

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**

**6.00PM ANNUAL VILLAGE INSPECTION – SEE ENVIRONMENT**

**7.00 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Present;- Cllrs Hooper, Reading, Phoenix, Pidsley, Hughes, Beech, Gibbon, Wright

Apologies/Absence;- PCSO Wiggins, Cllr Fallzon, Storey, Hammond, Reeves, Morlidge.

Visitors;- Mary Douglas, Stuart Robinson, Simon Hancock, Alison Lawson, Annette Williams

**MIN APM/1264/05/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hooper – Rosebank School, RBL

Cllr Beech – Village show, RBL

Cllr Pidsley – Barnton Comm Group

Cllr Gibbon – Barnton Comm Group, CW&C cllr

Cllr Wright – CW&C cllr.

**MIN APM/1265/05/2017 COMMUNITY**

**Grant cheques were presented to;-**

- Barnton flower & produce show - £300.00 – received by Cllr Beech on behalf on the show organisers
- Barnton Community School (friends of) £500.00 – received by Alison Lawson in aid of the sensory garden
- Barnton Community School £300.00 – received by Annette Williams in aid of London trip
- Barnton Cricket Club £200.00 – received by Simon Hancock
- Barnton Silver Band £500.00 – received by Stuart Robinson
- Barnton Community Group - £1000.00 – received by Cllr Gibbon on behalf of the Community Group
- Rosebank School – cheque for £500.00 to be forwarded by the clerk.

**Barnton Parish Council CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY were presented to;-**

- Barnton Community School
- Barnton Scouts

**COMMUNITY AWARDS (for inclusion on COMMUNITY AWARDS SHIELD) were presented to;-**

- Mary Douglas, for her services to the village, bingo and luncheon club
- Barnton Silver Band

Cllr Hooper advised the meeting that she would be stepping down as Chairman and thanked other members and the clerk for the support given over the last 2.5 years. Cllr Hooper presented the clerk with certificates of recent qualifications and a gift of thanks.

**MIN APM/1266/05/2017            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.

Cllr Gibbon (resident of Barnton) discussed the overgrown paths and verges around the village and asked Barnton Parish Council to consider employment of a contractor (as a one off) to start the clearing process on Runcorn Road and encourage others to keep the verges clear. Cllr Hooper said Barnton Parish Council would consider the request and suggested the clerk contact the Community Payback team also.

**MIN APM/1267/05/2017    ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Cllr Hooper thanked Cllr Hughes for services in relation to Bingo and Barnton Parish Council accounts.

Cllr Hooper thanked Cllr Pidsley for his work on the website.

Cllr Hooper thanked Cllr Phoenix for work on the skatepark, funding and overseeing of NRRG.

Cllr Hooper thanked Cllr Beech for her input into all aspects of Barnton Parish Council and in the community.

Cllr Hooper thanked Sue Crank, Cemetery Clerk for a superb service.

Cllr Hooper thanked Cllr Wright and Cllr Gibbon for their support during her time as Chair.

Cllr Hooper thanked Cllr Reading for his guidance and support as vice Chair.

Cllr Hooper proposed Cllr Beech as Chair of Barnton Parish Council due to her position as a long standing councillor. No other proposals for Chair were received.

Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.

Cllr Phoenix nominated Cllr Reading to remain as vice Chair. Cllr Reading accepted.

Seconded by Cllr Hooper. All agreed.

Cllr Phoenix thanked Cllr Hooper for getting the council through difficult times.

Cllr Wright also thanked Cllr Hooper for her work as chair.

Cllr Hooper said she would remain as a councillor for Barnton Parish Council.

### **MIN APM/1268/05/2017 URGENT PROVISION**

Cllr Gibbon discussed the maintenance of the Cemetery Baby Garden and responsibilities in relation to Vanessa Vickers

Cllr Hooper suggested that Ms Vickers is asked to join the Community Group to enable her to continue her very valued and much appreciated work and to clarify responsibilities.

Cllr Hooper discussed disabled parking on Lydyett Lane. Drivers with blue badges are allowed to park on yellow lines and this is causing severe obstructions on Lydyett Lane.

Clerk to request Andy Hamman, CW&C Highways to upgrade yellow lines on passing points with bars to prevent parking and to provide a disabled parking bay.

### **MIN APM/1269/05/2017 CLERKS REPORT**

- **NRRG gravel pathway through dog walk is on order**
- **Skate park remedials are on order (spoken to Andy Holland, site visit due this week)**
- **NRRG land investigations ongoing**
- **SJBT barrister work ongoing – awaiting feedback**
- **Notices re; extention of yellow lines/prohibition of parking on Lydyett Lane/Hayes Drive now displayed and works on order**
- **NTC – new safety inspections commenced and all works on order/in progress**

### **STANDING ORDER REVISIONS SHOWN IN RED;-**

#### **MEETINGS**

**1.**

\*Meetings of the Council shall begin at 7.00PM unless the Council decides at a previous meeting.

