

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2017
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON
AT 7.30 PM

Present: Cllr Paul Porter – Parish Chairman
Cllr James Bainbridge – Parish Vice Chairman
Cllr Dr Simon Bennett – Parish Councillor

21 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr J de Haldevang

1 Weight Restrictions on bridge at Burford: JB

JB reported that the PC had made representations to GCC on 13th September regarding the proposal to place a weight restriction on Burford bridge pointing out that the weight restriction should not be approved until the ‘knock on’ effects on other local river crossings had been assessed, in particular the Barringtons’ bridge. The PC believes that there is current weight restriction on the Barringtons’ bridge but that some of the signs on relevant approaches are now missing, and asked GCC to ensure that appropriate signage was reinstated before any weight restriction was imposed on Burford Bridge.

- How long does this usually take - probably months
- It was suggested that residents also email the Parish Clerk to say that as a village they’re united
- How is this weight limit going to be enforced? Perhaps with other parish councils to say that they shouldn’t send heavy vehicles through our villages.
- Minkie, on behalf of the Barrington Park Estate, has spoken to Harry Roberts from GCC Highways and they are dealing with it.
- They have acknowledged that the signs need addressing but how is it enforced.
- What about cameras?
- Suggested the residents take a note of number plates if they see big overweight vehicles coming through plus the company name or a photo
- What does 7.5 ton truck look like?
- What about sat navs?

ACTION: the Parish Council will push GCC to get the correct signs put up on the approaches to the bridge as soon as possible. In terms of policing, all that can be suggested for the time being is that residents report vehicles ignoring the restriction. The PC will explore alternatives for enforcement with OCC.

2 Increased volume of traffic through the village:

- don't feel that it's safe on the green in LB
- Upper Rissington development
- Only solution could be a bypass through
- Tractors
- Speed limits - lots of differences 20/30.
- Would like it to be 20 miles an hour
- Road safety course - suggested that locals went on that course
- Set up a working group in the village to reduce volume and speed in the village. There's a document going around to see how other villages are coping with this, e.g. Bibury.
- GCC have said that they won't remove the signs - although they agree that they're wrong! The process is very long and expensive at GCC.
- Villagers suggested that they'd unbolt current speed signs and put up a number of 20mph speed limit signs.
- Parish Council need to go back to the GCC and get them to do something about this

ACTION: the PC will discuss potential solutions again with GCC, including the possibility of a consistent 20/30mph limit within and between the villages. Rahim Dharamshi kindly agreed to put together a working group that will monitor the traffic etc. and report back to the PC meetings with findings and proposals.

3 Anti-social behaviour: Motorcycle

Some of the residents have the motorcyclist's number - Rahim has it and will report it to the police.

4 Gigaclear: Reinstatement works

- Philippa - grass seed that's been planted beautifully has been driven on by residents - Not Gigaclear's fault
- If you're unsatisfied with Gigaclear then ring them
- Mess with Middle Road - since January with Gigaclear. We've had to put up with it - rubbish/gravel/heaped. The noise and smell has stopped now (on Middle Road).
- Beth suggested that we appoint one person to deal with Gigaclear with all the problems.
- Who owns the pathway from the noticeboard down to the bottom? It's owned by the County Council.

ACTION: The Parish Council will take on the Gigaclear liaison in relation to reinstatement works - if people have problems they should email the parish council – barringtonpc@hotmail.co.uk

5 Giffords Circus: Disruption, congestion, parking and noise

- related to the traffic /parking/traffic/speeding etc - with Giffords getting bigger.

- Minkie suggested that the PC speak to Richard Wingfield so that the circus could be moved a bit further away (i.e. one field) from its current location.
- It was felt though that it would be sad to remove it completely from where it is.
- The carpark gets over populated though.
- This year was a problem with the wet/rain - so people weren't parking in the field
- Perhaps there's a way or suggestion to have a bigger carpark
- Infrastructure needs looking at.

ACTION: Paul Porter will talk to Toti Gifford and Richard Wingfield to see if more appropriate arrangements for the circus visits can be made in future

6 **Windrush Valley Flower Show: Distribution of profits**

- Beth Tary: even though it rained and numbers were down it was well attended and she thanked everyone
- This year the four villages have distributed the cost or the profits - so for LB specifically - what would you like to spend the money on?
- Beth suggested: Put Christmas trees up and also spend some of the money to buy outdoor lights to get Christmas trees up in the village.
- There was also a suggestion that the money could be used to start a 'fighting fund' to address the traffic issues previously discussed

JB noted that the Flower Show Committee had always maintained independence from the PC and that the Village Green was in private ownership. The PC is keen to support village 'events and initiatives' but this was really a matter for the Flower Show Committee that has the funds.

