Helpers are needed please.
- b. The Spring Village Tidy Up will be held in **March 2023** – date to be confirmed.

29 VILLAGE MAINTENANCE UPDATE

- a. The exterior of the Little Barrington telephone box has been repainted.
- b. Signs, noticeboards and benches still need attention
- c. The new canvas prints are now displayed in the Reading Room. Cllr de Haldevang queried whether the prints had been added to the Assets Register and the Clerk confirmed that they had.

30 NOMINATION FOR LITTLE BARRINGTON CHARITY

Cllr Bainbridge advised that his four-year term as a Trustee of the Little Barrington Charity would come to an end in December. Councillors APPROVED that he be re-appointed to this role.

31 PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Previous Planning

Planning No	Date Received	Details
21/04729/FUL	7 Jan 2022	Willow Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Proposed replacement single and two-storey rear extension with associated works, replacement front dormer window, alterations to garden walls, and erection of potting shed/studio. PERMITTED

21/04730/LBC	7 Jan 2022	Willow Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement single and two-storey rear extension with associated works, replacement front dormer window, alterations to garden walls, and erection of potting shed/studio. PERMITTED
22/00350/FUL	28 Jan 2022	Black Dog Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Proposed replacement garage and amendments to garden terrace. Demolition of existing garage. PERMITTED
22/00351/LBC	28 Jan 2022	Black Dog Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement garage and amendments to garden terrace. PERMITTED
22/00659/FUL	2 Mar 2022	Church Farm, Middle Road, Little Barrington. Enclose existing canopy over horse walker. PERMITTED
22/00859/LBC	18 Mar 2022	Carpenters Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent to replace existing front door. PERMITTED
22/02645/TCONR	26 Jul 2022	Sundial Cottage The Green Little Barrington Burford Gloucestershire OX18 4TE T1 - Elm - fell. T2 - Damson - fell. T3 - Damson – fell PERMITTED

(b) New Applications

Planning No	Date Received	Details
22/02317/FUL	1 Jul 2022	Barrington Grove Middle Road Little Barrington Burford Gloucestershire OX18 4TE Installation of outdoor swimming pool. Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.
22/03161/TELEC	9 Sep 2022	Hurst Barn Farm Little Barrington Burford Gloucestershire OX18 4TH - Addition of 4m steel lattice extension to existing telecommunications mast to increase the maximum height of the mast to 26.5m. The extension will support the addition of 3no. antennas installed to a maximum height of 26.5m. Existing antennas will be refixed to the new mast extension above 26.5m. 2no. 0.3m transmission dishes are proposed fixed at 24.5m, 1no. GPS antenna fixed at 27m, RRUs, an extension to the existing compound and mast foundation and 1no. equipment cabinet.

		<p>Barrington Parish Council objects to this application. There is concern about the proposed height of the mast, particularly when it is situated immediately adjacent to the AONB. Would it be possible to reduce the extension to no more than 2m, or more preferably, to reduce the height of the tree canopy rather than extending the mast?</p>
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32 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The Financial Report 1 April to 30 September 2022 had been circulated, and a copy is attached to the Minutes. The Report was noted.
- b. Invoice No 14198 in the sum of £162.00, from the Community Heartbeat Trust in respect of annual support for the defibrillator in Great Barrington, was APPROVED for payment.

33 STATIONERY EXPENSES

The reimbursement of £32.75 to the Clerk for the purchase of printer ink and typing paper was APPROVED.

34 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Jacky King mentioned the Christmas Tree Festival at Great Barrington Church. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Christmas tree in time for the Carol Service on 18th December. Contact Jacky or Helen Lord if you can help.
- b. Philippa de Haldevang said that the dead oak tree which had been delivered as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had now been replaced with a new one.
- c. Windrush Against Sewage Pollution – this is now law and companies are being taken to task if any dumping of sewage takes place.
- d. Coffee mornings – The Chairman mentioned that coffee mornings used to take place on the third Saturday of every month, between 10am and midday in The Reading Room. He asked if there was anyone who would be prepared to take this on again, as it is of such benefit to the local community and particularly to newcomers to the villages. Please contact Cllr de Haldevang if you are interested.

35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 16 December 2022 - Parish Council Meeting, Reading Room, 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m.

Chairman