

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

Present:	Cllr P Porter Cllr J Bainbridge Cllr J de Haldevang Cllr S Gorst Cllr R Stow	Chairman Vice-Chairman
Officer:	Mrs Tan Marchant	Clerk & RFO
In attendance:	Cllr Chris Hancock 2 members of the public	Cotswold District Council

Cotswold District Cllr Chris Hancock and Parish Cllr Robin Stow were welcomed to their first meeting of Barrington Parish Council.

17 ADJOURNMENT

A member of the public, Rosella Mathew, felt that the 30 mph sign outside the Reading Room should be moved but it seems the County Council needs to be persuaded of this. Chris said he will look into it and it would be helpful if he could be sent a plan of the current location of the sign.

It was confirmed that the ridge in the road outside No 1 Minnow Lane, reported at the last meeting, had been repaired.

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th May 201, copies of which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20 MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Gorst had looked into the possibility of using the WW1 grant of £100 to update a memorial in the churchyard, but it was apparent that the memorials were too old and faded to be able to carry this out. Other possibilities for the grant were discussed, and Chris said he would check if there is more funding available as it might be easier to think of something if a larger sum was involved.

21 REPORT OF LITTLE BARRINGTON CHARITY

Cllr Bainbridge, the Parish Council's nominated Charity Trustee, circulated the latest Charity Report to 31 December 2014. He reported that Mike Wood has resigned as Trustee and Chairman of the Charity and Mrs de Haldevang is currently the Acting Chairman. He said that much work is required to the Minnow Lane cottages and that a new policy needs to be drawn

up for the Reading Room to differentiate between commercial bookings and bookings made by local people. The Charity is going through a period of transition at the moment, and this includes looking at its donations policy.

22 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Statement April to August 2015 had previously been circulated and a copy is attached to these minutes. The report was NOTED.

23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications received and comments made since the last meeting are given below:

- 15/01554/FUL Carpenters Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Rebuilding and raising
15/01555/LBC height of boundary wall (retrospective). **Barrington Parish Council has no objection to this application.**
- 15/02123/FUL 637 Volunteer Gliding Squadron, RAF Little Rissington. 45 bed sleeping
accommodation and catering facilities. **This appears to be an amendment to an application which was permitted on 12th February 2015. The amendment reduces the size of the building and the number of beds from 56 to 45. The Parish Council notes from the architect's presentation that this accommodation building will help reduce the airfield traffic by avoiding the need to transport students to off-site accommodation. Additionally, the facility will provide some employment and may help to encourage young people to consider joining the RAF. Barrington Parish Council therefore has no objection to this application.**
- 15/02328/CONR Sundial Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. T1 – Willow Tree – Fell.
Barrington Parish Council has no objection to this application.
- 15/05627/FUL Martins Nest Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Single storey
14/05628/LBC extension. New details received 21/05/2015 – amendments to design and location, plus new shed. **Barrington Parish Council has no objection to this application.**

24 ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

Cllr Stow reported that he had attended the Armed Forces Community Covenant Event in Gloucester on 17th August 2015, attended by a number of other parish councils. The idea is for the civilian community to do something to reach out to the military community. There is a grant scheme available of £10M per year across the country. This could be used for employment – such as wages for a handyman – or for training or housing or anything which would benefit the Benefice and support a member of the military community.

25 PROPOSED RIGHT TO BUY

Cllr Stow had taken the lead on this and produced a letter to be sent to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP, Cotswold District Council, and Gloucester Rural Community Council. The letter said that the PC has become aware that the Government proposes to extend the Right to Buy to housing association tenants and it is concerned about the implications that this extension may have in rural Gloucestershire. The Council were therefore asking that the current rural exemption as introduced by the Conservative Government be continued.

The letters were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman.

26 REBUILDING THE COMMUNITY

This item was included at the request of Cllr de Haldevang. He explained that there is evidence of loneliness in the parish and of people wanting to move away. There are an ever increasing number of weekenders and holiday lets who contribute little to the parish, and overall there is a lack of community spirit. This was discussed and various suggestions were made for local events, such as a village fete, a children's Christmas party in the Reading Room and other regular events. Another possibility could be a community cricket match.

It was pointed out that there is a parish newsletter and Mrs de Haldevang said she would send details to the Clerk. Cllr de Haldevang took the opportunity to circulate a poster detailing a *Strim, Stream and Supper* event at Little Barrington Village Green on Saturday 17th October.

27 COUNCILLORS ROLES

The Clerk had circulated a list of responsibilities that need to be undertaken each year, which resulted in the following:

Winter Arrangements -	Cllr J de Haldevang
Planning/Highways/Footpaths -	Cllr J Bainbridge
Emergency Plan -	To be decided
Noticeboards/Publicity -	Cllr S Gorst

A full list with contact information will be circulated to Councillors and residents.

28 EMERGENCY PLAN

The Restricted version of the Emergency Plan is currently held by Mrs de Haldevang. As soon as a volunteer is found to take on this responsibility, which is not an onerous one as the Plan generally only needs to be updated once a year, then Mrs de Haldevang will pass it on.

29 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th December 2015 in the Reading Room at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting finished at 8.20 p.m. and a private reception was then held for ex-councillor Jim Lazenby to thank him for his long service with the Parish Council. Thanks were also given to Lynn Costello for arranging the reception and to Cllr Porter for supplying the food and drink.

Chairman