

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 30TH 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, M. Falzon, D. Reeves, and K Reading.
APOLOGIES/ABSENCE: Cllr Hammond, Wright, Hughes, Pidsley, Storey, Morlidge

VISITORS: Cllr Gibbon, Richard Thresh

MIN FC 1212/01/2017 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Hooper declared interests in RBL and Rosebank School
Cllr Falzon declared interests in NTC and CHALC

MIN FC 1213/01/2017 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 Richard Thresh gave a presentation regarding production of a neighbour plan and explained that of the 9 parishes in the ward, only three were proceeding and therefore Barnton Parish Council would need to produce a NP alone. Cllrs were concerned about the time and resources needed to complete a NP. A steering group consisting of councillors and members of the community would need to work on the NP for up to two years.

It was therefore agreed to publicise the need for members of the community to get involved via the website, media and notice boards. Clerk to apply to register Barnton Parish Council for the NP ahead of forming a steering group.

MIN FC 1214/01/2017 PCSO REPORT

Cllr Hooper requested PCSO Wiggins to report parking issues to enforcement officers re; Lydyett Lane and to present her report at this point in the meeting due to other commitments in the village;-

PCSO REPORT FOR DECEMBER 15th 2016 - JANUARY 2017

Report of Criminal damage to property
Report of violence at local pub.
Male arrested for drug driving.
Report of criminal damage to garage window.
Report of garage broken into.
Attempt break into garden shed.

Report of two domestic incidents.
One report of drive off from local garage.
Report of motorbike stolen.
Number of reported incidents relating to suspicious persons from RSPCA . This proved to be genuine, callers were from a marketing company although not professional in their manner.

Reassurance given to elderly residents in the community .
Liaised with Weavervale to discuss local issues.
Passing attention given to Saltersford locks nothing of note all quiet.
Passing attention given to garages whilst on duty ,
Speed enforcement carried out on Runcorn Road .
School talks arranged in Barnton .
Local intelligence submitted .
All tasks actioned and updated.
Police surgery held local issues raised and addressed .
Cheshire Cares attended , engaging with local youths who are carers for Parents or siblings.
Passing attention given the REC all seems quiet .
PCSO Wiggins left the meeting.

MIN FC 1215/01/2017 URGENT PROVISION

- i) Cllr Hooper advised Barnton Parish Council that the community bingo had been cancelled for 2017 and suggested Barnton Parish Council run an annual coach trip, for Christmas shopping in the October half term. Cllr Reading was asked to obtain quotations for minibus hire. Cllr Hooper, Phoenix and Beech offered support if available on date of outing.
- ii) Cllr Hooper suggested Barnton Parish Council begin an award scheme to acknowledge people or groups who benefit the community. Cllrs to nominate in March and awards to be presented in May. Cllr Reeves proposed purchase of two trophies. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed. Clerk to obtain trophies with shields for engraving.

MIN FC 1216/01/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES

- i) To approve FCM minutes 12th December 2016
- ii) To Approve EXFCM minutes 9th January 2017

Cllr Falzon proposed an amendment to the minutes from 9th January 2017 to reflect a two point increment to clerks pay on the basis that the clerk has passed the Ilca qualification plus served one year with the council in October 2016. Seconded by Cllr Hooper. All agreed.

Cllr Phoenix proposed approval of the minutes on the condition that the minutes are amended accordingly. Seconded by Cllr Reeves. All agreed.

MIN FC 1217/01/2017 CLERKS REPORT

- i) Reported potholes to CWAC and chased works relating to Lydyett Lane yellow lines and Elmwood Road modification to kerb
- ii) Clerk completed budget and applied for precept
- iii) Arranged site meeting with Jupiter play re; remedial works at Skate park and quotations for RRRG play equipment. Awaiting further quotes.
- iv) Arranged meeting with accountants, Bennett Brooks in Winnington and JDH in Mold. Cllr Hooper pointed out that Barnton Parish Council would prefer to use Bennet Brooks in Winnington.
- v) Requested attendance of cllrs to Electoral review meeting in Chester on 1st February. Cllr Falzon agreed to attend.
- vi) GCW marketing, sales particulars etc.. now agreed in readiness for Auction in February
- vii) Data protection registration has been renewed
- viii) Requested approval to organise canalside markers on Barnton Hill to prevent unlawful parking. Cllr Beech proposed purchase of 24 markers at a cost of £460.00. Seconded by Cllr Falzon. All agreed. Clerk to action

MIN FC 1218/01/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council

- i) PCSO consultation & funding review
- ii) Annual Marbury Open Forum 28th March 2017 – Cllr Gibbon invited suggestions for inclusion
- iii) Works in Barnton now completed;- Trees on Barnton Hill cleared, Emmett Street & Mond Street pavements cleared, Church Road yet to be cleared, potholes etc have been reported. New signs ordered to replace broken signs around the village.
- iv) Community Group have commissioned a chain saw artist to sculpt a bench on Beech Lane in the shape of a narrow boat. CW&C asked to provide a tree trunk to reduce the cost.
- v) Barnton Bridge Petition taken to full council – strategic review has now taken place – awaiting collection of data in order for consultants to create a strategy. Cllr Gibbon envisages this could take up to 12 months.

9.00pm Cllr Beech proposed the meeting to continue to 9.30pm – seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed. Cllr Gibbon left the meeting.

MIN FC 1219/01/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- i) Mid Cheshire Against HS2 funding requested - not relevant
- ii) Mr & Mrs Bennett – Barnton Parish Council made informal enquiry about possibility of widening the pathway between 207 Runcorn Road and RRRG by 12". Mr & Mrs Bennet agreed to 7" on the condition that Barnton Parish Council arrange and pay for dropped kerbs across the driveway, tree works plus gift of land and associated legal work. Cllrs felt this was an expensive proposition and decided not to pursue this option. Clerk to respond.

MIN FC 1220/01/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications received.

MIN FC 1208/01/2017 FINANCE

- i) Receipts payment and accounts summary was distributed for approval.
- ii) Revision of Barnton Parish Council financial regulations;-

9.9 cemetery/allotment income to be swept into reserve fund for
GROUNDS/EQUIP/DEV/MAINTENANCE

16.2 legal reserve – increase maximum from £10,000 to £20,000

19 addition budget headings – remove 707, rename 709 to
GROUNDS/EQUIP/DEV/MAINTENANCE with a maximum of £60,000 over three years, rename
Bingo Proceeds to Community Events, budget costing 402 to be renamed Admin of payroll and
bank charges, Chairs disc fund increased from £100 to £200 per year.

Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the changes to financial regulations

Seconded by Cllr Falzon. All agreed.

MIN FC 1221/01/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL

- i) Skate park – waiting completion of resin at ramp ends
- ii) Dog walk – Cllr Reeves in receipt of complaints/comments in relation to the muddy dog walk – Cllr Hooper explained that the dog walk mesh will be installed early Spring. Dog fouling notices are inadequate and suggested better signage. Clerk to action new signage. Benches on dog walk too close to railings. Not financially viable to have them re-sited. However, J Hughes has also donated two used benches which could be situated on the other side of the dog walk, with bench backs to the housing. Proposed by Cllr Reeves, seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed. Clerk to action. Extension of dog walk on opposite side of the park. Council felt this was not necessary, in addition, its too close to properties & land may be needed for extension of play area in future.

MIN FC 1222/01/2017 Publicity

To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting. NP steering group to be promoted by website, NW Guardian and posters. Clerk to action.

