

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON
MONDAY 16th October 2017**

Present;- Cllr Hughes, Cllr Beech, Cllr Hooper, Cllr Falzon, Cllr Reading, Cllr Phoenix, Cllr Gleave

Apologies/Absence;- Cllr Pidsley

Visitors;- Cllr Gibbon, Heather Clifford, S. Moss, E. Chapman, P. Chapman, H. Chapman S. Shepherd

MIN FC 1321/10/2017

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.

Residents from Runcorn Road requested an update on Barnton Parish Council plans for Runcorn Road Recreational Ground. Cllr Beech explained that, at this present time, there are no plans for change of use. Barnton Parish Council are in the process of obtaining quotes to replace the play equipment by early Spring 2018 (on the same site as previous equipment) A consultation was requested if there were any future plans to change the use of the ground. Cllr Gibbon requested better signage and complained that the entry was overgrown with conifer trees which creates a dark corridor. Further complaints were received from residents regarding the boarding at 207 Runcorn Road. Cllr Beech said that the residents had been asked to remove the boarding. Clerk was asked to write to the residents again re; removal of the boarding. Clerk to organise reduction of overhanging conifers. Cllr Hooper went on to explain that Barnton Parish Council had been unable to come to terms with the owners of 207 Runcorn Road in an effort to improve the entrance.

'Runcorn Road Recreational Ground' will be made clear on future signage.

Cllr Beech explained that any future consultation must be voted on by full council.

Residents asked Barnton Parish Council to give consideration to nesting birds with regard to tree work, which was agreed. Residents reported people walking dogs on the recreation ground. Cllr Beech assured residents that the new signage would make it clear that no dogs were allowed at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground.

MIN FC 1322/10/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Falzon, Northwich Town Council, Chalc, Cllr Hooper, RBL, Rosebank School, Cllr Beech, RBL Cllr Gibbon CW&C Councillor and chairman of B.C.G.

MIN FC 1323/10/2017 TO APPROVE MINUTES

Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the minutes of FCM of 18/09/17 and ECM of 10/10/17. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed, one abstention, Cllr Hooper.

MIN FC 1324/10/2017 CLERKS REPORT

Cllr Beech suggested that Cllrs are asked volunteer for working parties etc., as opposed to being delegated responsibilities. Cllr Hughes proposed, seconded by Cllr Gleave, all agreed

- 12 months VAT reclaimed (£4000 up to 31 July 2107)
- Clerk Receiving training from accountant to amend cash book and vat figures 2017/18 cashbook accounts from April 2017 need to be re-done to reflect vat.
- Clerk obtained quotes for printer leasing - between £600 and £800 per year plus £900 per 2000 copies of the newsletter. 45p black 60p colour. Therefore minimum spend per year (if just one issue of newsletter) equals between **£1500 and £1700 per issue** (previous costs = £1500 for 4 issues) Cheaper option to buy a more efficient printer for the office. Cllr Beech asked for volunteers to be involved in an A4 newsletter. Cllr Hughes, Cllr Reading and Cllr Beech volunteered.
- Training 25th September chair/clerk attended Chairmanship training. Cllr Pidsley attended Cllr Induction on 4th October. New Cllrs encouraged to undertake induction training within 12 months of taking up position.
- Internal Audit completed - some minor issues reported due to lack of experienced accountant as per finance item on agenda
- Jubilee Corner / NNRG trees – to be actioned in October plus removal of soil at NRRG as per last FCM
- Annual park inspection reports x3 /Allan Dymond/completed, some remedials to organise at Nursery Road Recreation Ground and Runcorn Road Recreational Ground. Northwich Town Council have been requested to action the remedials
- Awaiting Jupiter Play remedials at Skate park – I have requested the transition with the cracked concrete be re-done and the rest of the transitions painted. Jupiter play are in dispute with Groundworks NW – Jupiter Play want Barnton Parish Council to pay GWNW for the work then be reimbursed – MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 18 OCT (site has passed the annual inspection, the transitions not a safety issue) Clerk advised to obtain the money from Jupiter before commissioning the work.

- Application for Cllr Vacancy was received from Heather Clifford, forms were provided and Ms Clifford invited and introduced at tonights meeting in the first instance.
- The land at Runcorn Road was sold at auction last week for £75,000.
- External Audit now complete.
- Clerk meeting with tree surgeon this week in relation to tree works at Nursery Road Recreation Ground
- Clerk meeting with Creative Play this week in relation to quote at Runcorn Road Recreational Ground

MIN FC 1325/10/2017 PCSO REPORT 18th SEPTEMBER 2017 – 16TH OCTOBER 2017

Report of theft from Co-op Barnton

Report of two thefts from spar garage .

