

MINUTES OF 715<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/18. PRESENT.

Councillor Marion Lewis (in the chair), Cllrs Ian McGarry, Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone, Janet East & Don Bourne and the Clerk, Sue Applegate. County Cllr Adam Dance and 1 member of the public were present for part of the meeting.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were apologies from Cllr Caroline Stevens and District Cllr Derek Yeomans. There was a declaration of interest from Cllr Oakes re. the flooding issues around Bonnings Lane and from Cllr East re. the footpath off Water Street.

20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman. Cllr Oakes commented that in hind-sight and given the way the conversation went, he probably should have declared an interest at the January meeting concerning the flooding of Denmans and the Clerk commented that Cllr Stevens had said the same.

19.33 Meeting closed

21. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Steve Haigh from Ninesprings Community Radio based in Yeovil addressed the meeting. He explained that this was a new community radio station covering Yeovil and South Somerset. Its purpose is to work closely with Parish Councils and community groups to give people the chance to come on the radio to take part in debates or make programs. Program making is especially aimed at young people – working closely with Yeovil College. They have an FM license and Aim to start transmitting June 2018 – potential audience of 160,000. Asking for the support of the Parish Council and if possible, a small financial donation. Why support? Because they will be broadcasting to the people of Barrington and they can get information about Barrington out to the village and beyond. The aim is to raise £35,000 to get up & running – so far they have raised £19,000 and SSDC have been very supportive. Staff are voluntary and they hope to be self-funding by the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. They have been given a good amount of equipment by Breeze when they closed.

Cllr Oakes asked if there was community radio in other areas of Somerset – and Mr Haigh replied that yes most other areas were covered. Cllr Lewis thanked Mr Haigh for attending and said the PC would consider it and let him know.

19.52 Mr Haigh left the meeting

County Councillor Adam Dance commented on the libraries consultation and said that they were looking at the possibility of a community hub in South Petherton.

19.55 Meeting reopened.

## 22. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE LAST MEETING

None

## 23. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reported that SSDC have confirmed a speaker – Wessex community Land Trust have not yet come back to us. Local groups and organisations have been invited – so far the National Trust, the Yoga group & Barrington Village Hall have confirmed they will attend.

## 24. CONSULTATION ON DISTRICT COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARY CHANGES

The proposal from the Boundary Commission is that Barrington moves from Burrow Hill Ward to South Petherton Ward. District Cllr Adam Dance commented that the MP for Barrington is Somerton & Frome so it makes more sense for it to remain in Burrow Hill ward. Councillors discussed the proposal and concluded that there was not a convincing case for change and the clerk was asked to respond saying that the Parish Council would prefer to remain in the Burrow Hill ward.

## 25. CONSULTATION ON SOMERSET LIBRARIES

The current proposals from SCC include options for Ilminster and South Petherton libraries. Both could either be closed or changed into community libraries. Councillors decided that as Barrington has already lost its mobile library service that Ilminster library is now used by villagers – the Clerk was asked to respond saying that this should be kept open.

20.10 County Cllr Dance left the meeting

## 26. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The Bags of Help application (Tesco) is still in the Ilminster store – we appear to be coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the donation but will still receive £1000. Clerk still to reapply to SSDC with our current totals and to arrange a meeting of the working group to finalise proposal location and equipment.

## 27. VILLAGE HALL

### a) Feedback from VH Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Cllr Lewis attended on behalf of the PC. Councillors are happy to continue to attend but wonder if the section interacting with the users groups could go at the beginning of the agenda – suggestion to be made at the next meeting.

### b) Attendance at Next VH Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Cllr Bourne to attend on behalf of BPC.

### c) VETS Scheme

The Clerk had circulated the proposed contract for signature. There were a number of queries over the ownership and maintenance of the equipment and possible additional costs although Councillors agreed in principle that the village should bear the cost of the provision of the equipment and the scheme and the best way to do this was through the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to go back to the BVH committee with these queries and add it to the agenda for the March meeting.

## 28. PLANNING

a. PLANNING DECISIONS

None

b. NEW APPLICATIONS

None

29. FINANCE.

a. REVIEW OF FINANCES AND BUDGET FORECAST 2017/18

Noted.

b. PRECEPT 2018/19

Receipt of the precept documentation had been confirmed by SSDC.

c. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

SALC Membership	£113.06
SLCC Membership	£ 72.00
Monkeypuzzle Computers	£ 30.30
NSALG Ltd (Allotment Soc) Membership	£ 30.00

30. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Issues relating to flooding on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

