

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2018**

Present;- Cllrs Beech, Reading, Phoenix, Falzon, Pidsley

Apologies/Absence;- Cllr Hooper, Hughes, Gleave, Hammond, Wright

Visitors;- Mr Boyle, NVFC, Mr Turner, NVFC, Spt Peter Crowcroft, Tim Burton BFC, Cllr Gibbon

MIN FC 1345/01/2018 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Pidsley, Barnton Comm Group, Cllr Gibbon, Barnton Comm Group, Cllr Beech, Royal British Legion and Village Show

MIN FC 1346/01/2018 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.

Brian Turner, chairman of NVFC thanked Barnton Parish Council and BFC on behalf of the club and supporters for allowing the ground share which he hoped would continue for the forthcoming seasons.

MIN FC 1347/01/2018 TO APPROVE MINUTES

Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the minutes of 20th November 2018.
Seconded by Cllr Falzon, all agreed.

MIN FC 1348/01/2018 CLERKS REPORT

- Santander Account mandates now updated to include new Chair, Cllr Beech, as a signatory
- Cemetery painting now complete
- Dog walk signage has been added to the dog walk
- Pre installation survey took place at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground today – surveyor suggested swings to be moved nearer to entrance of park. A resident has voiced concerns about the swings (as they are 10 feet closer to properties than previous equipment and the resident is concerned because they are too close and wants them further away). The clerk requested the council consider this request which was then agreed. Work to start at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground on 5th February 2018, works estimated to take one week. Contractors to use public access only. All equipment to be kept locked up on site.
- Clerk to ensure the conifers are cut back along the public entrance.
- Clerk wrote to WVHT re; accommodation provision for older people in the village. Still awaiting response.

MIN FC 1349/01/2018 PCSO REPORT

Superintendent Peter Crowcroft gave overview of the new PCSO allocation proposals to make the service equal and fair for all areas.

PCSO service will cover 122 community area = 122 PCSO staff + 39 PCSO resilience staff to cover annual leave, sickness etc..

= 1 PCSO to cover the Barnton & community area (ELECTORAL WARD VA1)

Cheshire Constabulary are keen to retain the PCSO already in place and PCSO Wiggins has expressed a preference to remain in the community

When not needed, Northwich police will have an extra 3 PCSO's at its disposal.

These proposals would mean that no community would be without a PCSO for more than 2 weeks.

Fully funded PCSO option offers the dedicated service of a full time PCSO

– PCSO would be called upon for other duties in extreme circumstances only.

All 122 community areas would have a local community base. For Barnton and the community, this would be Barnton library with the possibility of using other premises when necessary. Community base will be signposted and a surgery held every week. There will be a private room available.

Cllr Gibbons asked where the funding would be obtained for the service.

Spt. Crowcroft explained that PCSO funding will come from police based budget &

PCSO resilience funding is also coming from police based budget.

Cllr Pidsley asked if Barnton Parish Council would be able to fund a PCSO next year if we didn't pay this year. Spt. Crowcroft explained that all Councils are free to fully fund a PCSO at any time.

Clerk explained that Barnton Parish Council had opted out of funding due to the increase in cost and lack of S.L.A. at budget preparation.

Cllr Beech thanked Spt. Crowcroft for attending the meeting. Spt. Crowcroft left the meeting.

Report for the months of November –January 2018

1 report of male acting in an anti-social manner at Woodlands garage.

1 report of male knocking on doors.

2 reports of burglary dwelling. (one incident in ongoing with Northwich CID dealing)

1 report of males smoking cannabis on the REC.

1 report of criminal damage to a window.

1 report of assault.

2 report of shed broken into.

1 report of Break garage.

1 report of theft.

2 damage to vehicle.

1 neighbour issue.

1 theft of bike.

1 report of eggs being thrown.

1 report of drive off at Garage.

1 report of kids knocking on doors.

All areas have been covered Barnton and rural.

Local Intel submitted.

Local churches attended.

Food bank attended.

Reassurance to elderly residents in the community.

Schools attended.

Parking issues addressed.

Christmas fayres attended.

Christmas bingo and luncheon attended .

Prize Bingo raising £300, money was donated to Scouts Barnton and Parish council for other community events. Letter of appreciation from the Scouts.

Attended the fortnightly community bingo and lunch for the elderly residents of the community.

Visits to all local shops.

Police Surgery at the library

Post office police surgery, Barnton, Comberbach and Antrobus

Speed enforcement carried out.

Street a week carried out at various locations in the Barnton.

Diana Wiggins 20322

PCSO Wiggins left the meeting.

MIN FC 1350/01/2018 Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr Beech asked if Barnton Parish Council could co-opt Heather Clifford at this point in the meeting. Ms Clifford completed the relevant paperwork and was welcomed as a councillor.

