

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2018
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON
AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr Paul Porter - Chairman
Cllr James Bainbridge - Vice-Chairman

Cllr Dr S Bennett
Cllr Jan de Haldevang
Cllr Ms Lizzie Watson

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant – Clerk & RFO

In attendance: Cllr Chris Hancock, Cotswold District Council
Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Gloucestershire County Council
14 members of the public

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Porter declared an interest in Item 21(b), Gifford's Circus, as the event is held on his land.

17 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Beth Tarpay reported that the Windrush Valley Flower Show had taken place in July and had been a great success. Profits were up by 140% and the weather had been perfect. Some of the profits will go to the four participating villages, and £500 will come to Little Barrington.

Carol Parker of Papermill Cottage suggested that money could be spent on running a first aid course and/or defibrillator training for villagers. At this point, Cllr Bainbridge pointed out that the Parish Council owns the telephone box in Great Barrington rather than the one in Little Barrington as previously thought. The purchase of a defibrillator for the phone box needs to take account of not only the high initial cost but also the cost of training, maintenance and provision of electricity supply.

Notwithstanding the above, Cllr Ms Watson suggested that defibrillators be installed in both telephone boxes, saying that Richard Wingfield has already been approached about the one in Great Barrington. Beth Tarpay said she will investigate first aid training using the money coming to Little Barrington.

Mrs de Haldevang said she had now found the key to the village noticeboard, and Beth said she was prepared to look after it and keep it in better order. It was agreed that the noticeboard needed refurbishing. There is also a bench between Lowicks and Moonlight Barn which needs attention. Beth thanked Cllr Ms Watson for her help with Gifford's Circus.

18 ADJOURNMENT FOR COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Hancock reported that the Leader of CDC has stood down in the last few days and the Deputy Leader is temporarily holding the reins. He said it had been a quiet summer and he had nothing further to report.

Cllr Hancock was thanked for attending the meeting.

19 ADJOURNMENT FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Theodoulou reported that the GCC budget process is now starting and the three main considerations are children, the elderly, and statutory responsibilities. The 2019-20 budget totals £400M, and the above take up 70% of this sum. £50M is allocated to highways. The Council is £2M in deficit this year, but it does have substantial reserves.

Cllr Ms Watson addressed Cllr Theodoulou about the issue of turning right into Little Barrington from the A40 and asked if it could be assessed. She said she felt that traffic calming was needed at this junction. Cllr Theodoulou suggested that she take photos and send them to him with a map showing the exact location.

Cllr Theodoulou was thanked for his report.

20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018, previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. Highways Issues – Cllr Bainbridge said that he had been in contact with Cllr Theodoulou, Cllr Hancock and County Highways after the last meeting but had received limited response. He said the Minnow Lane issue seems to be being dealt with by BT although progress is very slow. However, a resident of Minnow Lane said it had been a disgrace for months and needs to be addressed again. Cllr Bainbridge agreed to follow up with County Highways again.

County Highways had advised that plastic posts could be used on the village green to prevent erosion of it by vehicles, but not wooden posts because of the higher cost unless funded by the community. Highways had been invited to attend this meeting but hadn't wanted to do so. Cllr Theodoulou asked if he could receive details and Cllr Bainbridge agreed to supply him with copies of correspondence and to follow matters up with County Highways again, requesting a meeting on site.

Rahim reported that Highways had last visited the parish in May, had looked at traffic calming measures, and rubber strips are now in place. Speed Watch was held in July and was of some use. He said that HGVs above 7.5 tonnes need to be reported. Gloucestershire Police will go to the Speed Watch site to check.

Rahim was thanked for all his efforts.

- b. Gifford's Circus – Cllr Ms Watson had had a site meeting with Giffords and they had been very responsive to concerns that had been raised. One resident said she thought it was too noisy and two weeks was too long.
- c. Broadband – Cllr Bainbridge said Gigaclear is now installed and available for individual connection. BT Broadband was supposed to be available by September but had been delayed. It seems the principal delay was electricity supply to the two new cabinets that had already been installed. A meeting took place in late July with the Great Barrington Estate, and it was agreed in principle to grant wayleaves to SSE to enable the required supplies. A meeting was held in early September to agree routes to be requested for the wayleaves but little seems to have happened since. SSE

had not made the formal request for those wayleaves and progress had been very slow. It was not clear whether the delay rested with BT Openreach or SSE. Cllr Bainbridge and the Great Barrington Estate are chasing BT Openreach for action.

- d. Grit Bins – the Clerk had circulated details of various grit bins, and Councillors approved the purchase of three of the cheapest.
- e. Memorial Bench – Cllr de Haldevang reported that the bench had been collected by himself from Leyhill Prison and stored in his barn. Leyhill had engraved it with the words *In Memoriam 1914-1918*. Cllr de Haldevang had spoken to members of the community and had considered twenty-eight different sites for the bench. Taking all aspects into consideration, he had finally chosen a site by the little stone bridge that crosses over the river. He proposed to use some of the money received from the Litter Picking Award for the provision of a concrete base.

Cllr Hancock said he had been allocated funding of £750 which he would be happy to use towards the cost of the concrete base. Cllr de Haldevang said he would write to both the Vicar and Richard Wingfield requesting their support at the short blessing and commendation of the WW1 Bench.

- f. Little Barrington Phone Box – As previously mentioned, this telephone box has now been purchased by the Parish Council and the Clerk was tasked with moving forward with the purchase and installation of a defibrillator.
- g. Litter Pick Award – the Parish Council was pleased to confirm that the parish had won the Litter Picking Award and had received the top prize of £500. It was suggested that part of this sum could go towards the cost of a defibrillator or to First Aid training.

22 PLANNING MATTERS

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

18/02511/FORST Barrington Park, Great Barrington, Glos, OX18 4TA. Felling to remove Chalara affected Ash. Thinning to favour Oak where appropriate. Mainly Ash removed in thinning operations. **THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION.**

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PLANNING DECISIONS:

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23 NOMINATION FOR LITTLE BARRINGTON CHARITY

Cllr Bainbridge advised that his four-year term as a Trustee of the Little Barrington Charity would come to an end at the end of December. Councillors APPROVED that he be re-appointed to this role.

24 REGISTERS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the need to ensure that their Registers of Interests are up to date.

25 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Financial Statement for the period April to September 2018 was noted.

26 NALC PAY AWARD

The Clerk had previously circulated details of the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) agreement on new pay scales for 2018-19 and 2019-2020 for parish clerks.

Councillors chose to defer a decision.

27 DIARY DATES

- a. Strim, Stream and Soup – Saturday 6 October 2018
- b. Harvest Festival Service, Little Barrington, followed by Drinks: Sunday 14 Oct 2018
- c. Remembrance Sunday, Great Barrington Memorial, followed by World War 1 Bench Blessing, Little Barrington (followed by Drinks at Lower House): Sunday 11 November 2018
- d. Autumn Lunch: Saturday 24 November 2018 at the Inn For All Seasons
- e. Advent Drinks: Friday 30 November 2018 in the Reading Room

28 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday 11 January 2019 at 7.00pm in the Reading Room, Little Barrington.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

Chairman