

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON
AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Cllr James Bainbridge Vice-Chairman

Cllr Jan de Haldevang
Cllr Robin Stow

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant – Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr Paul Porter - Parish Chairman
Cllr Chris Hancock - Cotswold District Council

In Attendance: Dr Simon Bennett
Mrs Sue Cleal
Mrs Beth Tarpy

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

45 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Two applications had been received for the vacancy of Parish Councillor and these had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

A vote was taken and Dr Simon Bennett was co-opted to the parish council with a majority vote of Councillors present. Dr Bennett duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The second candidate, Mrs Sue Cleal, was thanked for her interest in the Parish Council and her support of Parish Council meetings.

46 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 5 December 2016 and previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

47 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Website Publicity – the Clerk reported that the Windrush Benefice website had agreed to include the Parish Council web address in their regular newsletters, and confirmed that the Barrington Park Estates Office send all communications they receive from the parish council to their tenants within the parish of Barrington.
- (b) Emergency Plan – the Clerk reminded Councillors that a volunteer was needed to take on the task of maintaining and updating the local emergency plan. Dr Bennett volunteered to take on this role.
- (c) Villager Bus Service – the Clerk has now received and included the timetable for this local bus service on the parish website and on Facebook.
- (d) Parish Defibrillator – the Clerk had been advised that the District Council Community Facilities Fund suggested at the last meeting was not appropriate to fund a defibrillator, but District Cllr Chris Hancock had indicated that there may be a way he could help. He will supply further details as soon as they are available.

- (e) Grit Bins & Insurance – the Clerk said she had enquired about grit bin insurance and this would involve an additional premium. The Clerk was tasked with getting a quote for the cost of insurance and of purchasing additional bins.

48 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Beth Tarpey asked what could be done about the mess in Middle Lane, caused by the current installation of broadband cabling. This raised a lot of discussion and the need to contact the Project Manager and/or write to Ray Theodoulou at Gloucestershire County Council.

Sue Cleal mentioned the large muck heap at Church Farm and possible environmental health problems as a result of this, and Cllr Bainbridge said he would speak to the owner.

49 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Chris Hancock had given his apologies for this meeting.

50 BROADBAND UPDATE

There was a great deal of discussion about the current works being carried out by Gigaclear and what the next steps would be. It was suggested that residents should be invited to a public meeting to give them the opportunity to hear from both Gigaclear and BT, with possible dates being 25th March or 1st April. Cllr Bainbridge said he would take this forward with both companies, and it was agreed that a leaflet should be produced and distributed to every household as soon as Gigaclear and BT had confirmed their availability.

51 WW1 GRANT

The Clerk had sourced information from Leyhill Prison about one, two and three-seater benches that could be purchased and sited in Barrington. However, it turned out that the proposed site outside the church was already under consideration by the Parochial Church Council, so an alternative site needed to be found. Suggestions included on the village green, outside the Reading Room or near to the telephone box. Cllr de Haldevang will come up with various possible locations and report to the next parish meeting.

52 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report December 2016 to February 2017 had been circulated. The Clerk informed Councillors that she will commence a monthly rather than six monthly payroll with effect from April 2017. The report was noted.

53 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

Council APPROVED the engagement of John Yeatman as Internal Auditor for the year ending 31 March 2017.

54 REGISTERS OF INTERESTS

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the need to complete and update their Registers of Interests whenever their circumstances changed. She will email the relevant documentation to Cllrs de Haldevang and Bennett.

55 PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS:

- 16/01619/LBC 65 The Mullions, Little Barrington. Removal of internal walls, creation of new internal opening, conversion of attic space into bedroom, conversion of boiler room into utility, and replacement of rear door. **PERMITTED**
- 16/04871/FORST Barrington Park, Great Barrington. Forestry Consultation for Felling Licence at Barrington Park Great Barrington. **PERMITTED**

PLANNING COMMENTS:

- 16/03978/FUL & 16/03979/LBC 75 & 75 The Green, Little Barrington, Burford, Glos, OX18 4TE. Internal and external alterations including the installation of front dormer window creating of opening to link 73 and 75, removal of walls, floor and staircase and installation of new stairs. **THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO BOTH APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:-**

It is evident that the applicant has removed the proposed single storey extension at the rear (replacing it with an enlarged terrace) but otherwise the proposal remains the same. This overcomes some of the Parish Council's concerns, but the one remaining is whether it is desirable to see two cottages turned into one enlarged house.

This constitutes the further loss of a small dwelling within the community and indeed within the district, where affordable housing for locally employed residents is at an increasing, unaffordable premium. Although we respect the new owner's intent having purchased the cottage to expand his existing house, we would wish to insist that any such future conversion/expansions must retain at least the staircase and a kitchen to allow their return to a former independent cottage in due course or as required. Although there might already be a precedent (3 x 3 cottage properties on the same lane in Little Barrington), similar applications (the merging of Post Box, Brook & Rose Tree Cottages on the opposite side of the Village Green) have been rejected for similar reasons; in which case the Parish Council wishes to express the same concerns.

Barrington Parish Council therefore object to the proposal on the above grounds and would be happy to discuss these reservations with CDC Planning.

- 16/03978/FUL & 16/03979/LBC 73 & 75 The Green Little Barrington, Burford, Glos, OX18 4TE – Amendments to Internal and external alterations including the erection of a single storey rear extension, installation of front dormer window, creation of opening to link 73 and 75, removal of walls, floor and staircase and installation of new stairs. **BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUES TO STRONGLY OBJECT to the making of two cottages into one house which will result in an unacceptable loss of one dwelling in the village.**

56 PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cllr de Haldevang listed the following events for the forthcoming year:

- Spring Clean-up in March/April
- Windrush Valley Fete – 22nd July
- Strim and Supper 23 September/4 October
- Advent drinks – 2nd December

57 CLERK'S CONTRACT

The Clerk had amended the NALC Model Contract in line with suggestions made by Councillors at the previous meeting and these changes were agreed. However, the Clerk was anxious that an overtime rate be included in the Contract to cover occasions when it was considered necessary to have an additional meeting over and above the four meetings a year originally specified in 2013. This meeting in February is a case in point.

Councillors discussed the issue but postponed a decision pending further consideration.

58 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 20th March 2017 (Annual Parish Meeting)

Monday 25th March 2017 at 10.30am and 1230am – Parish Broadband Meetings

Monday 15th May 2017 (AGM)

Monday 4th September 2017

The meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.

Chairman

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
September to November 2016

Opening Balance: £2,799.37

Receipts

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Amount
22.09.16	CR	Cotswold DC - Precept Part 2	£500.00
09.11.16	500071	Transparency Fund	£399.28
			£899.28
			£899.28

Payments

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Amount
16.09.16	DD	Sage Payroll Fee	£6.00
26.09.16	FP	GAPTC Subscription	£22.91
03.10.16	FP	Tan Marchant Salary	£705.78
17.10.16	DD	Sage Payroll Fee	£6.00
16.11.16	DD	Sage Payroll Fee	£6.00
23.11.16	FP	Tan Marchant Transparency	£303.28
			£1,049.97
			£1,049.97

**Sub
Total:** **£2,648.68**

**Unpresented
payments:**

None	£0.00	£0.00
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Closing Balance: **£2,648.68**