

**BARINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2019
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON**

Present: Cllr J Bainbridge - Vice Chairman
Cllr Dr S Bennett
Cllr J de Haldevang

Absent: Cllr P Porter - Chairman

Officer: Mrs T Marchant - Clerk & RFO

In attendance: Rahim Dharamshi, Mrs P de Haldevang, Jane Ruthven, Elizabeth Jukes.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bainbridge declared an interest in Item 36 - Planning – as the application concerned trees on his land.

30 RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Council were sorry to learn of the resignation of Cllr Ms Watson due to family and other commitments. Sincere thanks were extended to her for all she had achieved in her short time with the Council, and especially for organising this year's Advent Drinks.

The District Council had been informed and had sent a Notice of Vacancy for publication on parish noticeboards. As the vacancy had occurred within six months of the ordinary elections on 2 May 2019, an election will not be held to fill the vacancy. The parish council could choose to fill the vacancy by co-option, but Councillors agreed to wait until the ordinary elections.

There was some discussion about the need to publicise the vacancy and the forthcoming elections so that the local community had a proper voice at this important time. It was agreed that posters would be produced and that leaflets would be distributed to all households. The Clerk will find out if polling cards will also be distributed.

31 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 October 2018 had been previously circulated. Cllr Bainbridge pointed out that the Declarations of Interest at Item 16 needed to be amended to read, "Cllr Porter declared a pecuniary interest in the item on Gifford's Circus as it supports his business." The amendment was made, and the Minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chairman.

32 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Mrs de Haldevang said that another pallet of grit would be needed for the winter season next year. She also asked if it could be emphasised to County Highways that they are now dealing with Mr de Haldevang and not Mrs as previously, as she continues to be contacted instead of her husband. She suggested that the village car park would be the ideal delivery spot for grit in the future, rather than the de Haldevang premises.

Mrs Jukes said that the hedge opposite the circus field was too high. The hedge belongs to Barrington Park and Cllr Bennett said to would speak to Richard Wingfield.

Following a meeting with County Highways, the problem with the road surface in Minnow Lane has been attended to. The exposed cable mentioned at a previous meeting has not yet been dealt with by BT.

County Highways had agreed to the installation of posts around the village green to stop it being eroded and the cost of these would be in the GCC 2019//20 budget. They have also emptied some of the gullies.

Mr Dharamshi gave a report on speed watch. It was found that traffic in the parish has increased by 50%, and approximately 50% of the traffic is speeding. The bridge by The Fox PH had been hit by a speeding car, and GCC Highways will take a look at the damage in April.

Mrs de Haldevang queried the whereabouts of the £500 allocated to the parish council from the Windrush Flower Show. It is believed that Beth Tarpy may be holding the money, and the Clerk was tasked with contacting Beth to find out. It was felt that this money could be used for First Aid courses for local residents, or for defibrillator training.

33 ADJOURNMENT FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hancock was not present at the meeting.

34 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Theodoulou had given his apologies for the meeting. He had contacted the Clerk by email and asked if a Councillor could supply him with further details and a map and/or photographs of the T-junction off the A40 into Little Barrington, mentioned at the last meeting, so that he could investigate the problem.

35 DEFBRILLATOR

Councillors had previously approved going ahead with the purchase of a defibrillator for the telephone box in Little Barrington, but the Clerk needed a few additional decisions before she could proceed with the order. The following were discussed and approved:

- That the Managed Solution be chosen.
- That the *VETS* (Village Emergency Telephone Service) option not be followed at the present time.
- That Annual Support be selected, at an annual cost of £135.00.
- That the Lead Contact at the present time be Cllr Bainbridge.

36 PLANNING MATTERS

The following planning matters had recently been commented on and subsequently approved:

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE OCTOBER MEETING:

18/03907/TCONR Lower House, Little Barrington, Glos, OX18 4TE - T1-Black Walnut - Prune back (in accordance with submitted specification). T2 - Unknown species - Reduce dead sections. Reduce over-extended and split lateral canopy sections (in accordance with submitted

specification). **Barrington Parish Council had no objection to this application.**

DECISIONS MADE SINCE OCTOBER MEETING:

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Mrs de Haldevang said that there are likely to be more applications in respect of tree removal due to ash dieback fungal disease.

37 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report October to December 2018 had previously been circulated. There had been no receipts in that period, and payments totalling £685.63 comprised the payroll administration fee, payment of the Clerk's salary and PAYE, and a payment to former Cllr Ms Watson for refreshments for this year's Advent Drinks.

38 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2019/20

The Clerk had circulated a report about the setting of the budget and precept for 2019/20. Expenditure in the current year had been for audit, insurance, payroll and the GAPTC subscription. In the forthcoming year, expenditure would need to increase to include the cost of the installation of a defibrillator in the phone box in Little Barrington, with the hope that an additional defibrillator would be installed in Great Barrington during the course of the same year.

A small amount of funding would be received from CDC for the defibrillator, and it was possible that the Little Barrington Charity could also be applied to for funding. Taking all costs into account, and the associated ongoing maintenance fees, it was **APPROVED** that the precept be increased by 50% to £3,000 per annum, resulting in a Band D figure of £25.62.

39 ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT

It was suggested that the Jubilee bench and the WW1 bench be added to the risk assessment, together with the new grit bins.

40 ASSETS REGISTER

Councillors recommended that the new benches and grit bins be added to the Assets Register, and also that these items be included on the insurance documentation.

41 PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cllr de Haldevang asked that the following events be provisionally noted for the forthcoming year: -

- Parish Clean-up – 9 or 16 March 2019
- Windrush Flower Show 21 July 2019
- Giffords Circus - August
- Strim, Stream & Soup October

- Advent Drinks – first Sunday of Advent

42 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Friday 22 March
- Friday 24 May
- Friday 18 October

The meeting ended at 8.15

Chairman