

**Minutes of the Meeting of Barrington Parish Council
held on Monday 7th December 2015 in the
Reading Room, Little Barrington
at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Cllr J Bainbridge - Vice-Chairman
Cllr S Gorst
Cllr R Stow

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr J de Haldevang
Cllr P Porter - Parish Chairman
Cllr C Hancock – Cotswold District Council
PCSO M Jurkiewicz - Thames Valley Police

30 ADJOURNMENT

There were no members of the public present.

31 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th September 2015, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

32 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Cllr Chris Hancock had looked into the possibility of extra funding to add to the WW1 Grant of £100 but reported that there was none available. Further discussion took place and it was suggested that a Yew tree could be planted in the churchyard with a plaque to commemorate WW1. Cllr Stow said he would speak to the Vicar about this.
- (b) Emergency Plan – A volunteer is still required to take over from former Councillor Philippa de Haldevang to update the plan, and Cllr Bainbridge said he would talk to Mrs de Haldevang about a suitable candidate.

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

34 ADJOURNMENT FOR COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Chris Hancock had given his apologies for the meeting.

35 ADJOURNMENT FOR PCSO MIKE JURKIEWICZ

PCSO Jurkiewicz had given his apologies for the meeting, but had sent a Local Police Report for Barrington detailing Police incidents up to end of November 2015, which the Clerk had circulated. Councillors queried why there appeared to have been a sharp increase in crime in May and PCSO Mike will be asked about this at the next meeting. Councillors queried what had happened to Neighbourhood Watch since Lynn Costello had left the parish, and the Clerk said she would make enquiries.

36 REBUILDING THE COMMUNITY

Cllr de Haldevang had asked that this item be discussed at the meeting in his absence. The *Strim Stream and Supper* event in October had gone well, and an Advent Carol Service, organised by Jan and Philippa de Haldevang, will be held on 12th December. Cllr Gorst said that a number of events are held in Great Barrington each year, including an Easter Egg Hunt, and he will leaflet Little Barrington as well as Great Barrington next time to spread the net further. The Inter Barrington Sports Day will be held again next summer, together with the Windrush Valley Fair in July 2016. Added to the list of events will be the Annual Parish Litter pick in April. Finally, it was mentioned that there will be a flower show and fete in the parish on 23rd July 2016.

It was felt that all these events needed to be publicised further and the Clerk will contact the Great Barrington Estates Office to see if they have additional contacts to add to the email addresses already held.

37 SPEED LIMIT EXTENSIONS

The Clerk had circulated a report on the possibility of extending speed limits within the village. Cllr Hancock had advised that it would be too expensive to do so due to the cost of consultation, advertising and traffic orders that would be required, in addition to which the parish council would be required to make a contribution.

It was suggested that '20mph is plenty' notices be circulated around the parish and Cllr Stow said he would investigate this.

38 WINTER PLANNING

The Clerk confirmed that details of the Parish Snow Plough Operator and requirement for bagged salt and grit bins in both Little and Great Barrington had been sent to the Highways Department at Gloucestershire County Council at the end of July.

39 COUNCILLORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Clerk had previously circulated details of Councillors' responsibilities in respect of highways matters, planning applications, winter planning, etc. and a copy is attached to these minutes at Annex B. It was noted that a volunteer had still not been found to take on the role of Emergency Planning Co-ordinator.

40 TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

The Clerk had circulated a report concerning the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 which sets out a new audit framework for smaller authorities. Under the new framework, smaller parish councils will be exempt from routine external audit and will instead be subject to new transparency requirements which involve the publication of information about the parish's accounts and governance. The recommendation is that parish councils develop a website for this purpose.

Despite funding being available for the formation of a website, the Clerk had circulated details of the weebly.com website builder which could be developed with little or no initial cost if the web address used is www.barringtonpc.weebly.com.

Councillors APPROVED the development of a website for Barrington Parish Council which the Clerk will deal with in the forthcoming weeks.

41 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement September to November 2015 had previously been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes at Annex A. The report was NOTED.

42 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/17

The Clerk had circulated details of expenditure in the current year and likely expenditure in 2016/17. Councillors felt that, taking into account possible additional costs in connection with developing a website and the need to be in a position to help local organisations if necessary as part of Rebuilding the Community, a precept of £2,000 would be in order. This represents £511 of additional funding and an increase of approximately 30.52% on last year's Band D Council Tax.

Council RESOLVED to increase the Precept to £2,000 for the 2016/17 financial year.

43 PLANNING TO DECEMBER 2015

Planning Decisions:

15/01530/FUL Hurst Barn Farm, Little Barrington. Erection of a Gaia 133 11kW wind turbine on 18m lattice tower. **PERMITTED**

15/01554/FUL Carpenters Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Rebuilding and raising height of boundary wall (retrospective). **PERMITTED**
15/01555/LBC

15/02274/TCONR Wychwood House, The Green, Little Barrington. Tree works - Reduce Birch, Blackthorn, Plum and 2 x Leylandii but retain trees. Third Leylandii, Hawthorn and Small Conifer – fell to ground level. **PERMITTED**

15/02328/CONR Sundial Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. T1 – Willow Tree – Fell. **PERMITTED**

15/05627/FUL Martins Nest Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Single storey extension. New details received 21/05/2015 – amendments to design and location, plus new shed. **PERMITTED**
14/05628/LBC

Planning Applications:

15/04835/TCONR Greycote House, The Green, Little Barrington. Yew tree in rear garden adjacent to cottage – fell to ground level. **Barrington Parish Council has no objection to this application.**

44 ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT

The Risk Assessment had been previously circulated and Councillors agreed that there were no further changes to be made.

The Risk Assessment for 2015/16 was APPROVED.

45 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Forthcoming meetings will be as follows:

Monday 21 st March 2016	Annual Parish (Public) Meeting
Monday 9 th May 2016	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 12 th September 2016	Parish Council Meeting
Monday 5 th December 2016	Parish Council Meeting

All meetings will commence at 7.00 p.m. in the Reading Room in Little Barrington. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. The meeting on 21st March is a public meeting with Guest Speakers from the County and/or District Councils and the Local Police.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman

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