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**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017
7.00PM**

Present;- Cllrs Beech, Reading, Hooper, Phoenix, Hughes, Falzon, Gleave, Pidsley

Apologies/Absence;- Heather Clifford

Visitors;- Anne Lander, WVHT, Rev David Mock, Sue Crank, Cemetery clerk

MIN FC 1333/11/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Beech – RBL, Village Show, Cllr Falzon – Northwich Town Council, Chalc, Cllr Hooper – RBL, Barnton Comm School, Cllr Hughes – Townfield Lane Garage Site, Cllr Pidsley - Barnton Comm Group

MIN FC 1334/11/2017 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.

David Mock introduced himself as the new vicar and expressed his interest in the community

Ann Lander distributed plans for proposal of 6 new homes for the garage site on Townfield Lane. Two pairs of 2 bed semi detached homes priced at £140,000 full market value plus two 3 bed detached homes, £155,000 priced at full market value, available on a shared ownership, affordable basis, with rent payable to WVHT. These plans will now be submitted to CW&C planning department. Access to the rear of existing properties will be maintained. Cllr Hooper enquired about provision of accommodation for older people in the village. Other garage sites were discussed. Ann Lander to enquire about other garage sites owned by WVHT in the village. Cllr Hughes requested a second meeting for other residents who may be affected by the development on Townfield Lane – cllr Beech suggested that Cllr Hughes arrange a meeting with Ann Lander for the other residents asap. Clerk to forward contact details to Councillor Hughes.

Cllr Beech suggested that Barnton Parish Council write to WVHT in order to make a formal request for future housing provision for older people. Clerk to action.

Brian Turner – NVFC request for extension of ground share – item postponed. Clerk suggested that all requests re; ground share should go through the leaseholder, Barnton Football Club. Barnton Parish Council will await further contact in this regard.

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MIN FC 1335/11/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES

A typing error was pointed out to the clerk. Cllr Falzon proposed acceptance of the minutes of 16th Octber 2017 subject to amendment. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed. Clerk to amend.

MIN FC 1336/11/2017 CEMETERY CLERKS REPORT

Sue Crank gave her cemetery/allotment report.

Review of space at the cemetery;-

Over the last 3 years;- 28 graves purchased + 18 cremated remains

Over the past year ;- 7 graves purchased + 6 cremated remains

Mrs Crank suggested that, given the above figures, the available land at the cemetery would last 3/4 years.

Mrs Crank suggested that if demand increases, Barnton Parish Council cease to sell plots for interment. Mrs Crank will report back as soon as the land is nearer to being full.

Cllr Reading suggested that Mrs Crank explained the situation in more detail at next years visual village inspection.

Review of allotments;-

Waiting list of 32;-

28 residents from Barnton

+3 non-residents

New Paths between the graves have failed due to hot weather. Contractor is aware that they need remedial work. The tap is in need of remedial work as the wood is rotten.

Mrs Clerk has requested contractor to repair. Mini digger in use (employed by Hayes FD) may be too heavy for use at the cemetery. Mrs Crank to discuss with contractor and report back to Hayes. New panels to screen the rubbish skip are on order with the contractor.

MIN FC 1337/11/2017 CLERKS REPORT

- Asbestos roof now replaced by VSF at cemetery garage
- Cemetery painting quotes standardised and are now identical – Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the cheaper quote at £2791.00 + VAT. (D&D Coatings) Cllr Hooper seconded. All agreed. One abstention (Cllr Falzon)
- Dog walk signage - on order
- Clerk Organised reduction of conifers at the property 207 Runcorn Road, which overhang the entrance to the park. Residents asked about removal of the boarding.

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Cllr Hooper recalled that the residents had put forward bamboo screening on their plans for the building. Clerk to investigate.

- Clerk reported that a new external auditor has been appointed for the next 5 years from 2018/19 PKF LITTLEJOHN in Cheshire
- Annual park inspection reports x3 /Allan Dymond are now completed, some repairs required at Nursery Road Recreation Ground at a cost of £1056.05. Clerk reported that she had commissioned remedial works at the ground when she first took up her post in order to bring equipment up to standard. The equipment is aging and the annual report has highlighted further repairs at the above cost. Cllr Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council agree the works. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.
- TREE WORKS at Nursery Road Recreation Ground now complete – clerk reported receipt of good feedback from residents over the improvements
- 2018 meeting dates were distributed via email to all Councillors

MIN FC 1338/11/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

MIN FC 1339/11/2017 PCSO REPORT

CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Side mirrors to a vehicle on Central Drive.

Brick Thrown through a window on Runcorn Road. Enquiries ongoing

THEFT

Drive offs – Garage x 2

Attempt theft – of motor bike.

MOTOR BIKE Bikes – Beech Lane

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Silver cross pram stolen from outside property on Broomfield lane replaced by older pram.

