

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON  
MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

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

PRESENT: Cllrs D Hooper (Chair), K Reading, (Vice Chair) D. Pidsley, D. Reeves, M. Falzon, J. Storey, S. Beech, J. Phoenix - Toni Critchlow, Clerk to Barnton Parish Council

APOLOGIES/ABSENCE;- Cllrs Morlidge, Hughes, Wright, Hammond PCSO Wiggins,

VISITORS Cllr Lynn Gibbon (CW&C) Mr & Mrs Divine, Mr & Mrs Cosgrove, Mr John Hayes, Mr & Mrs Hickson, Mr Jonathan Wills, Susan Crank, Cemetery Clerk, Superintendent Peter Crowcroft

**MIN FC 1224/02/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hooper – RBL & Rosebank School

Cllr Falzon – Northwich Town council and Chalco

Cllr Storey – Northwich Town council

Cllr Pidsley - Community Group

Cllr Beech – RBL

Cllr Gibbon – CW&C and Community Group

**MIN FC 1225/02/2017 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.

Mr John Hayes gave brief overview of parking issues at Barnton Memorial Hall and update on ground share with Northwich Victoria FC to secure the future of BFC.

Cllr Beech explained that Barnton Parish Council believed that certain conditions (as part of the original lease) should be upheld by the Memorial Hall. Barnton Parish Council are currently seeking legal clarification on this matter.

Mr Divine addressed council. Mr & Mrs Divine live on Hayes Drive and have noticed unsocial activity at Nursery Road Recreation Ground and this was discussed at length.

Mr Divine has removed trees from the boundary which has left his property exposed. Mr Divine will monitor the situation before replacement of the hedging

Cllr Beech suggested Barnton Parish Council reduce the lower branches of the existing trees on NRRG.

PCSO Wiggins to be made aware of the unsocial behaviour and asked to give it further attention.

Mr Cosgrove addressed council. Mr Cosgrove was interested in the purchase of Gunners Clough Woods. Cllr Beech reported minimal unsocial behaviour taking place, normally in the summer months. Cllr Beech explained Barnton Parish Councils reasons for closure of the woods were for safety of the public.

Lisa Hickson addressed council as another interest party in sale of the woods. Ms Hickson asked about boundaries, access & responsibilities of the woodland.

Cllr Beech gave some historic knowledge regarding the boundaries, access, drains, pipes, fences etc..

Mr Wills addressed council to discuss GCW as a community asset and discussed the contents of an email which he had sent to Barnton Parish Council prior to the meeting (with suggestions for retaining the woodland in the community).

Mr Wills was disappointed that the woodland had been closed to the public for so long.

Cllr Hooper explained that the woodland was closed for safety reasons . Cllr Hooper said that The Woodland Trust were approached to adopt the woodland but declined.

Cllr Hooper alleged that Mr Wills, accompanied by a CW&C ranger, had trespassed on council land whilst inspecting the woodland which was closed to the public, and had not informed Barnton Parish Council of his intentions

Mr Wills argued that there are no boundaries at the canal side of the woodland and no signage re; closure and therefore it was difficult to prove trespass, however, he was in attendance at this meeting in a positive way

Mr Wills said that he was sad that the woodland may be lost to the community and he would be happy to lead on alternatives for management of the woodland if it didn't sell at auction.

Mr Wills, Mr & Mrs Cosgrove, Mr & Mrs Hickson left the meeting.

Cllr Beech suggested Barnton Parish Council could look at Mr Wills suggestions in the event that the woodland failed to sell at auction.

#### **MIN FC 1226/02/2017 URGENT PROVISION**

Superintendent Peter Crowcroft gave overview of PCSO funding strategies.

Review of the service and its funding is currently in progress and early consultations taking place.

Unfairness of the current system was discussed (some parishes pay 1/3 share of the PCSO funding, some parishes get the same service for free)

Standard Service (free) and Enhanced Service (part funding) was explained.

Cllr Hooper explained that Barnton wanted continuity with their PCSO, improved speed and parking enforcement and a fairer system of funding.

Cllr Gibbon also questioned the unfairness of the current situation.

