

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 12th December 2016**

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

PRESENT: Cllrs S Beech, D Hooper (Chair), J Phoenix, M. Falzon, J. Hughes, K Reading, D. Reeves,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Morlidge, Pidsley, Wright, and Storey

VISITORS: Cllr Lynn Gibbon (CW&C), PCSO Diana Wiggins, David Jones

MIN FC 1193/12 /2016 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Hooper declared interest in RBL and Rosebank School

Cllr Falzon declared interest in Northwich Town Council

MIN FC 1194/12/2016 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.

Mr Jones addressed the council regarding concerns about 20mph and on-going parking problems on Lydyett Lane in the village generally. Mr Jones was informed that responsibility for roads and speed limits was the remit of CW&C, however, Mr Jones was assured that both Barnton Parish Council and Cllr Gibbon are in contact with Highways to resolve these issues.

Mr Jones left the meeting.

- i) The Clerk is currently dissatisfied with the services of the current parks inspector. Clerk has been liaising with NTC with regard to employing an inspector who will complete small repairs whilst on site. NTC have trained safety inspectors who perform small repairs whilst on site as part of the safety report and its charge. Larger repairs are advised and quoted for where necessary. The cost of the current inspections equate to £72.00 without repairs. NTC offer this service at £81.00 per month to include small repairs. **Cllr Hughes proposed NTC be requested to provide this service from January 2017. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.**
- ii) Installation of markers on Barnton Hill to prevent car sales. Cllr Gibbon and CW&C have now measured the area, and costings have been received for supply and fitting of 12 white markers at £230.00 or 24 bird moth fencing £960.00. (wooden).
To be repaired and maintained by Barnton Parish Council. The pros and cons of plastic / wood markers were discussed. Cllr Hooper suggested cllrs look at the area and vote on this issue at the January meeting.
- iii) Cllr Hooper suggested the creation of a working party to revamp of TTN and website. Use of Facebook has been suspended due to comments and complaints which are posted but not reported via the correct channels to the office. Negative feedback from most recent TTN was discussed, re; small photos and articles. Clerk suggested decreasing the number of issues from 3 to 2, but to increase each issue by extra 4 pages to allow for larger photos and more advertising. Delivery issues were discussed, Cllr Gibbon suggested TTN not be delivered but left at shops, library etc for people to collect. This had been tried in the past but didn't work. Cllr Reeves suggested that the TTN should pay for itself via advertising which it currently does not. Cllr Beech suggested that Dan Pidsley should be approached to join the working party as he is interested in this project. Cllr Hooper suggested Cllr Reeves also join the working party. Cllr Beech suggested that the current editor, Jenny Jeffs should be approached to join the working party. Cllr Hooper suggested the clerk join also.
Cllr Beech proposed that Cllr Reeves heads the working party along with Cllr Pidsley, Jenny Jeffs and the Clerk. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.

Cllr Gibbon requested the Clerk reduce the size of notices in the notice board. Clerk agreed and will also update the notice board. The two notice boards outside the Memorial Hall belong to the Memorial Hall and Football Club and therefore not the responsibility of the Clerk. Cllr Gibbon advised to approach both parties for space on these boards

MIN FC 1196/12/2016 TO APPROVE MINUTES

- i) To approve minutes from FCM on 17 October 2016.
Proposed by Cllr Beech
Seconded by Cllr Reading. All were in favour.

MIN FC 1197/12/2016 CLERK'S REPORT/ACTION POINTS

- i) GCW is scheduled for sale by auction in February 2017 with Mellar Braggins.
- ii) Jubilee corner Christmas tree criticism received – Cllr Hooper advised that Barnton Parish Council Christmas tree is situated outside Rosebank School. The tree on Jubilee corner was donated by John Hughes as a tribute to the fallen of the village. Cllr Beech suggested that Jubilee corner should be more of a focal point in the village, with a larger tree or two small trees. Cllr Reading and Cllr Hughes agreed.
Cllr Gibbon suggested more lights could be used on the shrubs to brighten the area. Clerk to monitor size and improve the display for next year.
- iii) RRRG tree removal – awaiting quotes
- iv) Remedial works at the Skatepark to start tomorrow. Posts at both ends of NRRG have now been painted white for safety reasons.

PCSO REPORT BARNTON October – December 2016

- *General patrol of the area.
- * FPN issued regarding dog fouling incident
- *Attended local schools and churches in the area.
- *Passing attention given to elderly residents.
- *Attended local Police Surgeries @ the library and post office.
- * Food parcels given to local residents in the area.
- * Local intelligence submitted.
- * Local Churches visited.
- * Local events attended.
- * FPN issued regarding dog fouling incident.

Incidents of note :

- * Vehicle seized for no insurance.
- * Report of drive off at local garage.
- * Report of domestic incidents.
- * Report of criminal damage.
- * Numerous reports of suspicious persons/activity in the area.
- *3 reports of burglary in the area.
- *Report of RTC road traffic collision.
- *Reports of males being rowdy on the REC
- *Reports of damage to REC
- *Reports of drug paraphernalia found on the REC.

All names given regarding recent damage and anti-social behaviour on the REC have been taken and are being dealt with by the local beat officer PC BOYLE.

PCSO Wiggins left the meeting

MIN FC 1199/12/2016 Cheshire West & Chester Council

- i) Update from Cllr Lynn Gibbon re; 20mph decision from CW&C. Cllr Gibbon is appalled that Bridge to Barnton petition was presented to full council 22 Oct 2015 and is still awaiting debate. Cllr Gibbon to raise the matter this week at full council. Emailed George Osbourne on the matter, who acted on her email within two hours.
- ii) Marbury ward plan update – three villages now proceeding. The clerk asked if this would affect the cost. Cllr Gibbon to check and confirm. Cllr Hooper confirmed that Barnton Parish Council would proceed providing the costs remain the same.

MIN FC 1200/12/2016 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATION

- i) Special expenses scheme consultation was discussed along with changes to PCSO funding.
- ii) Cheshire fire risk management consultation discussed.

MIN FC 1201/12/2016 Planning Applications

- i) Ref. 16/04678/FUL 34 Blackcroft Avenue – single storey extension to side and alterations to roof
- ii) Beech Tree - an application to list the pub as an asset of community value has been turned down due to the length of time the pub has been closed and the lack of interest in the lease. Cllr Beech requested the clerk post this information to the website also.

MIN FC 1202/12/2016 Finance

- i) Thanks to Cllr Gibbons we have now received members budget funding of £4000 towards the shortfall of the skatepark
- ii) Clerk has reclaimed VAT in the sum of £2731.67
- iii) Goodman Nash have reclaimed business rates on behalf of Barnton Parish Council - £2986.98 at a cost of 1254.53 therefore £1732.45 received.
- iv) Budget will be presented to Barnton Parish Council in FCM January.
- v) Cllr Gibbons advised receipt of clerks application for members budget ref; RRRG is incomplete – Clerk to investigate and confirm amount ASAP

MIN FC 1203/12/2016 ENVIRONMENTAL

MIN FC 1204/12/2016 Publicity

To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting.

Nothing required.

Chair.....

Date 12 December 2016