- Cllr Gibbon announced that Weaver Vale Housing Trust was now a charity. Cllr Gibbon will forward the email explaining the changes to Barnton Parish Council.
- Cllr Gibbon expressed disappointment that Barnton Parish Council did not reply as a council re; the boundary changes consultation and asked for the reason. The Clerk explained that all consultations were sent to all councillors and some councillors replied independently.
- New consultation on community assets – Barnton Parish Council need to respond, Cllr Gibbon advised councillors to reply independently and also as a council.
- The clerk said she would respond to a consultation on behalf of the council if asked to do so.
- Cllr Gibbon said that the support of the council as a whole was beneficial in any consultation.
- Northwich Barons Quay /Weaver Square – encouraging progress is being made.
- Fly tipping continues to be problem in the area and Cllr Gibbon has reported several incidents.
- Quality of the roads have been reported – Cllr Gibbons asked which Barnton Parish Council Councillor was responsible for reporting (Cllr Hughes).
- State of pavements has been reported to Streetscene. Director of Places has been invited to assess the village verges etc.. with Cllr Gibbon.

MIN FC 1351/01/2018 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- Local plan part 2 consultation was sent to all councillors on 30th November 2017. Cllr Beech asked councillors to respond independently and to please contact the clerk with suggested response (on behalf of Barnton Parish Council).
- CW&C community assets consultation – sent to all on 07/12/17 – drop in events in Sandiway on 23 January, Winsford 31st January and 6th February & Northwich 10th February. Cllr Beech asked councillors to respond independently and to please contact the clerk with suggested response (on behalf of Barnton Parish Council).

MIN FC 1352/01/2018 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

MIN FC 1353/01/2018 ENVIRONMENTAL

Tim Burton spoke on behalf on BFC and NVFC requesting the ground share arrangement remains in place for 5 years. Both clubs have worked hard to alleviate resident complaints early on, worked on the environment (trees) around the ground and made other improvements.

Cllr Beech proposed that Barnton Parish Council extend the ground share agreement for a further four years – seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.

Cllr Beech asked clerk to liaise with Mr Burton in regard to the lease.

Mr Burton, Mr Turner and Mr Boyle were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

MIN FC 1354/01/2018 FINANCE

To approve the alternative budget and precept request for 2018/19. Clerk has not allowed for payment for PCSO due to the size of the increase from approx.. £12000 to £33000.

Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the budget

Cllr Pidsley proposed that the budget is increased to 1.0% (not 0.9%)

Clerk explained that the work involved for such a small increase was not appropriate and councillors had already received 3 different budgets and may find a fourth confusing.

Cllr Beech explained that Barnton Parish Council did not need the additional funds and the clerk had to show where any additional increase was to be spent at internal and external audit.

Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the clerks budget as it stands. Cllr Reading seconded. All agreed.

A receipts and payments summary was received from the clerk.

Cllr Phoenix questioned two Eon bills, clerk explained that one was cemetery and one was Nursery Road Recreation Ground.

Cllr Clifford requested copy of summary to familiarise herself with the procedure. Clerk to action.

To approve £60.00 extra spend for cemetery painting due to replacement of rotten wood on doors. Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the additional £60.00. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.

To approve staff pay increases for 2018/19 as per budget and SLCC national minimum wage requirement 2018. Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the increases. Seconded by Cllr Falzon. All agreed.

To approve SLCC membership and clerks attendance at SLCC conference. (£185 and £350 respectively) Information and training agenda was sent to all on 15/01/18. Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council approve both. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.

MIN FC 1355/01/2018 ENVIRONMENTAL

To discuss upgrade of Cenotaph on Jubilee Corner – planning permission required. Cllr Gibbon advised that grants were available for Cenotaph refurbishment via war graves commission. Clerk to action.

Cllr Pidsley asked if any complaints had been received re; the Christmas lights. Clerk said that all remarks had been favourable this year.

Feedback from strategic planning;-

Cllr Beech explained that a new five year strategic plan is in progress. The previous plan was no longer relevant as the needs of the village have changed.

The plan covers administration as well as community projects.

Cllr Gibbon expressed an interest in relation to help with the village verges etc..

Clerk explained that Barnton Parish Council would be employing a lengths-man in April 2018 that will cover some of the 'grot spots'

Clerk asked for suggestions from Barnton Parish Council regarding job specification, hours etc.. in readiness for the next meeting.

Cllr Beech to arrange further strategic planning meeting with the group.

MIN FC 1356/01/2018 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

CLlr Beech suggested press release regarding Barnton Parish Council viewpoint on the bridge to Barnton issue.

