

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Barrington Parish Council
held on Monday 9th May 2016 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 C Hancock – Cotswold District Council

In attendance: Mrs Sue Cleal

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2016/17

Cllr Porter was not available to attend the meeting but IT WAS RESOLVED that he be re-elected as Parish Chairman for the forthcoming year in his absence.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2016/17

IT WAS RESOLVED that Cllr J Bainbridge be reappointed as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

4 APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER 2016/17

IT WAS RESOLVED that Mrs Tan Marchant be reappointed Responsible Financial Officer for the forthcoming year.

5 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

6 ADJOURNMENT FOR COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Chris Hancock had given his apologies for the meeting and reported that there were no current issues.

7 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

8 MATTERS ARISING

(a) Cllr Stow said that he had spoken to the Vicar twice but nothing had yet been decided in respect of using the £100 WW1 grant for a Yew tree to be planted in the

churchyard with a plaque to commemorate WW1. Cllr Stow said he would speak to the Vicar again.

9 PLANNING

PLANNING DECISIONS – 9 MAY 2016

15/05458/TCONR Village Green, Little Barrington. Ash tree T1 – remove at base level the north arm of the tree which has divided low down on the trunk.

PERMISSION NOTED

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –9 MAY 2016

16/01641/TCONR Sundial Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Works to trees in conservation areas. Willow T1 – 6m height reduction, Cedar T2 – fell, Spruce T3 – fell. **Barrington Parish Council has no objection to the reduction of the willow tree. However, members cannot see that any reason has been given for wishing to fell the other two trees - a cedar and a spruce. The application form says that they are healthy and the Parish Council wonders why they need to come down.**

The Clerk was asked to follow up on the comments made in respect of application 16/01641/TCONR above.

10 EVENTS UPDATES

- (a) Annual Litter Pick – it was reported that this event had been successful and approximately 20 people had taken part.
- (b) Beacon Lighting – it was reported that the Beacon Lighting in celebration of HRH Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday was held in Great Barrington.

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 – Members RESOLVED to APPROVE the Annual Governance Statement as detailed in Section 1, which was then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- (b) Annual Return 2015/2016 – Members RESOLVED to APPROVE the Accounting Statements in Section 2, which was then signed by the Chairman and RFO.
- (c) Internal Audit Report 2015/16 – Members RESOLVED to APPROVE the Internal Audit Report on Page 5 of the Return
- (d) The Internal Auditor's invoice was presented and Members APPROVED the payment of £30.00 to John Yeatman. The Clerk was authorised to make the payment online.
- (e) The Clerk had circulated details of her half-yearly salary payment made online on 28 April 2016 and this was Noted.

12 WEBSITE UPGRADE

The Clerk had circulated a report saying that it had become apparent that the free Weebly website she had recently developed for the Parish Council has certain restrictions. The most important of these is that the website is not searchable - if one tries to search for Barrington Parish Council on Google, it will come up with Barrington in Cambridgeshire and Barrington in Somerset. The closest to us is a mention on the Gloucestershire County Council website. A

more minor limitation is that the Facebook logo cannot be used on the Home page. There may be further limitations so far unknown but which may become evident in the course of time. Options were to leave the website as it stands or pay a monthly fee to enable more functionality.

However, Cllr Stow circulated a report he had put together about BT Community Web Kit which provides free website hosting, and Councillors agreed that this be tried in place of the Weebly site.

13 DIARY DATES

- 25th June: Inter-Village Sports (Cllrs de Haldevang & Gorst)
- 23rd July: Windrush Valley Flower Show (Cllr Stow)
- **12th September – Parish Council Meeting**
- 16th October (tbc): ‘Strim & Supper’ (Cllr de Haldevang)
- **5th December – Parish Council Meeting**
- 16th December: Advent Cocktail Party (Cllr de Haldevang)

The above dates were noted and further details will be supplied when known.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Poor broadband speeds within the parish were discussed and Cllr Bainbridge said he would contact BT to find out what is happening.
- (b) Cllr Stow said that a dog bin in Great Barrington was damaged and vulnerable to traffic in its current location and he would send details to the Clerk for submission to the District Council.

The meeting ended at 7.45p.m.

Chairman