

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON**

Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.15pm

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

PRESENT: Cllrs J Hughes, S Beech, J. Phoenix, D. Hooper (Chair) Keith Reading (vice Chair) R. Morlidge Susan Crank (cemetery clerk) Toni Critchlow (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R Hewitt, R. Collier, Lynn Gibbon, Norman Wright

MIN FGPC 108/04/2016 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Hughes declared Barnton Memorial Hall, Cllr Morlidge declared item 18 in Part B.

MIN FGPC 109/04/2016 URGENT PROVISION

- i) Nursery Road play area – replacement of gates – quote received for £4700 + VAT to replace 6 gates. Clerk to ascertain VAT basis, length of guarantee and possibility of replacing external springs when necessary and the cost to do so.
- ii) Winnington Bridge Debate – designated Cllr Morlidge
- iii) Councillor Duties – Cllr Hooper, Chair, designated the following duties to each councillor in order to share the workload and protect Barnton Parish Council in the case of a councillor resigning.

RUNCORN ROAD REC + VEGETABLE GARDENS

Cllr Hooper

Cllr Keith Reading

Cllr Roger Morlidge

BRIDGE TO BARNTON

Cllr Hooper

Cllr Roger Morlidge

FOOTBALL CLUB/MEMORIAL HALL

Cllr Hooper

Cllr Sheena Beech

PLANTERS + GARDEN DUTIES AS NECESSARY

Cllr Keith Reading

PLANNING

Cllr Keith Reading

Cllr Sheena Beech

Cllr Judy Pheonix

SKATE PARK/CEMETERY

Cllr Judy Pheonix

Cllr Rachel Collier

ALLOTMENTS/LAND

Cllr Sheena Beech

Cllr Morlidge

FINANCE WORKING PARTY

Cllr Sheena Beech

Cllr Rosie Hewitt

Cllr Keith Reading

Cllr Judith Hughes

Cllr Judith Pheonix

Overview;- Cllr Hooper

SALE OF GUNNERS CLOUGH WOODS

Cllr Rosie Hewitt

Cllr Rachel Collier

EVENTS

Cllr Judith Hughes

BINGO

Cllr Judith Hughes

HIGHWAYS

Cllr Judith Hughes

HR

Cllr Judy Pheonix

Cllr Hooper

MIN FGPC 110/04/2016 OPEN SESSION

No members of the public present.

MIN FGPC 111/04/2016 TO APPROVE MINUTES

To approve minutes of FCM Monday 21st March – proposed by Cllr Beech, seconded by Cllr Morlidge – 3 abstentions (not in attendance at the meeting) all in favour.

MIN FGPC 112/04/2016 CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk now in the process of staff reviews.

Park wardens now salaried from April 2016.

Heather Lavender now decided to not become a councillor therefore directed to Community Group

Michael Falzon (Northwich Cllr) applied to become Barnton Parish Councillor/can be co-opted/Clerk to invite Mr Falzon to next meeting.

Sheena Beech advised that co-opted cllrs do not have the same voting rights as elected cllrs. Clerk to check with CHALC

MIN FGPC 113/04/2016 PCSO REPORT

Diana Wiggins not present but informed clerk that the area was quiet – the school holidays had presented no problems whatsoever. A full report will be emailed asap.

MIN FGPC 114/04/2016 REPORT FROM CW&C COUNCILLORS

CW&C councillors not in attendance.

MIN FGPC 115/04/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

- i) Letter received from Barnton Memorial Hall dated 23 March 2016 informing Barnton Parish Council that a rent increase of approx. 20% will be imposed from April 2016. Cllr Hughes agreed to investigate the increase, cost of cleaning etc.. Alternative venues were discussed but await feedback from Cllr Hughes.

MIN FGPC 116/04/2016 PLANNING

- i) No plans received

MIN FGPC 117/04/2016 FINANCE

- i) Moved to PART B

MIN FGPC 118/04/2016 ENVIRONMENTAL

- i) Skate park Funding is now confirmed and a meeting arranged with the contractor for this Thursday 21st April. Cllr Pheonix estimates approx. 13 weeks to completion. Cllr Hooper has requested Ian Ross Northwich Guardian to report the facts and ask local businesses for additional funding for enhancements for the park such as benches etc.. Cllr Beech proposed addition of small additional item (jump box) requested by Tom Rowley (main third party fundraiser). Cllr Hooper advised that any additional equipment must be kept separate from original plan and must be paid for with funds raised by Tom Rowley. Cllr Morlidge seconded proposed addition. All in favour.
- ii) Sale of Gunners Clough Woods – Clerk to approach original agent, Marshalls, in the first instance and was asked to ascertain the price of agricultural land in Barnton (per acre)
- iii) Cemetery/Allotments – discussion regarding remaining space in Barnton Cemetery – Sue Crank Cemetery Clerk assured Barnton Parish Council that there is 10 years of space remaining – discussed time needed to cultivate the land etc.. Barnton Parish Council will continue to investigate further land and Sue Crank will monitor the sale of burial plots and advise the council as necessary.

Cllr Beech to investigate possible 2.5 acre plot of land in Anderton plus land at Pump House Woods (Cllr Morlidge and clerk to assist)

- iv) Runcorn Road Vegetable gardens, working party and consultation.
Cllr Hooper discussed plans to consult with and offer vegetable gardens to local residents, in the hope that they will be custodians of the land and encourage community spirit. Changing the land to vegetable gardens also reduces the maintenance requirements

MIN FGPC 119/04/2016 PUBLICITY

- i) Nothing to report