

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON**

MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2017

Present;- Cllrs Hooper, Pidsley, Beech, Falzon, Reeves, Phoenix, Reading, Hughes

Apologies/Absence;- Cllr Gibbon, Hammond, Wright, Morlidge PCSO Wiggins

Visitors;- Jackie Kay, Harry Kay, C. Pearson, Diane Jones, Diane Devine, James Devine, Neil Roberts (WVHT)

MIN FC 1251/04/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hooper, Rosebank School, Royal British Legion,

Cllr Hughes, WVHT land development

Cllr Pidsley, Barnton Community Group

Cllr Beech, Royal British Legion, Village Show

Cllr Falzon, Northwich TC, Chalc

Cllr Reeves, Citizens Advice Bureau, RSPCA

MIN FC 1252/04/2017 OPEN SESSION

Members of the public are invited to address the Parish Council on any matter relevant to its work. In order for the Clerk to undertake any background research, please submit any questions to the Clerk at least three working days before the Meeting. Members of the public will be allowed to speak for a maximum of 3 minutes after which they cannot take any further active part in the rest of the Council meeting.

Neil Roberts from Weaver Vale House Trust was invited to discuss redevelopment of two plots of land in Barnton. Mr Roberts explained that WVHT were at the proposal stage in relation to redevelopment of the sites;-

1. Land on Townfield Lane (garages leased by WVHT) proposal to build 6 semi detached houses (via affordable housing for local people, on a shared ownership basis)

Residents/Councillors concerns;-

- access opposite the school
 - increase in traffic/on a bus route
 - access to the back of properties (road will be created and maintained)
 - parking (will be created and maintained)
 - privacy
 - extinguish of licences for the garages (which has financial implications)
2. Land at Oakwood Lane, currently Oakwood House – proposal to build 11 houses, 2/3 bedrooms (via affordable housing, shared ownership scheme)

Mr Roberts explained that bedsits at Oakwood House were no longer fit for purpose and were extremely difficult to rent.

Cllr Hooper voiced concerns for provision of housing for older residents (all schemes are under review and will be taken into consideration) Cllr Hooper thanked Mr Roberts for his presentation.

Some visitors left the meeting.

Mr Roberts left the meeting.

Mr J Devine spoke to Barnton Parish Council about possibility of purchase of land to the side of his property on Hayes Drive. (NRRG). Cllr Hooper thanked Mr Devine for attending. To be discussed further in part B.

Mr & Mrs Devine left the meeting.

MIN FC 1253/04/2017 URGENT PROVISION

Cllr Hooper proposed re-instatement of provision of refreshments prior to full council meetings at 6.30pm

MIN FC 1254/04/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES

To approve the minutes of FCM 13th March 2017

Proposed by Cllr Hughes Seconded by Cllr Falzon All in favour.

MIN FC 1255/04/2017 CLERKS REPORT

- BFC – received legal advice re; lease, sub letting to Northwich Victoria in order to proceed with draft licence for ground share
- National Grid lease – received legal advice re; change of lease in order to agree changes with National Grid (sub station)
- Insurance claim on-going in the hands of insurers.
- Working with Barrister Chris Moss re; legal assistance SJBT
- Skate park finalised - outstanding payment now made HOWEVER reported failure of resin to Jupiter today 24th April 2017
- Attended site meeting with NTC, New park inspectors and urgent works ordered on NRRG to meet required safety standards
- Clerk/Cemetery clerk working hours and new contact details instated on 1st April 2017
- Nominations received and report prepared for community awards scheme
- Report prepared for grants scheme 2017/18
- Working on recruitment of assistant park warden & improved reporting procedures.

- Finalised sale of GCW, awaiting loan repayment approval
- BDO internal audit commenced – ID's required
- Completed CHaLC training course 3 April 2017
- Completed cemetery records training 28 March 2017
- Attended site meeting with Cllr Phoenix Cllr Hooper and J. Hughes re; dogwalk provision and obtained costings for dog walk;-

5' wide Grass mesh path half length - £2400 / full length £5800

4' wide Gravel path half length - £2000 / full length £4800

Cllr Beech proposed the provision of dog walk, full length gravel path at £4800.00. Seconded by Cllr Reading, all in favour.

- New benches to be situated at playground end of dog walk (situated facing or backing to the play ground, according to advice of NTC safety inspector)
- Community Award Trophies - all on order

MIN FC 1256/04/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council

MIN FC 1257/04/2017 PCSO REPORT

PCSO REPORT 18th FEBRUARY 2017 – 20th FEBRUARY 2017

4 REPORTS OF DRIVE OFFS AT LOCAL GARAGE.

2 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLES IN THE AREA.

REPORT OF YOUTHS ON OFF ROAD BIKE.

REPORT OF YOUTHS IN THE GROUNDS OF THE BEECH TREE PUB.

REPORTS OF YOUTHS FIGHTING ON THE REC.

REPORT OF SHOP LIFTING AT LOCAL SHOP.

All incidents dealt with accordingly.

***High visibility patrol all areas covered.**

***Rural given passing attention.**

***Reassurance to elderly residents in the area.**

***Local intel submitted.**

***Liased with Barnton cricket club to discuss possible community event at location.**

* Barnton cricket club have mentioned that they would like to open their doors to members of the community and hold events at this location.

