

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 4 OCTOBER 2019
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON
AT 7.00 P.M.**

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

Cllr Dr Simon Bennett

Apologies: Cllr Paul Porter

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant – Clerk & RFO

In attendance: Mrs Sue Cleal
9 members of the public

15 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Chairman reported that Mrs Sue Cleal had been unanimously selected for co-option to the Parish Council, and Mrs Cleal duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined other Councillors at the table.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 May 2019, previously circulated to members, were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

18 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Elizabeth Jukes said that she felt it was important to keep open the footpath down to the bridge. Cllr Bainbridge said he normally cuts it back, but in fact the County Council should be maintaining it. It was agreed that some clearing will be implemented to make the path passable.

Mr Mills asked if, from an environmental point of view, the parish should be thinking in terms of having one sanitary system rather than lots of individual ones. In other words, investigate a communal system for the village. Cllr Bainbridge said he would investigate how expensive this might be and whether any grants were available.

19 ADJOURNMENT FOR COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Tony Dale had given his apologies for the meeting due to a previous engagement.

20 GIFFORD'S CIRCUS

The Circus comes to Great Barrington for two weeks every year. This year the Circus was bigger and improved, with a bigger tent.

Given that there are one or two members of the community who feel that the Circus is too noisy and generates too much traffic, it could be investigated whether some small recompense, such as discounted tickets for local residents, might be possible. This will be checked for next year.

Lizzie Watson pointed out that the money for the hire of the field goes to charity.

21 BURFORD BRIDGE

The new weight restriction of 7.5t on the Burford Bridge is due to take effect towards the end of next year, dependent on Burford Town Council raising the necessary funding. Cllr de Haldevang said that the Gloucester Road and Traffic Enforcement Officer had consulted on the change and would be increasing visits and monitoring. There is cause for concern because although current signage advises HGVs to use the A40 and A429 (via Lechlade), this advice is largely being ignored. The impact on the Barrington bridges could be increased usage with resultant damage to the bridges themselves and to roadside kerbs and walls.

Cllr de Haldevang's recommendation was that the Parish Council and Great Barrington Park Estate consider a pre-emptive action plan, running in parallel with the Burford Bridge implementation, to ensure an effective enforcement of the existing restrictions to HGV traffic. This would be by way of engagement with the Gloucester Police Road Safety Officer, increased signage, investigation into an Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera and an improved community awareness and support plan.

Cllr Bennett said he would take on the action plan.

22 TRAFFIC CALMING

The Barringtons achieved considerable success through reporting and the irregular conducting of traffic monitoring projects in 2018. This programme, with the active support of the Stow Police, required organised reactivation as part of the campaign to counter the impact of the new Burford Bridge weight restriction. Councillor Bennett agreed to take the lead on this project, gathering 3-5 volunteers/village for an initial radar monitoring course, followed by a traffic calming programme every 4-6 weeks in either village until March 2020 initially.

Helen Lord said that tourist buses go through the village and as there are twenty-odd people per bus, they must be fairly heavy. Residents were asked to monitor traffic flow such as this and take photos where appropriate.

23 COMMUNITY ALERT AND SECURITY PROJECT

Cllr de Haldevang pointed out that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been replaced by a web-based initiative called Community Alert – www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk. Many local residents, farms and businesses subscribe to this system, receiving and sending security alerts and details of suspicious activity.

There has been an increase in Fly Tipping in the villages, mainly due to the proximity of local major A roads and towns. Stow Police are no longer manned to their preferred level for the policing of 48 parishes, so any efforts made by local residents in terms of the Community Alert Scheme and being watchful and proactive in noting and reporting suspected crime, will benefit all.

Residents are encouraged to sign up to the Barringtons Security WhatsApp group, by supplying the Clerk with their mobile numbers. Cllr Cleal will be the lead on this initiative.

24 DEFIBRILLATOR AND FIRST AID TRAINING

Following the installation of a defibrillator in Little Barrington, two First Aid Training sessions had been confirmed for 12 October at 10.30 a.m. and 22 November at 7.00 p.m., both to be held in the Great Barrington Village Hall. There would be no charge for the training. Helen Lord said that she would promote this on her Facebook group.

25 LITTLE BARRINGTON TELEPHONE BOX

Cllr de Haldevang said that a paint kit had been purchased for repainting the telephone box in Little Barrington, but he needs volunteers to help him paint it. Please contact the parish clerk or Cllr de Haldevang direct if you are available to help.

26 WINTER PREPARATIONS AND GRIT BINS

The Clerk confirmed that additional grit had been ordered for the forthcoming winter and it would be delivered towards the end of October. Cllr de Haldevang said he would like maintenance of the grit bins to be added to the Strim Steam & Soup event in the future.

27 PLANNING MATTERS

The following applications and decisions had been received since the last meeting: -

(a) PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN MEETINGS:

- 19/00983/FUL The Mullions, The Green, Little Barrington. Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation Installation of French doors to rear elevation. **Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.**
- 19/00984/LBC The Mullions, The Green, Little Barrington. Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation Installation of French doors to rear elevation and erection of internal wall and internal alterations. **Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.**
- 19/02412/LBC Barrington Grove, Middle Road, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent for retiling, repairs to roof structure, floor, gable and external steps, provision of new rainwater goods. **Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.**
- 19/02445/FUL Barrington Grove, Middle Road, Little Barrington. Full application for deconstruction to ground level of the Grade II Listed ashlar stone pier and reconstruction on a 'like for like' basis. **Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.**
- 19/02446/LBC Barrington Grove, Middle Road, Little Barrington. Listed Building Consent application for deconstruction to ground level of the ashlar stone pier and reconstruction on a 'like for like' basis whilst minimising loss of the existing fabric. **Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.**

(b) DECISIONS MADE SINCE MAY 2019 MEETING:

All of the above applications were APPROVED by Cotswold District Council

(c) **NEW APPLICATION RECEIVED – 4 OCTOBER 2019**

19/03411/TPO Green Close Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Works to trees with a TPO for Prune Yew Tree in rear garden as specified in submitted report and shown indicatively on submitted annotated photo.

Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.

28 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Clerk's Expenses – The Clerk requested reimbursement of £35 for ink cartridges and this expenditure was APPROVED.
- b. The Financial Statement to 30 September 2019 was Noted.
- c. Cotswold Friends – It was decided not to make a donation at the present time.

It was noted that the money (£400) allocated to Little Barrington from the Windrush Valley Flower Show (WVFS) 2018 had been passed to the Windrush Church Appeal by the WVFS committee member for Little Barrington.

29 PARISH COMMUNITY EVENTS & MEETINGS

Saturday 12 October	Strim, Steam & Soup
Saturday 12 October	First Aid Training
Saturday 9 November	Benefice Lunch at the Inn for All Seasons
Friday 22 November	1900: First Aid Training
Saturday 30 November	1800: Advent Drinks
Friday 10 January 2020	1900: Parish Council Meeting

30 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Members of the public and press are excluded from the meeting at this point due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

31 NALC PAY AWARD 2019-20

Councillors APPROVED the amendment to the Clerk's salary, which will be backdated to 1 April 2019.

The meeting ended at 8.10 p.m.

Chairman