

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2016
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON
AT 7.00 P.M.**

Present: Cllr S Gorst
Cllr R Stow
Cllr J de Haldevang

Officer: Mrs Tan Marchant – Clerk & RFO

Apologies: Cllr J Bainbridge

Absent: Cllr P Porter

15 OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J de Haldevang declared a proximity interest in Planning Applications 16/02725/TCONR and 16/02794/COMPLY.

17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, held on 9 May 2016 and previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr R Stow as Acting Chairman.

18 MATTERS ARISING

- (a) WW1 Grant – After some discussion, it was suggested that this grant could be used to provide a bench, match funded by the Barrington Charity, and possibly sited on the Little Barrington village green. This would be subject to approval by the landowner, and Cllr de Haldevang will also investigate the installation of a concrete base with a local contact.
- (b) Replacement Dog Bin – The Clerk confirmed that the new dog bin has been installed in Great Barrington.
- (c) Broadband Update – Cllr Bainbridge had given an update on the provision of faster broadband in the parish, which had been circulated to the committee and to local residents. A copy of the update is attached to these Minutes.
- (d) BTCK Website – the Clerk had circulated a report concerning the difficulty she was experiencing in changing the existing website to one provided by the BT Community Web Kit Service. Councillors tasked the Clerk with finding out the costs and benefits of staying with Weebly and paying for an upgrade.

19 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report covering the period March to August 2016 was noted. A copy of the Report is attached to these Minutes.

20 PLANNING

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. **Although PERMITTED, Cllr de Haldevang expressed concern about the extent of the building works currently taking place. The Clerk said she would supply him with contact details for the relevant planning officer.**

- 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. **PERMITTED.**
- 16/02725/TCONR Greycote House, The Green, Little Barrington. T1 Yew – fell to ground level retaining yew hedge below. T2 Lime – prune epicormics growth back to trunk to allow light to penetrate the back garden through gap between the crown of the tree and the top of the hedge. **PERMITTED**
- 16/02794/COMPLY Martins Nest Cottage, The Green, Little Barrington. Erection of single storey extension and new shed – compliance with Conditions 3 (materials), 6 (finish), 7 (details) and 9 (retaining wall). **PERMITTED**
- 16/03420/FORST Little Barrington Estate. Continuation of thinning operations as agreed under 018/4/08-09. Felling permission for a standard silvicultural thinning, removing no more than 30% of the canopy evenly across the area worked. **PERMITTED**

Application 16/01641/TCONR (see above) - further information was received from Cotswold District Council as Councillors had questioned the reasons for the felling of the cedar and spruce:

“With the Section 211 Notice (tree works in a Conservation Area), the Council must determine within the six week period if the trees warrant protection with a Tree Preservation Order and if not, it will issue a decision of no objection prior to the expiry of the six weeks. There is no requirement for a Section 211 notice to give reasons for the work. A Section 211 Notice only needs to contain a sufficient level of detail to identify the trees, and provide clear details of the works proposed. This is different from an application to undertake works to a TPO tree where reasons for the works are a requirement of an application.

In this case, I have looked at the site and noted that the two trees to be removed are ornamental in character and not of particularly special merit in the Conservation Area. I did not consider it expedient to make a TPO to protect them and will be issuing a decision of no objection within the next couple of days.”

21 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

- (a) TTRO 1437 - in respect of carriageway resurfacing for 1-5 days between 22 September and 31 December 2016 in various locations including the parish of Barrington. Diversion signs will be erected and Notifications displayed one week beforehand.
- (b) TTRO 1441- in respect of road signing and marking improvements 3 – 5 October 2016 from the A40 at Northleach to the County Boundary.

22 WINTER PLANNING

The Clerk had circulated the form completed and returned to Amey in respect of the parish requirements for bagged salt for Winter 2016/17 for noting. As the previous winter had been so mild and stocks had not been depleted, the requirement this year was considered to be nil. Cllr Gorst said he would speak to Richard Wingfield about the requirement for salt in Great Barrington and Cllr de Haldevang asked the Clerk to find out the cost of additional grit bins for the benefit of the local community.

23 PENSION AUTO-ENROLMENT

The Clerk had circulated a report on the requirement for all workers to be enrolled into a workplace pension scheme if they met certain conditions in respect of age and pay. The Clerk had advised that, although it was not necessary for the Parish Council to have a pension scheme at the present time because she was already a member of a scheme in her full-time employment, she felt it would be good practice to do so for the benefit of employees in the future. There would be no cost to the Parish Council.

Councillors RESOLVED not to take on a pension scheme at the present time.

24 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

Item 27 is confidential and will be considered in private session.

25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Cllr de Haldevang reported that the Windrush Valley Fete held on 23rd July had been a great success, and thanks were given to Cllr Stow for all his hard work.
- (b) Forthcoming diary dates include the Harvest Festival lunch on 23 October, the Strim and Supper in Little Barrington on 29 October and Advent Drinks on 16 December. The Clerk will be pleased to receive further details when these are available to include on the parish website.

26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in The Reading Room, Little Barrington.

The meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

Chairman