* Saltersford locks given passing attention nothing of note all very quiet.

* Liased with local churches regarding any issues they may have.

* Speed camera has been on Runcorn Road. SPEED ENFORCEMENT.

* School talks to be arranged.

MIN FC 1258/04/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

1. Letter from Mr J. Devine re; land purchase at NRRG discussed in part 3 and part B
2. Consultation re; local government boundary review sent to all Cllrs, clerk invited cllrs to respond via email.

MIN FC 1259/04/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 17/01101/FUL 34 dwellings at The Beech Tree. Planning group have concerns re; parking but no other negative feedback received in the village. Barnton Parish Council attempted to save the pub in 2016 to no avail.

MIN FC 1260/04/2017 FINANCE

1. **Receipts payment and accounts summary was distributed for approval.**
2. To approve loan repayment to PWLB of £6000.00 – proposed by Cllr Beech, seconded by Cllr Hughes. All in favour.

MIN FC 1261/04/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Barnton Community School Mental Health Project. Cllr Beech gave brief overview of responsibilities involved. Cllrs concerned that Barnton Parish Council did not have the resources to become overly involved and scrutinise this project. Cllr Hooper requested individual opinion from each councillors – all councillors were opposed to Barnton Parish Council involvement. Cllr Hooper concerned that the lottery bid may prevent Barnton Parish Council making further bids in favour of village amenities. Cllr Beech proposed that Barnton Parish Council oppose any involvement. Seconded by Cllr Reeves. All in favour. Clerk to advise the School of this decision.
2. Barnton Parish Council Community Awards 2017/18 – four nominations received Cllr Hooper proposed that all four receive some form of award. The top two would receive a Community Award trophy and an engraved plaque on the Council shield. The others would receive a Barnton Parish Council framed Certificate of Appreciation.

Nominations received;-

BARNTON SILVER BAND

“ as they attend many of the village events regardless of time or situation. They are all volunteers who give their gtime and skills tirelessly. I believe this needs recognising”

CLLR S. BEECH

BARNTON SCOUTS

“for over 25 years the scouts have attended the Remembrance Parade and now avail the use of their hall for the refreshments after the event. For the work that they have donE and the enjoyment given to many of the children of Barnton. For all the assistance they have given to other groups in the village such as the village show.

I consider this nomination most suitable for consideration”.

CLLR. S. BEECH

BARNTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

“for their involvement with the poppy appeal (wear red for a day) and for taking part regularly in civic events ie Remembrance & Somme celebrations. in recognition of their choir. With thanks for their support of Barnton Parish Council events ie the opening of the skatepark (3 classes in attendance). For providing afternoon teas for the older people in the village. In recognition of their invaluable support by hosting the village show”

CLLR. D. HOOPER

MARY DOUGLASS

“Mary Douglass is a 90 year old Barnton resident who moved to the village of Barnton from Liverpool with her husband after the Second World War. Mary’s children attended the local schools and Mary worked in the kitchen’s at the Junior school Townfield Lane for a number of years

For the last FIVE YEARS Mary Douglass has helped to run the Community Bingo which was sponsored by the Parish Council, without the help of this lady the Bingo wouldn’t have continued, the first Bingo we held was very disappointing, but with the help of Mary we kept on going.

She gave me encouragement, she also gave very generously towards the costs of the Bingo prizes and refreshments

Mary walk’s to the Memorial Hall each week in all kinds of weather, she would help to set out the Bingo Prizes and put spoons and sugar out on the tables. She would then put the cups on trays ready for the half time break.

In April 2015 we started a lunch club, Mary would be at Barnton Memorial Hall at 9 am buttering six loaves of bread.

We think she holds the world record for making sandwiches.

The only thing we didn't let Mary do was to put the beetroot on cocktail sticks as she would eat more than she put on the sticks.

When I asked Mary had she eaten any of the beetroot, she would look at me so innocently with her lips and tongue bright red from the beetroot saying No I haven't.

Mary is always willing to help , nothing is too much trouble for her, we don't know where this 90 year old lady gets all her energy from.

Mary worked hard to make the Lunch Club a success, at the end of 2016 we had between 45-55 people who attended the Lunch Club/Bingo each week, all thanks to the team work of Mary, Pauline and Jean

I have nominated this 90 year old lady Mrs Mary Douglass for this award for all her time, hard work and generosity, that Mary has put into the community"

CLLR J. HUGHES

Community Awards were agreed and awarded to Mary Douglas and Barnton Silver Band.

Barnton Community School and Barnton Scouts will receive a certificate of appreciation.

Clerk to notify and invite to AGM

3. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The following grants were awarded;-

Barnton Silver Band	£500.00
Rosebank School	£500.00
Barnton Cricket Club	£200.00 for equipment not staff training
Barnton Village Show	£300.00
Barnton Comm Group	£1000.00
Barnton Comm School	£300.00
Friends of Barnton C Sch.	£500.00 (dependant on investigation of RHS 2016 sensory garden)

Clerk to notify and invite to AGM

4. To Approve remedial works at NRRG to meet required safety standards at a cost of £7500 approx. Proposed by Cllr Beech. Seconded by Cllr Reeves. All in favour.

MIN FC 1262/04/2017

Publicity/Public information

1. To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting.
2. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information

