

MINUTES OF 714th MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/01. PRESENT.

Councillor Caroline Stevens (in the Chair), Cllrs Marion Lewis, Ian McGarry, Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone & Janet East and the Clerk, Sue Applegate. County Cllr Adam Dance, Keith Weston (National Trust), Becky Yeadon (Little Levels Pre-School) and 7 members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were apologies from Cllr Don Bourne and District Cllr Derek Yeomans. There was a declaration of interest on the NT Car Park plans from Cllrs Lewis & East.

03. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2017 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19.32 Meeting closed

04. PUBLIC SESSION

Ms Becky Yeadon, Manager at Little Levels Pre-School, gave an update. The pre-school was formed from the merging of Hambridge and Barrington pre-schools at Easter last year and is now administered through Hambridge School. The merger has been very successful. There are currently 3 members of staff with a fourth joining soon. 13 children (aged 2-4) are on role each attending between 6 and 24 hours a week. Pre-school is currently open Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm. Recent fund-raising has included the Christmas market at Barrington. They are currently looking for help with learning resources including a new water tray, a CD player and a printer/scanner. Ms Yeadon left the meeting.

Mrs Sally Brown spoke about the flooding of the whole of the downstairs of her property (Denmans) on Boxing Day. She explained that water, leaves and debris had come down Bonnings Lane. The leaves and debris had acted like a sheet of cling film over the drain covers and as a result a torrent of water had run down Main Street and entered their property via the front door. Water had also entered the garden of Denmans Farm. Mrs Brown had also emailed prior to the meeting requesting help from the Parish Council to investigate exactly what had happened and to try and prevent it from happening again (see main agenda item for decisions/actions).

Mr Stuart Thompson spoke to highlight a drain in Copse Shute Lane that has been covered over and needs investigating. Mr Thompson, Mrs Brown, Mr Dean and Mrs Watkins left the meeting.

Mr Andrew Purton attended in support of his planning application (The Lilacs) – he wishes to move to Barrington with his family. He queried whether the proposed NT car park would be screened from properties on Silver Street. Mr Purton left the meeting.

Mr Matthew Rowswell explained that he wished to continue the conversation with the PC about affordable housing in the village – he would like to know where the PC would like to see this. He will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting and is now working locally to the village. Mr Rowswell left.

Mr Keith Weston (NT Barrington Court) explained that the drop-in session at the Court on 8th Jan had been well attended – 42 members of the public. There will now be a 2nd drop-in session during the planning application stage hopefully in March. The NT are in negotiation with SCC over the valuation of the school field. Mr Weston left the meeting.

20.31 Meeting reopened.

05. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE LAST MEETING

None

06. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that this would follow a similar format to last year. The VH will be open from 6.30pm with village organisations invited to attend. Agreed to invite the NT to speak if they wish and to have speakers from SSDC and the Wessex Community Land Trust. Tea & coffee to be provided.

07. SCHOOL & SCHOOL FIELD

a) Update

The Clerk had received an update from Colliers – a buyer has been found for the school – it will be put to an educational use but no further details are available at present. The Clerk was asked to invite the buyer to attend either the Annual Parish Meeting or a future PC meeting.

08. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

a) Grants

The Bags of Help application (Tesco) is now in the Ilminster store – please support it by donating your tokens. The Parish Council have been successful in its application to the Awards for All Lottery Fund and have received £5,000.

b) Donations

£95 had been received from the Isle Abbots Choir for carol-singing and the Barrington Boar had donated £200 from the Christmas Eve Draw. The Clerk had contacted both to thank them.

Clerk to organise a Working Group meeting before the February meeting and to resubmit the SSDC application.

09. VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

Cllr Stevens asked the Clerk to revamp the village welcome pack which hadn't been used for some years with links to the website.

10. VILLAGE HALL

a) Feedback from VH Meeting – 18th December 2017

Cllr East attended on behalf of the PC. The fete is now to take place on the usual bank holiday weekend but help is needed on the organising committee. A contract needs to be signed with the phone company for the VETS scheme and the PC are being asked to do this – info has been provided to the Clerk. Clerk to circulate with comments for a decision at the next meeting.

