

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF 736th MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

327. PRESENT

Cllr Marion Lewis (in the Chair), Cllr Peter Oakes, Cllr Margaret Stone, Cllr Tom McKnight, Cllr Ian McGarry, Cllr Rob Stenner, Julie Ferguson (clerk), District Cllr Mike Stanton and County Cllr Adam Dance, 6 members of the public.

19.00 Meeting opened

328. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Don Bourne. Cllr Rob Stenner declared an interest in item 318 b) 19/03510/FUL as he was a neighbour.

329. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19.05 Meeting closed

316. PUBLIC SESSION

The re-submission of planning application 19/03510/FUL, land east of 23 Highfields was discussed and the Parish Council advised villagers to submit their comments again if they were still relevant. The differences between the 2 applications were noted to be i) double garage reduced to a single garage & parking space, ii) further parking space at front, iii) field access track extended between the properties, iv) drawing showing detailed ground levels provided. It was agreed that none of the points of objection had been addressed and that all previous comments in were therefore relevant. It was considered that the new entrance to the development would be a further danger to pedestrians, riders, cyclists & motorists, as the junction with Shelway Lane already was considered an accident blackspot.

Permission was granted for a parishioner to plant 2 Rowan trees at the top of Ruskway Lane. He further agreed to tend the trees in the future. In order to encourage more tree planting in the village, it was decided to put an article in the Bulletin asking for locations that trees might be planted.

Cllr Adam Dance spoke out in objection to the move towards a unitary authority for SSDC explaining how councillors who are not local to the area could be sitting on committees deciding local planning applications.

19.40 Meeting opened

317. VILLAGE HALL

a) Feedback from VH Meeting

Cllr McKnight had attended the meeting and reported that the VH funds were around £30K. Maintenance costs had reduced considerably as committee members were carrying out much of the work. He further reported that the park would be closed in March for 2 weeks for a tidy-up, and a projector had been bought to hold film nights in the future.

b) Attendance at next VH Meeting

Cllr McKnight said that he would be attending the next meeting, and the hall were planning on holding another Barrington Fete this year. The Cllr Lewis expressed pleasure at this news, as the last one was enjoyed by all who attended.

c) To agree the meeting dates for 2020 and format for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that all meeting dates would be held on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, with no meeting in August and the APM would be held on the 24th March. The format for the APM was to be put on the March agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

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318. PLANNING

a) To note decisions on earlier applications

There were no decisions to note.

b) To consider new applications

- i) 19/03156/HOU - 14 Sharlands, Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a single storey rear extension and new detached garage. Cllr Stenner did not take part in this discussion. The PC did not have any comments to make.
- ii) 19/03510/FUL – Lane East of 23 Highfields, Change of use, new vehicular access and erection of one detached dwellinghouse with attached garage and a pair of semi-detached dwellinghouses and parking. Cllr Oakes pointed out that the extension of the agricultural track between the properties facilitated a perfect run off for all water from the field out onto the road. It was agreed to provide comments in objection to the application as for the previous application, pointing out the increase flood risk to residents living opposite the site, as demonstrated by the water runoff at the current time.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to object to the application, as for the previous application on this site and with further emphasis on the increased flood risk for the properties opposite.

ACTION: Clerk

c) To note notifications from SSDC

There were no notifications to note.

d) Other planning matters – Planning compliance issues with 15/04884/FUL – land adjacent to 30 Highfields
The clerk had emailed SSDC planning explaining that the hedge & the drainage channel were still not in place. SSDC responded stating that all conditions had been discharged and therefore needed to be reported to planning enforcement. The PC asked Cllr Mike Stanton to look into why the planning conditions had been discharged without having been implemented.

ACTION: County Cllr Mike Stanton

Thatchdown Cottage – the clerk had reported this to planning enforcement and would report back when a response was received.

319. FINANCE

a) Review of finances and budget forecast 2019-20

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the cashbook and budget as presented.

b) To consider & agree the budget and precept request for 2020/21

The clerk presented the final EOY projections and Cllrs considered each item line by line. Cllr McKnight felt that the £800 contribution to St Mary's PCC for grass cutting was excessive and asked for his objection to the provision for the grant be minuted. Cllr Stone agreed to arrange for a formal grant request to be provided, explaining what the grant is to be used for and accompanied by up to date accounts for the Church.

ACTION: Cllr Stone

The clerk presented the precept request from the agreed budget as £16 661. This was a small increase on 2019-20 of £182, resulting in 70p annual increase in council tax for a band D property (0.87%).

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to submit a precept request for £16 661.

ACTION: Clerk

c) Approval of payments

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the following payments and for the cheques to be signed by 3 Cllrs.

Arbortech PTS Ltd (Tree work)	£276.00
J Ferguson (Clerks Salary & Expenses – Jan)	£331.86
HMRC (PAYE – Jan)	£ 62.00

320. VILLAGE ISSUES

a) To consider a request for permission to plant trees in the Parish

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This had already been discussed and decided in the public session.

b) The 'Great Parish Tree Giveaway'

Due to the timescales involved, the PC felt it could not identify enough locations to plant the 50 saplings on offer at this time. The request for locations for future tree planting was going to be put to parishioners, as detailed in the public session.

321. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY

It was requested that the clerk arrange for the drains in Sharlands & Ruskway Lane to be jetted again. There was a request for the drain at the top of Sharlands to be checked in relation to the road height, as it appeared ineffective.

ACTION: Clerk.

322. RANGER SCHEME

a) Report on work done – 25th November 2019

Cllr Lewis reported that all tasks had been completed from the list, with particular attention to the drains.

b) Items for next Ranger Visit – 27th January 2020

All work identified to be passed to the clerk by Friday 24th January.

ACTION: Clerk.

323. ALLOTMENTS & ALLOTMENT FIELD

Cllr Lewis reported on the work carried out by Arbortech, and further work requiring to be done in the field & woodland area.

324. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence and emails were considered and noted:

- a) Email from Keith Weston (NT) – Barrington Park Track.
- b) Email from NALC – Repairs to property relating to affairs of the Church – Legal update.
- c) Email from SALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party – 19th May 2020
- d) Email from David Fothergill – Future of Local Government in Somerset – next steps
- e) Email from SSDC – Service & facilities audit survey
- f) Email from National Allotment Society – Invitation to SW meeting

325. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CLERK OR ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters identified at this time. Date of next meeting 11th February 2020.

326. MEETING CLOSED AT 20.35