

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING of BARNTON PARISH
COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 23rd May 2016 at 7.00pm**

PRESENT: Cllrs Hooper, Beech, Morlidge, Reading, Phoenix, Hughes,

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Don Hammond, Rachel Collier, Kenny Lomas, Norman Wright

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Diana Wiggins, CW&C Cllr Lynn Gibbon, Dan Pidsley, Michael Falzon, Stuart Robinson, Chris Purdie (Barnton Silver Band), Simon Hancock (Barnton Cricket Club)
Jude McGuinness (Rosebank School)

MIN FC 123/05/2016 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Members to declare any personal, pecuniary and/or prejudicial interests:
No interests declared

MIN FC 124/05/2016 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE NEW COUNCIL YEAR

- i. Election of Chairperson:
**Cllr Beech Proposed Cllr Hooper be elected Chairperson.
Seconded by Cllr Morlidge All were in favour**
- ii. To receive the Chair's Acceptance of Office form.
The Chair (Cllr Hooper) signed the form, witnessed by the Clerk.
- iii. Election of the Vice Chairperson:
**Cllr Beech Proposed that Cllr Reading be elected Vice Chairperson. Seconded
by Cllr Morlidge All were in favour**
- iv. To receive the Vice Chair's Acceptance of Office form.
The Vice Chair (Cllr Reading) signed the form, witnessed by the Clerk.
- v. To co-opt Dan Pidsley and Michael Falzon as new Councilors to Barnton Parish Council
(Dan to be allowed to continue his work with the Community Group, no objections)
**Proposed by Cllr Hooper Seconded by Cllr Morlidge
All were in favour**

MIN FC 125/05/2016 – STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- i. To receive a report from the Clerk on the need to update and amend the Parish Council's Standing Orders.
The Clerk reminded Cllrs of the need to make changes and now was time to adopt the changes.
 - All meetings to start at 7.00pm.
 - Return to monthly Full Council meetings - No FCM in August or December
 - Finance/General Purpose to be amalgamated into FCM

Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council adopt the changes. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All were in favour.

- ii. To receive a report from the Clerk on the need to update and amend Barnton Parish Council's Financial Regulations .
The clerk explained recent changes to banking facilities and changes in management of reserved funding and explained the need for the following changes;-
- Two accounts (Current and Salary) Plus one reserve account with funds transferred from Barclays to Santander Bank
 - Removal of the need for a community current account
 - Financial Statement to be signed by one signatory each meeting
 - BACS payment to be used wherever possible
 - Four Additional New budget headings for reserved funding

**Cllr Hooper Proposed that Council adopt the changes
Seconded by Cllr Phoenix All were in favour**

MIN FC 126/05/2016 – URGENT PROVISION

CHAIRS REPORT

Vote of thanks to all Councillors.

Cllr Hughes was thanked for her work with the bingo and older residents

Cllr Beech was thanked for her work with finding allotments, the football club, the Memorial Hall,

Cllr Reading was thanked for plants Runcorn road and for being readily available when needed

Cllr Phoenix was thanked for fundraising and bringing the new skate park to fruition – Barnton Parish Council feel proud of the work undertaken by Cllr Phoenix

Cllr Morlidge was thanked for his continuing work in regard to the bridge to Barnton

PCSO Wiggins was thanked for all her work with the residents of Barnton

The clerk was thanked for her work

Cllr Phoenix thanked the Chair for her hard work and support in keeping the Council on track

GRANT CHEQUES PRESENTATION

Cheque for £750 was presented to Judith McGuinness, Rosebank School

Cheque for £1500 presented to Dan Pidsley on behalf of the Community Group

Cheque for £300 presented to Simon Hancock, Barnton Cricket Club

Cheque for £300 presented to Stuart Robinson Barnton Silver Band

The chair expressed sympathies to Cllr Hammond on the loss of his wife.

MIN FC 127/05/2016 – QUESTION TIME (10 MINUTES)

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 days before the meeting. Members of the public will be allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes, after which they cannot take any further active part in the rest of the meeting.

Michael Falzon was invited to speak to Barnton Parish Council regarding his application to become a Councillor. Michael explained that his interest was in regard to the bridge to Barnton issue and that he would like to act as a representative for both Northwich and Barnton Council. The Chair agreed that a Northwich town councillor would be greatly beneficial to Barnton Parish Council.

Michael proposed that Barnton Parish Council meet with Northwich Town Council to discuss the issue. Chair proposed that all local parish councils be invited along with Mark Simmons, Jamie Baron, MPs and ward Cllrs if possible

Michael proposed that the meeting take place in Northwich Town Council venue which was agreed. Clerk to contact Chris Shaw, Northwich Town Council to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Beech proposed that Michael Falzon be co-opted onto the council. Seconded by Cllr Morlidge. All agreed. The Chair welcomed Cllr Falzon to the meeting.

Cllr Beech suggested photographic evidence obtained in readiness for the meeting. All Cllrs to take photos of HGV traffic across the bridge safely and out of sight.

Clerk to research self help guide for sus-trans survey by Barnton Parish Council ahead of CWAC

MIN FC 128/05/2016 – TO APPROVE THE MINUTES of 18 MAY 2015 APM AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FCM MEETING OF 18TH APRIL 2016

i Cllr Beech Proposed that the Minutes of 18 May 2015 be amended for a small typing error and approved.

Seconded by Cllr Morlidge

All were in favour

Cllr Beech proposed that the minutes of 18th April 2016 be approved.

Seconded by Cllr Phoenix,

All were in favour.