Report of a drive off at Barnton garage.

Report of drug dealing in the area.

Report of a drunken female causing anti-social behaviour.

Report of youths throwing litter in the road.

Visible patrol foot and mobile.

Harvest festival boxes given to residents in the Barnton area. All collected from Barnton Primary School.

Visible patrol at Churches and Schools in the area.

Police surgery held at the library all issues discussed in confidence.

Passing attention given to Saltersford locks nothing of note all very quiet.

Passing attention given to the REC whilst on lates nothing of note all in order.

Reassurance given to local shop Co-op regarding nuisance youths attending and causing distress to staff. Staff stated that there have been no further incidents.

Leaflets dropped off to local shop keepers regarding sale of eggs and flour during Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Meeting held with Judith Hughes re: Luncheon /Bingo starting date 25th October.

Local intelligence submitted.

Reassurance to elderly residents in the village.

Food bank visited.

Barnton quiet at present with very little happening , there have been no reports of youths causing problems in the area.

MIN FC 1326/10/2017 Cheshire West and Chester Council

Cllr Gibbon updated Barnton Parish Council on the Marbury ward boundary proposals which Cllr Gibbon, Hammond and Wright are satisfied with. Barnton Parish Council/individuals encouraged to register opinion via the website. Ward Cllrs are campaigning against parking charges in Northwich. Northwich Transport Strategy meetings are currently being held in various locations and councillors were encouraged to attend a presentation on proposals. Cllr Gibbon meeting with Ester McVey in November. Fly tipping continues to be a problem in the area due to Northwich tip Opening hours. Cllr Gibbons requested publication of draft minutes as soon as possible after meetings, then ratified at the following meeting. Cllr Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council publish draft minutes as soon as possible after each meeting. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.

MIN FC 1327/10/2017 CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS

Update on transport strategy received from Cllr Beech
Upcoming Northwich Transport Strategy local presentations;-
Thursday 1st November in Weaverham
Thursday 16 November in Northwich

MIN FC 1328/10/2017 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/04421/FUL 29 Cedar Drive
17/04313/FUL 81 Townfield Lane
17/14388/FUL 3 Maple Grove

MIN FC 1329/10/2017 FINANCE

Budget to be prepared by the clerk for presentation to Full Council at the next meeting in November to be ratified in January 2018.

To appoint working party for 2018/19 grants and community awards. Cllr Hughes, Hooper and Reading volunteered to take on this Task

Cllr Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council approve the annual return 2016/17 and matters arising. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.

Cllr Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council agree receipts and payments summary from the clerk and revised virements following audit of accounts. £10000 vired to 701 land purchase reserve. £30000 vired to 709 grounds equipment and development. £6000 vired and ringfenced to pay PWLB loan. £860 vired from cemetery records to 702 allotments reserve.

Seconded by Cllr Gleave. All agreed.

MIN FC 1330/10/2017 ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Quotes for paintworks at the cemetery were discussed. Clerk to obtain like for like quotes due to the large discrepancy in quotes. Cllrs suggested that it was 8 or 9 years since the paintwork was done. Cllr Hooper proposed Clerk to obtain further quotes in comparison with Northwich Town Council quote. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed.
2. Printer hire quotes are not within budget. Clerk to obtain quotes for office machine to undertake large A4 printing tasks.
3. Garage repairs – removal of asbestos and replacement roof. Quotes are of similar value.
Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council accept quote from VSF. Seconded by Cllr Hooper. All agreed.
4. Addition signage at Nursery Road Recreation Ground re ‘designated dog walk’ £388 for two signs, supplied and fitted by Northwich Town Council. Cllr Reading proposed Barnton Parish Council accept quotation for additional signage. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed. 1 abstention Cllr Falzon
5. Cllr Beech proposed a motion for Barnton Parish Council to agree extension of the football groundshare until July 2018 for BFC with NVFC. Seconded by Cllr Reading. All agreed. 1 abstention. Both clubs have been proactive in problem solving and making improvements the ground. Parking issues are under review.
6. Request from Mrs Vickers for £50.00 to fund the upkeep of the Memorial Hall driveway gardens (£50 contribution each from BFC and the Memorial Hall). Cllr Hooper proposed Barnton Parish Council agree the request. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. All agreed.

MIN FC 1331/10/2017 Publicity/Public information

1. To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting. NORTHWICH TRANSPORT STRATEGY COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR
2. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information

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