

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016**

Abbreviations: BPC stands for Barnton Parish Council, CW&C stands for Cheshire West and Chester

PRESENT: Cllrs S Beech, J Hughes, H Kirsopp, J Phoenix, R Morlidge and K Reading.  
Toni Critchlow, Clerk to Barnton Parish Council

APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Collier, Cllr D Hooper (Chair). Cllr Hewitt PCSO Diana Wiggins. CW&C  
Cllrs Don Hammond and Lynn Gibbon.

VISITORS: Cllr Norman Wright (CW&C) and Ian Ross (*Northwich Guardian* reporter).

**In the absence of Cllr Hooper, Cllr Reading (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting.**

**MIN FC 1090/01/2016          DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The only declarations of interest were in Part B.

**MIN FC 1091/01/2016          URGENT PROVISION**

- i) Cllr Beech reported on the matter of a landscaping company who have been padlocking their advertising material at various locations around the village. Cllr Hooper has been in contact with the person in question and told him to remove the posters which he has now done. Cllr Beech asked that if any further posters are seen in the village that they are reported to CW&C.
- ii) Cllr Beech informed the council that Carol Ashdown would like to insert the Barnton Show information into the next Tunnel Top. These will be stapled into the issue rather than being a separate insert as they were last year. There will be a minimal cost. The Clerk said this will be put on the next agenda to have the costing approved.
- iii) Cllr Beech asked that an entry on the website in regard to the sale of the ground that the Memorial Hall was built on is removed as it is incorrect. The Clerk will liaise with the webmaster.
- iv) Cllr Reading reported that a joint service has been held at the Methodist Church involving both the Anglican and Catholic church. A collection has raised £180 which they wish to donate toward the youths of the village. Cllr Beech suggested giving this amount to Thomas Rowley for the skate park as he is now close to his target. Cllr Reading also explained that the Methodist Church have a table tennis table to give away. It was suggested that this is offered to the MAD Youth Club.

**MIN FC 1092/01/2016          OPEN SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**MIN FC 1093/01/2016          TO APPROVE MINUTES**

- i)        To approve minutes from FCM on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015.  
**Proposed by Cllr Beech**  
**Seconded by Cllr Morlidge    Five were in favour. 1 abstention**
- ii)       To approve minutes from FGPCM on 21<sup>st</sup> December 20015  
**Proposed by Cllr Beech**  
**Seconded by Cllr Hughes      All were in favour**

**MIN FC 1094/01/2016          CLERK'S REPORT**

- i)        43 Hayes Drive update – The Clerk reported that the tree works have been successfully completed.
- ii)       Barnton Radio update – Cllr Morlidge had nothing to report.
- iii)      GoFundMe project/supporters of Barnton skate park - Cllr Phoenix gave an update on Tom Rowley's fund raising. He currently has £2,405. The Clerk will be applying to CW&C for further funds.
- iv)      Gunners Clough/closed in December 2015. The Clerk informed the council that the footpath has been closed since December and signs have been put up. Cllr Wright thanked the council on behalf of local residents. He added that Anderton with Marbury PC have been trying to get the woods closed for a number of years.

**MIN FC 1095/01/2016          Cheshire West & Chester Council**

7 Cllr Lynn Gibbon has kindly chased money which is available from CW&C new build scheme S106 money – £2760.00 is available for use in Barnton to provide and maintain play equipment – Lynn has forwarded the link in order for the clerk to claim the money to make up the shortfall of the Skate Park funding. Cllr Wright explained that the council need to apply. However, it appears that this amount may already been awarded. The Clerk will clarify this matter with Mark Simmons.

- i) Diana Wiggins not present. Cllr Reading read the report in Diana Wiggins' absence. There have been no major incidents and very little anti-social behaviour. Passing attention has been given to the recreation ground and Saltersford Locks – all quiet.

- i) Cllr Lynn Gibbon request for distribution of draft minutes. She stated that other Parish Councils publish draft minutes. Following discussion, it was decided to carry on with the current system which means minutes are published after they have been approved.  
**Cllr Kirsopp Proposed that the Clerk sends a formal response to Cllr Gibbon with the decision and to explain that the problems last year arose from the fact that there was no Clerk for a while. Seconded by Cllr Beech. All were in favour.**
- ii) Cllr Lynn Gibbon – Consideration of Neighbour Plan. Following discussion it was decided that Cllr Beech will ask Mark Simmons to explain what a Neighbour Plan would involve.
- iii) CAMRA proposal to save The Beech Tree. The Clerk read an email received from CAMRA regarding options to re-open the Beech Tree public house. The Clerk will respond and ask for a representative of CAMRA to attend a Parish Council meeting.

- i) No 15/05227/FUL – Replacement front porch and erection of a bay window at 53 Elmwood Road, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4NE  
**supported by BPC Planning Committee**
- ii) 15/05211/FUL - Construction of proposed rear extension at 17 Sycamore Crescent, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4NF  
**supported by BPC Planning Committee**
- iii) 15/05113/FUL - Single storey side extension at 60 Runcorn Road, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4EY  
Cllr Wright explained that this is a modified application taking into account advice from the planning officer.
- iv) 15/05179/FUL - Decking area to rear at 36 Broadway, Barnton, Northwich, Cheshire CW8 4LB  
Concerns were raised over the 8ft fence which is to be erected.
- v) 15/05001/FUL - Demolition of garages and construction of a two storey house at Land, The Mews, Runcorn Road, Barnton, Northwich  
This is a new application and still needs to be looked at by the Planning Committee.

**Cllr Wright left the meeting**

**MIN FC 1099/01/2016 Finance**

- i) Presentation of Draft Budget.  
The Clerk went through the draft budget explaining the reasons for any reductions and increases. The requested precept will be slightly less than last year.
- ii) Proposed amendment to Financial Regulations/£3000 annual reserve for maintenance projects.  
The Clerk explained the proposed virements. There are two new headings – Skatepark renewal and Cemetery & Grounds Maintenance.  
**Cllr Kirsopp Proposed that the precept request of £99,904 is approved. Seconded by Cllr Beech. All were in favour.**
- iii) Cllr Beech - BPC invite two extra councillors onto the FGPCM  
Cllr Beech explained that the FGPCM was brought in when the Parish Council was struggling to reach a full quota of councillors at each meeting. They now need a further one or two councillors to join the committee. Anyone interested is to contact the Clerk.

**MIN FC 1100/01/2016 ENVIRONMENTAL**

WREN skate park funding application submitted.  
The Clerk reported that the Virador application is also being submitted

**MIN FC 1101/01/2016 Publicity**

- i) To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at tonight’s meeting.  
Ian Ross asked the Clerk to forward him the email from CAMRA.  
He will liaise with the Clerk regarding details of the new precept.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.**

Chair.....

Date 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016