

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2017**

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Hammond, Falzon, Storey.

VISITORS: none

MIN FC 1206/01/2017 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

MIN FC 1207/01/2017 OPEN SESSION

No visitors present.

MIN FC 1208/01/2017 URGENT PROVISION

Cllr Hooper explained this short Meeting was To approve draft budget proposals only.

MIN FC 1209/01/2017 Finance

- i) Presentation of Draft Budget.
The Clerk went through the draft budget explaining the reasons for any reductions and increases.;

The proposed requested precept will be increased by 2.4% this year. However, as there was a saving last year, plus Barnton Parish Council have received less council tax reduction scheme grant this year, I feel this still represents value for money within the parish. CW&C CTRS grants are currently being phased out and Barnton Parish Council must budget accordingly in its endeavours to keep the precept down.

ii) Clerk Explained Proposed amendments to Financial Regulations 2017/18;-

Removal of the following budget headings;-

204 – meeting room hire – now incorporated into office hire

403 – mad youth club – no longer exists

404 – chairs discretionary fund – now incorporated into petty cash budget

412 – cult/bingo/events – no longer needed as bingo/events ceased

706 – cemetery records/software – now complete

707 – community group – Barnton Parish Council no longer hold money for the community group

710 – bingo proceeds – no longer needed as bingo ceased

Changes to the following budget headings;-

709 – this heading to be renamed as GROUNDS/EQUIPMENT & DEVELOPMENT.

I propose to sweep income received from burials/cremations/allotments into this reserve, up to a ceiling maximum of £60,000 over three years. New play equipment alone has been quoted between £30,000 - £50,000 therefore I have added £3000 from the precept to this reserve in order to begin the dog walk path at NRRG and the repurposing groundwork at RRRG. I also intend to sweep £20,000 into this reserve from unexpended balances at the end of March.

Other funding/grants options will need to be explored.

402 – formerly subscriptions, now ADMIN OF PAYROLL/BANK CHARGES

704 – increase the ceiling maximum of LEGAL RESERVE from £10000 to £20000 as I feel £10000 insufficient to cover possible legal expenses in the future.

Proposed virements to overspent budget headings;-

301 – £14083.17

205 - £160

303 – £397.82

402 - £300

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION donations were discussed, Cllr Beech informed the council that donations were allowed from S137 funds therefore RBL to complete grant application for funds next year.

Cllr Beech Proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the clerks budget proposals and precept request of £92978.00

Seconded by Cllr Phoenix.

All were in favour.

MIN FC 1210/01/2017

Publicity

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

NOTIFY MEETING DATES

2017/2018 Barnton Parish Council FCM Dates

January	Monday 30 January	7.00pm
February	Monday 20 February	7.00pm
March	Monday 20 March	7.00pm
April	Monday 24 April	7.00pm
May	Monday 15 May VILLAGE INSPECTION ANNUAL MEETING	6.00pm 7.00pm
June	Monday 19 June	7.00pm
July	Monday 17 July	7.00pm
August	No meeting	
September	Monday 18 September	7.00pm
October	Monday 16 October	7.00pm
November	Monday 20 November	7.00pm
December	No meeting	