**2.**

The Statutory Annual Meeting (AM) in an election year shall be held on the Monday next following the fourth day after the ordinary day of the elections to the Council.

**3.**

In a year which is not an election year the AM shall be held in May on a date determined by the Council in January each year.

**4.**

The three other statutory meetings and any additional meetings shall be held on a Monday in the months as prescribed by the Council in January each year.

**5.**

\*Full Council meetings will be monthly. No council meeting will take place during August or December unless the Clerk advises the Chairman to call an extraordinary meeting of the council.

6.

A councillor who fails to attend any meetings for six meetings will automatically cease to be a councillor unless the council approved the reason for absence before the end of the six month period.

#### PROPER OFFICER

7.

Where a statute, regulation or order confers functions or duties on the proper officer of the Council in the following cases he shall be the Clerk:-

- (a) To receive declarations of acceptance of office
- (b) To receive and record notices disclosing pecuniary interests
- (c) To receive and retain plans and documents
- (d) To sign notices and documents on behalf of the Council
- (e) To receive copies of byelaws made by a District Council
- (f) To certify copies of byelaws made by the Council
- (g) To sign summonses to attend meetings of the Council
- (h) To manage all matters/quotes/orders in relation to Councillors, staff and contractors and report back via FCM where necessary  
– any costs incurred without consent of Full Council will not be honoured unless in case of emergency.
- (i) Office hours - Councillors, staff and Contractors can contact the clerk during office hours by telephone, text or email.  
Visits to the Clerks office during office hours must be by prior appointment only unless in case of emergency.

No changes to Financial Regulations at this time.

**Clerk to send both documents to councillors for perusal and approval at next meeting.**

#### MIN APM/1270/05/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES

Cllr Beech proposed approval of Minutes of APM of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All in favour. Cllr Pidsley abstained (not a councillor in May 2016).

Cllr Beech proposed approval of Minutes of FCM 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. All in favour.

### **MIN APM/1271/05/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council**

Northwich Transport Strategy workshop arranged for CW&C Cllrs for 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Cllr Wright to make representation re; traffic issues. Cllr Wright not in support of an additional bridge to Barnton without changes to the road infrastructure.

Review of CW&C warding arrangements – consultation response due by 5<sup>th</sup> June – Cllr Gibbon and Wright in favour of NO CHANGE due to the current well balanced ratio of electors/members

Cllr Wright assured the meeting that all three ward councillors work to support the community.

Cllr Gibbon has received complaints about buildings in the village

- Disused toilets on Lydyett Lane. Cllr Gibbon suggested she send a formal letter regarding the use/sale of the building.
- Hut next door to the toilets, also in disrepair. Cllrs suggested amateur dramatics/Edna Taylor may have more information about ownership.
- Barbers shop on the other side has overgrown gardens – Cllr Gibbon suggested Barnton Parish Council write to owner and request the overgrowth is cut back from neighbouring properties.
- State of the ginnel leading up from Lydyett Lane reported to CW&C for clearance.
- Saltersford Bins – resident has now received response re; non-replacement of the bin

### **MIN APM/1272/05/2017 PCSO REPORT**

PCSO Wiggins is currently on compassionate leave. Cllr Beech has organised a delivery of flowers on behalf of Barnton Parish Council.

### **MIN APM/1273/05/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS**

### **MIN APM/1274/05/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

17/0107/FUL 1 Redwood Close, no objections from Barnton Parish Council

### **MIN APM/1275/05/2017 FINANCE**

- i) **Receipts payment and accounts summary was distributed for approval.**

**MIN APM/1276/05/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL**

**ANNUAL VILLAGE INSPECTION;-**

- CEMETERY – CLERK TO OBTAIN QUOTES TO PAINT CEMETERY BUILDING/RAILINGS
- JOHN HUGHES HAS BEEN ASKED TO REPLACE THE TOP OF ROTTEN GREEN BENCH
- REQUEST JOHN HUGHES GIVE ATTENTION TO BABY GARDEN, REMEMBRANCE GARDEN IS BEING MAINTAINED BY VANESSA VICKERS & THE COMMUNITY GROUP
- WOODLAND AT SKATEPARK – JOHN HUGHES TO BE ASKED TO THIN OUT THE WOODLAND
- FOOTBALL CLUB – CLERK TO REQUEST BFC REMOVE RUBBISH BEHIND BLACK AND WHITE FENCING AND BEHIND CLUB HOUSE – TREES ALSO NEED ATTENTION TO THE LEFT OF THE PITCH (EXCESSIVELY TALL)

**MIN APM/1277/05/2017      Publicity/Public information**

1. Send photographs and information about presentation to Northwich Guardian.
2. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information