MIN FC 129/05/2016 - PCSO

To receive a brief report from Diana Wiggins, PCSO.

MIN FC 130/05/2016 - CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER COUNCIL

Cllr Gibbon informed council that the Northwich traffic review to take place Autumn`16 – Spring `17

Cllr Hooper explained to Cllr Gibbon that Barnton Parish Council were pushing for sooner action and alternatives to a second bridge to avoid the traffic through Barnton.

Cllr Gibbon requested representation from Barnton Parish Council to Neighbour Plan Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm, Venue: Comberbach Village Hall.

Cllr Gibbon has requested action from environmental health and Highways to remove soda ash buildings and new plans for the site – Cllr Gibbon is pushing for timescale and mitigation plans for local chemical pollution.

Further development of schools etc in Winnington village are being kept in abeyance pending need.

Barons Quay aiming for completion by end of the year.

Cllr Gibbon requested representation from Barnton Parish Council to Neighbour Plan Meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm, Venue: Comberbach Village Hall.

MIN FC 131/05/2016 – CORRESPONDENCE

i Letter from Mrs Vickers regarding maintenance of remembrance garden at Cemetery Chair/Clerk to write to Mrs Vickers with plans which will be put in place to overhaul the borders and invite Mrs Vickers to volunteer her help if possible. Possibility of asking contractor to take it over as there will be grass cutting hours available due to closure of RRRG

ii

MIN FC 132/05/2016 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No plans received

MIN FC 133/05/2016 – FINANCE

Clerk is aiming for completion of internal audit mid June in readiness for approval at FCM 20th June

£253K transferred to New Santander current account

£122K of ear marked funds to be kept in a separate account

(Clerk to research groundworks quote, on 6 replacement gates to ensure it is inc of VAT and length of guarantee)

Cllr Hooper proposed placing of order for gates on the above grounds,

Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.

MIN FC 134/05/2016 – ENVIRONMENT

i Cllr Phoenix researching early dismantling of old skate park to prevent users moving the H&S fencing. May involve a small cost. Cllr Hooper to ask John about better fencing methods.

ii Vegetable gardens plans for Runcorn Road Recreational Ground. Cllr Hooper has spoken with Mr & Mrs Bennett regarding issues at the ground. Discussed the need for cultivating the grounds etc.. Discussed the need to remove temporary fencing at their property. Mr & Mrs Bennett advised the chair that the business was now moving premises now that the house is built. Multi sport equipment to be removed for H & S reasons.

2/3 to be given to vegetable gardens/no communal orchard for H & S reasons

1/3 to be given to play area.

Consultation with resident to take place, spaces to be offered to local residents.

Allotment Rules and Regulations to be amended for vegetable gardens accordingly.

MIN FC 135/05/2016 – COMMUNITY

i Presentation of grant cheques moved to urgent provision

ii Village Inspection;-

Cemetery Building needs repainting.

The Cemetery clerk was given a vote of thanks from the Chair for her work and a promise was made to improve the internal of the cemetery building and provide heating.

The cemetery clerk requested the removal of stored materials.

The money generated from cemetery/allotments will be used for these improvements.

Cllr Beech proposed these improvements be carried out before the winter. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. All agreed.

Cemetery Clerk discussed digitalisation benefits. Cllr Beech to make further enquiries regarding the options. (First option seemed to be most fitting)

Cemetery Remembrance garden needs trimming and weeding. Cllrs Reading to make a start at his earliest convenience. Other Cllrs to take a small section each for weeding.

Nursery Road Rec Ground – Skate park being replaced, 6 gates to be replaced as well.

Jubilee Corner – Clerk to request John to cut back the shrubs.

Football Club - Clerk to request the FC to remove the rubbish which has accumulated

MIN FC 136/05/2016 – INTERNAL/DOMESTIC

MIN FC 137/05/2016 – PUBLICITY

To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda items from this meeting.

Ian Ross has now moved location and will be replaced by Kenny Lomas. Cllr Hooper suggested Barnton Parish Council send a card to Ian in thanks for his services.

Cllr Hooper to speak to Northwich Guardian to explain the problems with moving safety barriers in the skate park

PCSO REPORT MARCH – MAY 2016 BARNTON

*3 REPORTS OF SHEDS BEING BROKEN INTO.

*1 REPORT OF A HOUSE BURGLARY.

*6 REPORTS OF CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

*2 REPORTS OF ITEMS FOUND IN THE AREA THAT HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN REPORTED STOLEN FROM THE RESIDENTS GARAGE.

*1 REPORT OF THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE.

*7 REPORTS OF SUSPICIOUS PERSONS IN THE AREA.

*8 DOMESTICS REPORTED.

*1 REPORT REGARDING THEFT OF PUSH BIKE.

*1 REPORT OF A SMALL QUANTITY OF PILLS FOUND ON THE REC OFF NURSERY ROAD.

*1 REPORTED INCIDENT REGARDING CONCERNS FOR MISSING PERSON.

*4 REPORTS OF ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

*1 VEHICLE SEIZED FOR NO INSURANCE

*2 REPORTS OF THEFT FROM FROM LOCAL SHOP.

High visibility patrol all areas covered foot and mobile.

Passing attention given to all rural areas.

Schools attended – stay safe and lets walk carried out.

Intel submitted.

Police Surgery held.

Speed camera on Runcorn Road.

Passing attention given to Saltersford locks nothing of note all very quiet.

Reassurance to elderly residents in the area.

Food vouchers delivered to local residents in the area.

Attended Oakwood Pentecostal Church lunch.

Warrant held – positive result.