- b) Attendance at Next VH Meeting – 15th January 2018
Cllr Lewis to attend on behalf of BPC.

11. PLANNING

a. PLANNING DECISIONS

- i) 17/04467/FUL: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a replacement conservatory; The Quarry, Copse Shute Lane, Barrington
Approved with conditions

b. NEW APPLICATIONS

- i) 17/04891/FUL: Erection of Two Storey Rear Extension (replacing ground floor extension), The Lilacs, Silver Street, Barrington
No objection.

20.55 County Cllr Adam Dance joined the meeting

12. FINANCE.

a. REVIEW OF FINANCES AND BUDGET FORECAST 2017/18

Noted.

b. BUDGET FOR 2018/19

A final budget was approved and signed by the chairman.

c. PRECEPT 2018/19

The precept documentation was signed by the chairman.

d. GRANT FOR PRE-SCHOOL

A grant of £500 was agreed. The Clerk was asked to suggest that the pre-school also ask Hambridge PC for a grant now that the pre-schools are merged.

e. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

Community Heartbeat Trust	£ 45.00
Hambridge School (Little Levels Pre-School Grant)	£500.00

13. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Drainage

Following comments from the public and emails from Mrs Brown and SCC, the Clerk was asked to:

- i) Contact SCC to strongly request that the drains in Bonnings Lane are jetted annually (not once every 4 years as they are currently)
- ii) Contact FWAG to arrange a meeting (as suggested by SCC)
- iii) Investigate possible options for the employment of a lengthsman in Barrington to assist amongst other things with the clearance of leaves/debris from drains. Options include joining the South Petherton lengthsman scheme, employing our own lengthsman directly or employing someone on a self-employed basis.

b) Bollards on the Corner of Denmans Lane

It is understood that these will be installed as agreed. A letter had been received from Manden House on the opposite corner noting the final position for the bollards – this was noted.

c) Community Speedwatch

A joint meeting with an introductory presentation from Peter Bland (South Somerset Community Speedwatch) will take place at Barrington Village Hall on Tuesday 6th February at 7.30pm.

d) Road Closure – Silver Street – 8th Jan for 5 days

Notice had been received from SCC about this closure. The official alternative route is via Ilminster.

e) Agricultural Vehicles

An email had been received from Nick Bragg's agent Mr Rowswell stating that most of his agricultural vehicles have been routed to no longer pass through Barrington and he has spoken with all his staff regarding speeds through villages.

14. ALLOTMENTS/ALLOTMENT FIELD

a) Hedge Cutting on the Allotment Field

Approval was given for the hedge cutting work through GF&CS.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence and emails were considered:

- a) **Email from Avon & Somerset Police – monthly crime report, police report etc – circ by email**
- b) **Email from RNAS Yeovilton – Weekly Parish Notice – noted**
- c) **Email from Somerset Waste Partnership – monthly briefing – circ by email**
- d) **Email from District Cllr Yeomans – monthly report – circ by email**
- e) **Email from NAS - Winter News – circ to allotment holders on email**
- f) **Email from CCS – Winter Thatch – circ by email**
- g) **Email from SCC - 2019/20 School Admission Arrangements Consultation – circ by email**
- h) **Email from Big Lottery Fund – decision on grant application – circ by email & see item 7a**
- i) **Email from SSDC re appointment of Interim Monitoring Officer – noted**
- j) **Email from SSDC – new electoral register – noted**
- k) **Email Somerset Community Foundation eNewsletter – circ by email**
- l) **Email from Mr & Mrs Brown re. Water Ingress Denmans – see item 12a**
- m) **Email from Somerset Scientific Services re. Planning Renovations & Asbestos – circ by email & to Web & website**

County Cllr Dance updated on the SSDC boundary changes which will involve Barrington changing ward – Clerk to circulate consultation for discussion at the February meeting. South Petherton are buying a flashing traffic sign so it may be available to hire.

16. MATTERS REFERED TO THE CLERK

a) Footpath off Water Street

Cllr East requested that the drainage problem on the public footpath off Water Street be reported to both Rights of Way and Highways.

17. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.25