

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING, AND FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON**

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 7.00PM**

**Present:** Cllr Phoenix, Cllr Clifford, Cllr Webb, Cllr Beech, Cllr Gleave, Cllr Hooper joined for Part B of this meeting

**Visitors :** W. Chamber, L. Mayers, C. Ashbrook

**Apologies/Absence:** Cllr Wright, Cllr Gibbons, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Hughes

**MIN FC 1537/09/2019 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

**MIN FC 1538/09/2019 INTRODUCTION FROM CLLR CLIFFORD, CHAIRPERSON, BPC**

- Following recent training, Cllr Clifford reiterated certain points contained with BPC standing orders;-
- Rules on Public Participation
- Comments to be addressed through the chair, via show of hand to allow the Chair to manage an orderly meeting
- Visits to the Clerk should be by prior arrangement only

**MIN FC 1539/09/2019 TO SUSPEND Barnton Parish Council STANDING ORDERS to allow public participation.**

*Barnton Parish Council standing orders were suspended to allow public participation.*

*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.***

Resident C. Ashdown was invited to speak to the council. Ms Ashdown informed BPC about road safety issues on Oakwood Lane, speeding and illegal parking on yellow lines. Ms Ashdown suggested a better response from drivers on Runcorn Road if the interactive speed awareness sign (which flashes at 30 mph) could be changed to show actual speed. **Clerk to pass this information to CW&C Highways department these issues and respond to Ms Ashdown in this regard.**

**MIN FC 1540/09/2019 CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER WARD CLLR REPORT**

CW&C councillors were not in attendance.

**MIN FC 1541/09/2019 PCSO REPORT**

PCSO advised Ms Ashworth to contact Highways about speeding and parking issues

PCSO REPORT FOR AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2019

- Visible patrol around the village.
- Local shops visited.
- Police surgeries held at Library.
- Local events attended.
- Sports in the park held on the REC.
- Liaised with Weavervale housing regarding local issues/residents.
- Speed enforcement carried out.
- Passing attention given to areas reported for possible drug dealing / drug activity.

- Reassurance to elderly vulnerable adults in the community.
- Community luncheon/bingo attended.
- 1 report of burglary
- 2 reported thefts at local garage.
- Reports of males fighting near to Barn Owl public house.

Cllr Clifford requested PCSO Wiggins attend the village during match days/nights to monitor the parking around the village. PCSO suggested calling 101 in regard to parking issues during matches.

**MIN FC 1542/09/2019 To REINSTATE Barnton Parish Council STANDING ORDERS which prohibits further public participation.**

**MIN FC 1543/09/2019 To APPROVE MINUTES of the previous meetings**

**FCM 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019** Cllr Webb proposed Barnton Parish Council accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.

**MIN FC 1544/09/2019 CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk is currently working on Cemetery plan and digital mapping – hope to be finalised by the end of the year. TPO licence for oak tree has been granted

Bench at NRRG has been removed due to vandalism and is currently being stored in the garage

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Trees have been vandalised on the rec

Cllr Beech questioned the condition of the roundabout at NRRG – Clerk advised that she is currently working on funding for the replacement of the roundabout

Benches in the cemetery to be removed as unsafe – memorial plaques to be retained for future use - owners to be advised

Gazebo now installed at cemetery

Storm damage - fallen Tree in cemetery needed to be removed

Clerk undertook risk assessment of x2 other trees on the boundary – both trees were found to be diseased therefore removed whilst surgeon was on site.

Clerk advised that Cllr photographs were now used on BPC website and that future issues of the newsletter would include Cllr photographs as well as names. All present agreed to the use of these images as an introduction to Barnton Parish Councillors.

Proffits – War Memorial Project - Clerk reported that cost cutting proposals in relation to the War Memorial costings had reduced the overall costs suitably and that Proffits were now procuring the funding. The bespoke figure of the Soldier remains the most expensive element of the project. Cllr Beech suggested the clerk obtain a quote for a cast soldier as a cheaper alternative. Cllrs informed the clerk that they had not received the latest figures. **Clerk to provide figures to Cllrs ahead of next meeting.**

**MIN FC 1545/09/2019 CORRESPONDENCE AND CONSULTATIONS –**

CW&C Enforcement Policy Consultation was discussed – potential extra responsibilities were discussed.

Expectations were discussed. Councillors were concerned about the connotations/costs of employing an enforcement officer. It was agreed that BPC response would be finalised at the next meeting for submission before the closing date of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. **Clerk to re-send the consultation for discussion on the agenda in October.**

Manchester Airport – information received re Future Airspace Update

SSAFA letter re; VE Day 75 celebrations in May 2020 – **Clerk to liaise with RBL in relation to events**

Complaints from residents in relation to parking in the village – Clerk requested this item be moved to part B. All agreed

## **MIN FC 1546/09/2019 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

1. 19/02869/TPO - BPC application for REDUCTION OF OAK TREE, Barnton Football Club – permission granted. **Clerk to procure tree works.**
2. 19/01490/FUL - 27 Cedar Drive Barnton – replace existing side and rear flat roof with new pitched roof and new porch. No issues raised.

## **MIN FC 1547/09/2019 FINANCE**

- (a) July and August monthly accounts were received by the council. Cllr Beech proposed BPC approve the accounts, seconded by Cllr Clifford, All agreed.
- (b) Request for refund of £60.00 due to surrender of allotment. Cllr Beech proposed the refund, seconded by Cllr Phoenix. All agreed.
- (c) Payment of £20.00 from Barnton Scouts – Cllr Webb requested item be moved to Part B. All agreed.
- (d) Cllr Clifford proposed payment of £583.00 in partnership with WVHT, CW&C, ward Cllrs to provide pedestrian crossing and disabled access points on Whitehall Close. Seconded by Cllr Webb. All agreed. Cllr Beech requested Clerk to ensure that it is noted that a precedent is not set by this agreement. **Clerk to action.**

## **MIN FC 1548/09/2019 ENVIRONMENTAL**

1. A vote was taken to co-opt Linda Mayers onto Barnton Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Webb. All in favour.  
A vote was taken to co-opt Wendy Chambers onto Barnton Parish Council – Proposed by Cllr Clifford, seconded by Cllr Webb. All in favour.  
**Clerk to action.**
2. Christmas Planning – new tree to be erected and lit first week in December. Payment of electricity £25.00 was agreed. An afternoon of carols and mince pies for the community was discussed. Cllr Webb offered the free use of LifeChurch for this event. Cllr Beech suggested the clerk contact Barnton Memorial Hall to ask for free use of a room at the hall. Barnton Silver Band to be asked to play. **Clerk to Action.**
3. Remembrance planning – RBL are taking the lead as agreed last year. Clerk is meeting with CW&C on Wednesday to discuss road closures as Cheshire Police are not supporting events this year.
4. Clerk informed the council that she would begin work on the next budget in October – any proposals for budget should be brought to October meeting.

## **MIN FC 1549/09/2019 PUBLICITY/PUBLIC INFORMATION**

1. To consider whether any publicity should be sought on any agenda item discussed at this meeting. New councillors to be publicised. New cllrs agreed to this publicity and to photographs on the website/newsletter. **Clerk to action**
2. To publish approved minutes and financial statement and any other relevant news or information. **Clerk to action.**