Cllr Hooper asked the clerk to read the PCSO report to give Superintendent Crowcroft an idea of issues in Barnton;-

## **MIN FC 1227/02/2017PCSO REPORT**

PCSO REPORT 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

- 3 reports of criminal damage to motor vehicles.
- 1 report of theft from motor vehicle.
- 1 reported incident regarding garage break, nothing taken.
- 1 report of RTC no serious injuries.

- \*High visibility patrol all areas covered .**
- \*Police surgery held at Barnton Library . local issues addressed .**
- \*Reassurance to elderly residents in the area.**
- \*Fixed penalty notice issued for vehicle obstruction.**
- \*Speed enforcement camera on Runcorn Road , this has been actioned on a number of occasions in the past month. Positive results.**
- \*Passing attention given to Saltersford locks nothing of note all very quiet.**
- \*Positive warrant in the Barnton area.**
- \*School talks held at Barnton Primary School.**
- \*Rural given passing attention.**
- \*Local intelligence submitted.**
- \*Local churches attended.**
- \*Rural given passing attention nothing of note.**
- \*Cheshire carers attended .**
- \*Liased with Carolyn Lomas regarding local housing issues in the area.**
- \*On the whole Barnton has been really quiet with no reports of any youths causing any problems.**
- \* Local foodbank attended.**

Cllr Hooper thanked Superintendent Crowcroft for his attendance.

Cllr Gibbon encouraged partnership working within the ward.

Superintendent Crowcroft left the meeting.

Sue Crank was asked to give Cemetery reviews – fees were discussed.

A Transfer charge not currently charged by Barnton Parish Council.

Cllr Beech proposed introduction of a Transfer charge of £20.00.

Seconded by Cllr Reading

**All agreed.**

Cemetery Fees were increased in 2016 by 1%

Cllr Reading proposed increase of 1% in 2017.

Seconded by Cllr Reeves

**All agreed**

Cllr Gibbon suggested Susan do a comparison exercise.

Allotments currently charged at £55.00 per year.

Cllr Beech proposed this charge remains unchanged

Seconded by Cllr Phoenix

**All agreed** with one abstention (Cllr Falzon)

Cllr Beech proposed suspension of TTN until further notice due to printing issues

Seconded by Cllr Phoenix

**Agreed** - Cllr Pidsley voted against as he felt a publication of some sort would be valuable

To be discussed further in part B

#### **MIN FC 1228/02/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES**

To approve the minutes from FCM on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the minutes

Seconded by Cllr Beech

**All agreed**

#### **MIN FC 1229/02/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council**

Cllr Gibbon reminded Cllrs to respond to ongoing Consultations

Re;- Barnton Bridge (Cllr Gibbon informed council that the Transport Strategy for Northwich is still ongoing and will take 9 months)

Cllr Reeves questioned Cllr Gibbon about double yellow lines on Lydyett Lane/Hayes Drive

Cllr Gibbon to chase.

**MIN FC 1230/02/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS**

**MIN FC 1231/02/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No applications received

**MIN FC 1232/02/2017 FINANCE**

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

**MIN FC 1233/02/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL**

**MIN FC 1234/02/2017 CLERKS REPORT**

- Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Hooper and Barnton Parish Council for the flowers and card during her illness
- Neighbourhood Plan now advertised on the website, Northwich Guardian and notice board
- 24 White markers on order, clerk requested Cllr Gibbon assistance to mark out the position of the markers on Wednesday 22 Feb.
- Dog signage – pending
- Auction of GCW – received a lot of interest
- Community awards – awaiting nominations via email from councillors, purchase of trophies pending. Cllr Hooper nominated Community School and Barnton Silver Band for their input into community events. Barnton Scouts were also nominated for their continuous support of the The Remembrance Parade.
- Skate park update – remedial work not up to standard and clerk has requested Jupiter play to re-do before releasing final monies.
- Runcorn Road – clerk awaiting quotes for play equipment

Cllr Phoenix proposed the meeting continues past 9.00pm

Seconded by Cllr Beech

**All agreed.**

**MIN FC 1235/02/2017 Publicity**

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