A number of emails had been received from Mr & Mrs Brown concerning the flooding all of which had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk had arranged a site visit for 2<sup>nd</sup> February which included officers from FWAG, SCC Highways and SCC Flood Team – Cllrs Stevens, Lewis and Oakes attended as well as the Clerk. The group met with Mr & Mrs Brown before proceeding to Bonnings Lane and the fields above. The Clerk had circulated a note of the meeting which had also been sent to Mr & Mrs Brown and other neighbours – a number of actions have been agreed for the field above Bonnings Lane (hedge & tree planting and leaving an uncultivated strip of land) but most of this work cannot be done until the land has dried out. The Clerk has also contacted SCC to request that the Bonnings Lane silt trap is cleared out annually – there had been no response to this as yet and the Clerk was asked to chase this.

b) Minor Maintenance in Barrington Parish

Information on the Ranger scheme is still being gathered and will be presented at the March meeting.

c) Silver Street

A request had been received from Sir John Lushington to ask Highways for 'SLOW' signs in 6 locations in Silver Street. Councillors agreed this was excessive but that it would be reasonable to request SLOW on the approach to the Court entrance road if coming from Barrington. The Clerk was asked to approach SCC for advice.

d) Bollards on the Corner of Denmans Lane

Councillors agreed to request timber bollards with a red reflective band for the top of Denmans Lane. Clerk to put this to SCC Highways.

e) Community Speedwatch

A joint meeting with an introductory presentation from Peter Bland (South Somerset Community Speedwatch) took place at Barrington Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm and was well attended by residents from Barrington & Puckington. Puckington seem well set up with a co-ordinator and communicator. Barrington has plenty of volunteers for road side duties but as yet no-one willing to take on the Co-ordinator or Facilitator roles. It was made clear that the scheme should run separate to but with the support of the Parish Council.

f) Consultation on A358 Improvements, Highways Agency

The Clerk was asked to complete this and to highlight the importance of the inclusion of the junction at Rapps on the improved road.

g) Footpath off Water Street

SCC had responded to ask that whoever was putting garden waste onto the path surface should please stop but had not said whether the drain was being cleared. Clerk to chase.

h) Traffic in Gibbs Lane

An email had been received from Mr Card concerning HGVs using Gibbs Lane to access the new garage being constructed at The Stone House in Denmans Lane. Councillors felt that although they appreciated these concerns, this was a temporary arrangement where planning has been given. Councillors will review it again once construction is completed.

31. ALLOTMENTS/ALLOTMENT FIELD

a) Padlock on Field Gate to Allotment Field

It was agreed that Cllr Oakes would let the Clerk have his key so that one could be made available in the VH key cupboard.

b) Allotment Tap

The allotment tap has a significant leak. The Clerk was asked to approach Wessex Water to see if this could be fixed for free but if not, to find a local plumber.

c) MUGA

BVH had highlighted wear to the edge of the MUGA during a recent inspection. The Clerk was asked to check and if necessary get a quotation for repairs.

32. 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 Environment Agency - Flood Warden Newsletter Winter 2017/18– circ by email & to website
- f) Email from SALC - 2017/18 External Auditor Update - details of a training webinar on 23 January – noted
- g) Email from Local Government Boundary Commission - draft recommendation ward boundaries for South Somerset – circ by email & see item
- h) Emails from Mr & Mrs Brown re. water run-off – circ by email and see item 30a
- i) Email from SSDC re. Langport & Ilminster - SSDC service withdrawn December 2017 – circ by email
- j) Email from Sir John Lushington re. SLOW signs in Silver Street – circ by email and see item 30c

- k) Email from St Margarets Hospice re. Recruitment & Open Gardens – circ by email & posters printed for noticeboards
- l) Email from NHS Weekly Bulletin – circ by email
- m) Email from SALC - Training: Councillor Essentials - 22nd March 2018, Creech St Michael – circ by email
- n) Email from SCC – Consultation on Somerset Libraries Service + posters – circ by email & to website + posters printed for boards
- o) Email from Somerset Community Foundation eNewsletter – circ by email
- p) Email from SSDC re. Join thousands of others for the #GBSpringClean 2018 – circ by email
- q) Email from SSDC - A358 Stakeholder pack – circ by email & see item 30f
- r) Emails from BVH committee re. signs & overgrowth at Barrington Mews – Clerk responded
- s) Email from Mr Card re. Traffic in Gibbs Lane – circ by email & see agenda item 12h
- t) Email from SSDC re. Copies of Register of Interest Forms to SSDC - Change of Process – noted
- u) Email from Ninesprings Community radio requesting support – circ by email
- v) Email from BVH committee re MUGA damage – see item 31

33. MATTERS REFERED TO THE CLERK

a) Ninesprings Radio

Councillors agreed to send a letter of support for this venture and to provide a £50 donation to start up costs, to be formally approved at the next meeting.

34. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.34