ACTION: Residents to talk to Beth and the Flower Show Committee with their ideas

7 **Police reporting on local crime**

- We have no Neighbourhood Watch person - we need someone to volunteer to do this as the previous person has left the village.
- Philippa - anyone Rural Watch and Neighbourhood Watch will send you alerts of what to watch out for etc. So they keep you updated via an alert OR ring Stow police station 101 - and you'll get alerts too
- Beth - there has been some crime in LB recently - but she didn't have the facts. One of the lads has had a motocross bike stolen twice.
- JB: we need to have a person - someone who's around to coordinate and someone who has a sub group of people. Also need one for GB.
- Barrington also need to know who to contact
- Maybe the people who've been burgled can put something up on the noticeboard, that would be good

ACTION: To keep an email list to disseminate information until we have a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator again. The PC will discuss at its next meeting in December by which time it is hoped that volunteers to take the role of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator may have come forward.

8 Great Barrington Estate: restricted access to footpaths

- Reinstatement of the footpath is bad after harvest
- Where there are gates - it's more difficult with changes etc then it's difficult and you can't get over the stile
- Access and dog walkers - makes it difficult
- Difficult for those with massive dogs!
- Green drive farm - metal stile with three tubes - really difficult - only way to pass this is via the crumbled wall. No more access through GB park estate and they've put loads of signs up.

ACTION: Minkie on behalf of the Barrington Park Estate kindly asked that residents contact her with details of their problems. She can then take these up with the Estate. Ideally, providing a map marked up with the problem areas would be helpful.

9 Damage to village green by vehicles

- Philippa - waste collection vehicles are the main problem.
- Other areas too - undermining the walls and exposed a BT cable etc and just missed hitting the village pump
- Philippa showed the UBICO guy the damage and has been reported to GCC - who are supposedly going to reinstate it all – Parish Clerk has been copied into all of these emails
- Also other issues are the GB tractors
- How quickly can GCC deal with this?
- Jim - companies/tractors etc should be responsible and come back to deal with these problems
- The solutions should be more aesthetically pleasing without bollards

JB confirmed that this matter was regularly raised with CDC and GCC, with the usual response that those Councils would speak with their contractors. Bollards were a possible solution but equally would affect the character of the village.

ACTION: the PC will take up the matter with CDC & GCC again

10 Maintenance of LB noticeboard

- It has old stuff on it and needs to be sorted
- Does it have to be locked? Half is open half is locked

- **JB:** RH side for PC stuff although the key has been mislaid and the LH side is a free for all. Point taken and will try and get the key sorted **LB**
- **SB:** GB - we have a number. All unlocked but I try and keep on top of it

11 Waste and dog bins: Emptying

- **JB:** the District Council has been informed and they haven't done it yet. - in LB.
- Beth has also been in touch with the district council - she didn't get an answer as to how regularly they should empty them.

ACTION: the PC will contact CDC to establish when they should be emptied and then monitor

12 BT Broadband: Update

- **JB reported that a** contract is now in place for BT to provide fibre optic to two cabinets, one in each village which has been funded by individual donations. We are waiting for BT to tell us when they're going to make a start - but don't yet know their timing. JB will circulate the proposed BT line speeds and update once BT's timetable is known
- Philippa - not too late if you want to contribute to the BT option at c£108 per property
- There is still a choice between BT and Gigaclear
- Residents in Windrush have collectively said that Gigaclear is too expensive - so they came back with a cheaper offer. Maybe we can do this too?

13 Any Other Business

Councillor Vacancy: PP reminded the meeting that there was a vacancy on the Parish Council and that any residents interested in being Co-Opted as a Councillor should contact the Parish Clerk prior to the next meeting on 4th December.

Beth - Jackie King sent an email about planning permissions - can they send alerts out for planning permissions.

- Parish Clerk gets notified of planning applications
- Go onto Cotswold district website and get alerts etc - mycotswold
- Philippa - can we get someone from conservation and planning department to a future meeting because of lack of consistency with planning permission issues.
- Urbanisation of the village - what are the PC doing about this - to stop it? JB suggested that all we can do is through the planning permission.
- JIM: Poppy collection. No poppies arrive and we didn't have any for the village - and arrived tonight. Elizabeth Jukes will take over.
- Philippa: As an ex-councillor – when planning applications are received, councillors have a duty to correspond with CDC regarding concerns raised by residents. These are

not personalised and the applicants should not apportion blame to councillors or the parish council as a whole

- If you join the email list tonight you will get notified of all business, e.g planning permission applications
- We accept (PP) that we need to communicate more with residents.
- Philippa - can GCC cut down the junction grass - JB said they'd ask them to cut it at least 2 or 3 times a year.
- Lawrence: Who's paying for the electricity from this reading room? JB: Gigaclear
- Gigaclear seems to be looking after some houses better than others. JB suggested it might be because some people have complained more than others to Gigaclear. Some residents have also carried out their own reinstatements
- Parking at the top of the village? Why are there more cars there at weekends?

PP: Next meeting 4 December. We will communicate via the email addresses provided

Chairman