BURGLARY

Oakwood Lane theft of jewellery .

ASB

Lydyett Lane – youths spitting and shouting by the Co-op

Memorial Hall – Kids Banging on Windows. CCTV

Runcorn Road – Kids shooting bins with with BB guns

Nursery Road Rec Ground – signs vandalized at the skate park

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NEIGHBOUR ISSUES

3 Incidents – 1 Parking

1 civil Matter

Ongoing neighbor dispute – PC Boyle dealing with

All areas given passing attention both mobile and foot patrol

Police surgery held at the library.

Halloween/Bonfire talk at the schools. Visited shops with regards to Halloween (sale of eggs and flour).

Parking issues outside the primary school, addressed.

Local bingo and lunch attended for the elderly residents.

Working with weaver vale with regards to issues regarding neighbours.

Reassurance given to elderly residents in the community .

passing attention given to the REC nothing of note all in order.

Churches attended .

Food Banks attended

MIN FC 1340/11/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

- Cheshire Fire Consultation (emailed to all 30 October 2017)
- CW&Councillor low emission strategy consultation (emailed to all 2 November 2017)
- PCSO update received – Barnton Parish Council felt that the correspondence received to date was not clear or conclusive. Clerk was asked to clarify the situation via email and to invite Cheshire Police representative to next meeting. Clerk has written to other PCs in the ward to request part funding agreement without success. Cllr Pidsley suggested Clerk resend request to all PCs. Clerk to action

MIN FC 1341/11/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/04744FUL 6 FIRTREE CLOSE BARNTON Single storey side and rear extension

17/047048FUL 31 YEW TREE DRIVE BARNTON First floor extension to side and garage conversion.

PC WIGGINS LEFT THE MEETING

MIN FC 1342/11/2017 FINANCE

Payments and accounts summary was received from the clerk.

Barnton Parish Council financial regulations were reviewed and parts 9.9, 16.2 19.0 were amended.

Cllr Beech proposed Barnton Parish Council approve amended regulations. Seconded by Cllr Gleave. All in favour.

Review and approve painting quotes - covered in Clerks report

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Review and approve quotes for new play equipment at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground
Clerk sent specifications for new play equipment to Playdale, Creative Play and Jupiter play.
Plans and quotes were inspected and play equipment was agreed Cllr Hooper proposed
acceptance of the cheapest quote. (Creative Play £15857.00 + VAT) Seconded by Cllr
Hughes. All agreed. Access issues to be made clear to the contractor. Clerk to obtain more
information from contractor re; cutting the grass beneath the spider net with the option to
change it if necessary.

Christmas lighting event is being co-ordinated by Barnton comm School on 7th December
– Barnton Parish Council have agreed to switch on the tree lights at Rosebank and Jubilee
corner on 7th December to coincide with the school arrangements. Clerk discussed
complaints received last year about the size of the tree on Jubilee Corner. Options re; bigger
tree and/or more lights at jubilee corner were discussed. Cllr Hooper maintained that the
existing tree was the property of RBL. Cllr Beech claimed the tree was the property of
Barnton Parish Council as it stands on Barnton Parish Council land. A compromise was
reached, to light the existing (small) tree as well as obtaining more lights to light the shrubs
at the back of the cenotaph. Clerk to action. Cllr Reading proposed budget of £350.00 for
purchase of lights. Seconded by Councillor Hooper. All agreed. Cllr Hooper to decorate the
tree with poppies.

Cllr Hooper proposed approval of new three year deal for cemetery electricity with British
Gas as the cheapest quote (quotes supplied by Business Advisory Service)

Seconded by Cllr Beech.

All agreed.

Solar panels were suggested for future use.

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Expenditure and Receipts

October 2017

RECEIVED		£
Bank interest		36.11
F HAYES	MEMS/BURIALS/ALLOT	241
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WHITBYS	MEMS/BURIALS/ALLOT	35
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GEO LIGHTFOOT	MEMS/BURIALS/ALLOT	241
D & BELL	MEMS/BURIALS/ALLOT	382
Total		1628.11
EXPENDITURE		£
Salaries		2694.97
J & J Landscapes, grounds maintenance and installation of dog walk		840
Audit fees		516
Insurance		1655.55
Safety inspection		88.20
Suez Waste disposal		597.04
Bank charges		12.30
Mobile Phone		23.15
Total		6427.21

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MIN FC 1343/11/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL

Cllr Beech requested the formation of a 5 year strategic planning group. Cllr Falzon, Hooper, Beech volunteered to join the group. Cllr Beech to head and co-ordinate the meetings for the group.

MIN FC 1344/11/2017 Publicity/Public information

1. To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting.
2. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information
 - New Christmas lighting arrangements with the community school to be advertised.
 - Play equipment to be replaced early in the new year.

David Mock left the meeting.

Part B

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm