

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 17th July 2017**

Present;- Cllr Beech, Hooper, Phoenix, Hughes, Reading, Hammond

Apologies/Absence;- Cllrs Falzon, Gibbons, Pidsley, Morlidge

Visitors;-

Emma Chapman

Tom Taverner

Sue Shepherd

MIN FC 1292/07/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Beech - Village Show, Royal British Legion

Cllr Hooper RBL, Rosebank School, Barnton Community School

MIN FC 1293/07/2017 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.

Emma Chapman asked for an update on re-development of Runcorn Road Recreational Ground and referred to 2016 proposals for consultation as per TTN information.

Cllr Beech explained that, at this time, Barnton Parish Council propose to replace the play equipment in the park in close proximity to the previous old equipment (in a bid to increase footfall and provide different play equipment than Nursery Road Recreation Ground). Therefore, Barnton Parish Council felt there was no need for consultation at this stage. There are plans for the availability of the facility to be made more prominent by signage at the gate. Emma Chapman asked about previous proposals for growing space at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground.

Cllr Beech explained that Barnton Parish Council had already completed a consultation within the village on the issue approx. 2 years ago.

Emma Chapman referred to a meeting held at the clerks office with Cllr Hooper and Cllr Gibbon where promises were made to consult with residents.

Cllr Beech explained that Barnton Parish Council, at that time, felt that as they had already completed a consultation within the village on the issue approx. 2 years ago there was no need for another.

Emma Chapman questioned growing space plans as advertised in TTN – Cllr Beech explained that those plans were not approved by Barnton Parish Council therefore no longer applied.

Cllr Beech explained that the intention of Barnton Parish Council was to use the outer (overgrown) area of the ground for growing space should the need arise.

(Barnton Parish Council are actively looking for allotment space and may need to provide growing space at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground due to demand).

Cllr Hooper reiterated that Barnton Parish Council have an obligation to provide allotments.

Tom Taverner expressed concerns about parking.

Cllr Beech explained that the idea was to offer growing spaces to residents living close to Runcorn Road Recreational Ground and to provide a storage facility for equipment.

Sue Shepherd said that the land was gifted to all the village not just a chosen few.

Cllr Beech felt that footfall would increase when new play equipment was provided and therefore park would be better used by many. This could be monitored.

Emma Chapman expressed concerns about privacy but was in favour of the park being better used.

Emma Chapman asked about a further consultation.

Cllr Beech promised to publish details of future proposals on Barnton Parish Council website.

Sue Chapman asked about a secondary exit. Cllr Beech said there was no secondary exit at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground

Tom Shepherd reiterated his concerns about traffic and signage. Cllr Beech said this would be taken into consideration.

Mr Taverner, Ms Chapman and Ms Shepherd were thanked for attending and left the meeting.

MIN FC1294/07/2017 PCSO REPORT

Moved forward in order for PCSO to attend another meeting.

Barnton PCSO report 18th June – 15th July 2017

Reports of 3 domestic incidents reported.

1 Attempt theft of ATM machine – Spar garage

1 report of criminal damage to vehicle .

2 reports of air rifles being used on Soot Hill

1 report of male knocking on doors asking for money .

High visibility patrol all areas.

Liaised with Weaver vale Housing to discuss local issues.

Dog warden contacted regarding concerns re Dog at local address.

Impact day carried out with community safety warden re: Parking /obstruction , dog fouling and littering. Dog bags issued to local residents.

Police surgery held.

Post office surgery held.

Saltersford locks attended nothing of note all quiet.

Rec attended nothing of note.

Local intel submitted .

Speed enforcement carried out on Runcorn Road . Offenders been made aware and fined.

Local Churches attended.

Reassurance to local shop keepers.

Rural given passing attention nothing of note.

Barnton quiet with no reports of ASB anti-social behaviour .

Cllr Hooper added that Cllr Gibbon is currently running a pink poo campaign and suggested Cllr Reading give assistance if required.

Cllr Hooper added that the provision of dog poo bags at the dog walk (by Barnton Parish Council Park Warden had been successful and well used.

Cllr Beech welcomed Cllr Hammond to the meeting table.

MINFC1295/07/2017 URGENT PROVISION

Internal audit report added to item 11, Finance, item 3.

Change of budget heading 710 from BINGO to EVENTS. Proposed by Cllr Hooper. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. All agreed.

Request for memorial bench at the cemetery, financed by resident. Clerk has advised that the bench must be the same as existing benches which was agreed with the resident. Cllr Hooper proposed approval. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.

Receipt of resignation (via email) of Cllr Reeves. Clerk to advertise councillor vacancy
Clerk to send thank you card to Cllr Reeves on behalf of Barnton Parish Council.

Runcorn Road Recreational Ground - access problems for contractor. Contractor unable to gain access on two occasions due to parked vehicles.

Mr Bennett reported to the clerk that debris is left on the drive after access is made and wants the drive left clean.

Mr Bennett requested Barnton Parish Council ask the contractor to clean the wheels with hose (Mr Bennett to provide hose and water) to avoid mess on the drive.

Alternatively, Cllr Beech suggested that the contractor leaves the trailer on the drive to prevent bringing grass onto the drive if this is acceptable to Mr Bennett.

Cllr Hooper suggested a formalised programme of visits be notified to Mr Bennett.

ie the first week of every month. Currently, the contractor rings Mr Bennett the day before a visit is due.

Barnton Parish Council felt this was not adequate and suggest the contractor notify Mr Bennett 3 days in advance of a visit.

Cllr Phoenix said that the contractors ability to cut under these circumstances was weather dependant.

MIN FC1296/07/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the last parish council meeting on 19th June 2017. Proposed by Cllr Reading. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed. One abstention.

MIN FC1297/07/2017 CLERKS REPORT

- CEMETERY & ALLOTMENTS REPORT

Reported Sunken grave – now repaired

Reported graffiti – spoke to family, this is a cleaning product applied to the headstone to clean the engraved text, not graffiti.

Complaints received re; overgrown allotment - owner currently caring for sick wife – cemetery clerk has requested a tidy up within 2 weeks

- The clerk has written to all contacts on the mailing list re; info for temp newsletter. Received four items to date.
- Clerk requested CW&C to enforce the no parking signs on double yellow lines (passing points) on Lydyett Lane. Informed that this is not possible as it is a parking enforcement issue. Therefore PCSO was asked to caution the resident for parking on yellow lines and will issue a penalty notice in future. Last week PCSO attended the area with parking warden to patrol/ issue notices.
- Councillor vacancy was advertised on website and notice boards. Mr David Gleave applied. No other applications received therefore Co-option of Mr Gleave to take place in September 2017
- Internal Audit completed
- Clerk is currently undergoing training with accountant to work on bank reconciliation spreadsheets, new finance spreadsheets and VAT processes.
- Jubilee Corner /Dog Walk/ NNRG trees/ – all pending in contractors diary for September
- Clerk arranged annual park inspections x3 with Allan Dymond
- Skate park – all black resin now removed. Clerk requested the transition with the cracked concrete be re-done and the rest of the transitions painted. Awaiting Jupiter Play action.
- Nursery Road Recreation Ground – all works now completed by Northwich Town Council Northwich Town Council.
- Clerk awaiting quotes for external painting at the Cemetery – Councillor Hooper asked about Community Payback scheme. Clerk to investigate once quotes are received. Clerk explained that a decision from Barnton Parish Council is required as to the finish required (which explains the difference in the quotes). To be discussed further in September.

- Steven Topping – new reporter Northwich Guardian invited to all FCMs (dates given)
- Clerk awaiting Printer rental quotes. For discussion in September.
- Clerk wrote to Mr & Mrs Divine re; Barnton Parish Council land decision
- BFC – rubbish removed and ground tidied – Clerk suggested site visit with Barnton Parish Council working group to discuss new entrance in order to proceed with planning/highways. Clerk to organise for September 2017.

MIN FC1298/07/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council

- Councillor Hammond discussed parking strategy, plans to introduce parking charges.
- Councillor Hammond discussed transport survey – advised Barnton Parish Council to make representation to CW&C. Cllr Beech said Barnton Parish Council were actively involved in this regard.
- Fly-tipping increasing due to closure of recycling site in Northwich.
- New MP Ester McVey attended Barnton library at the weekend.
- Cllr Beech expressed concerns about Weaver Vale Housing Trust lack of proposals for older peoples accommodation in Barnton. Cllr Hammond explained that Weaver Vale Housing Trust were not a subsidiary of Cheshire West and Chester Council but agreed that it was a problem for an aging demographic.
- Email received from a resident of Runcorn Road asking about ownership of land behind the property. Clerk to respond.
- Lynn Gibbon – new notice board for corner of Beech Lane to be delivered to clerks office. Councillor Gibbon has requested Barnton Parish Council pay to have it erected. This was agreed in principal – clerk to ensure Councillor Gibbon has permission from Cheshire West and Chester highways department.
- Barnton Community Group – Fence Painting on Sept 9th + 10th 9.30am at Stone Heyes Lane – volunteers required. Please contact Councillor Gibbon.
- Resident request for waste bin on the lock estate. Cllr Beech explained that there was a bin situated on Townfield Lane which was removed following complaints.

MIN FC1299/07/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

David Keane, meeting of PC Chairs on 25th July 2017. Councillor Beech unable to attend. Requested Councillor Reading attend. Agreed.

Lauren Burke correspondence re; advertising space on parish notice boards – Barnton Parish Council policy does not allow notices but can promote via website for a limited amount of time. Clerk to organise.

MIN FC1300/07/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 17/02828/FUL 15 Nursery Road – two storey side and single rear extension
- 17/03060FUL 10 Manor Drive – demolition of single storey outbuilding and erection of single storey extension to side

No objections received from planning group.

Councillor Hammond left the meeting.

MIN FC1301/07/2017 FINANCE

- To receive a receipts payment and accounts summary from the clerk.
- To approve Barnton Parish Council bank reconciliation – proposed by Councillor Hooper, seconded by Councillor Reading. All agreed.
- To approve Barnton Parish Council Internal Audit Report – clerk to provide monthly bank reconciliation via excel spreadsheet in addition to other reports. Approved by Councillor Hooper. Seconded by Councillor Hughes. All agreed.

MIN FC1302/07/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL

Runcorn Road Recreational Ground Task and Finish Group

Feedback received by Task and Finish Group regarding provision of new play equipment at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground

Adventure trail equipment preferred in order to increase footfall because the equipment is different to that provided elsewhere.

Awaiting specification and quote from Playdale to enable the clerk to obtain other like for like quotes.

MIN FC1303/07/2017 Publicity/Public information

1. To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting.
Barnton Parish Council DISAGREE WITH PLANS TO CHARGE FOR PARKING IN NORTHWICH
2. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information

Part B