

MINUTES OF 716<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/35. PRESENT.

Councillor Caroline Stevens (in the chair), Cllrs Marion Lewis, Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone, Janet East & Don Bourne and the Clerk, Sue Applegate. County Cllr Adam Dance and District Cllr Derek Yeomans were present for part of the meeting.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were apologies from Cllr Ian McGarry. There was a declaration of interest from Cllrs Oakes & Stevens re. the flooding issues around Bonnings Lane and from Cllr East re. the footpath off Water Street.

37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

An alteration was made under item 30c to change the word Barrington to Shepton. The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

38. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE LAST MEETING

None

39. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reported that the speakers from SSDC and the Wessex Community Land Trust have now confirmed attendance. Six organisations have confirmed they will attend and have a table – National Trust, Age UK Yoga, Footpath Volunteers, Village Hall Trustees, Outdoor Fitness Equipment & St Marys Church. The agenda was finalised – Clerk to distribute with posters. Cllrs Stone and East to serve refreshments – Clerk to purchase.

40. CHAIRMANSHIP

The Clerk had circulated an email on behalf of Cllr Stevens to explain that she will be stepping down as Chairman and as a Councillor after the April meeting. Cllr Lewis has put forward her name to stand as Chairman in May. There will be a Councillor vacancy which will be advertised in the usual way. Cllr East has approached one possible candidate who is interested.

41. SSDC RANGER SCHEME

Councillors considered a paper circulated in advance which recommended joining the SSDC Ranger scheme as a means of carrying out minor maintenance tasks within the village (including drain clearance). Consideration was also given to employing a lengthsman directly but this was not as advantageous as the person would have to be equipped with tools and protective clothing. Also the Ranger scheme gives access to road sweepers and gully suckers as needed (with additional cost). Councillors agreed to join the scheme at a rate of one day a month – to be funded in 2018/19 from the drainage reserve. Clerk to arrange a site visit with the Head Ranger & Cllr McGarry.

#### 42. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Tesco have not yet confirmed the amount coming to the Parish Council. The total (even if we receive the minimum from Tesco) now stands at £9,847.61. Clerk to recontact SSDC for final grant application to their Community Fund. The working group has met to decide on the exact equipment they would like to purchase.

#### 43. VILLAGE HALL

##### a) Feedback from VH Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Cllr Bourne attended on behalf of the PC and had circulated an update by email.

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

Clerk to send apologies as no Councillor able to attend.

##### c) VETS Scheme

An email had been circulated from Gill Clifton explaining that there were no longer enough volunteers to allow the VETS scheme to operate. Clerk to cancel cheque. Councillors agreed that they felt that the access code should be circulated to villagers and agreed to cover the cost of the insurance for the defibrillator (about £24 per year) and consider help with training costs. Clerk to feedback to VH committee.

20.12 Meeting closed. County Cllr Adam Dance gave an update. Library review – it has become clear that there is only 1 mobile library to cover any areas where the libraries are closed. No libraries will be closed this year.

20.17 Meeting reopened and County Cllr Dance and District Cllr Yeomans left.

#### 44. PLANNING

##### a. PLANNING DECISIONS

- i) 17/04891/FUL: Erection of Two Storey Rear Extension (replacing ground floor extension); The Lilacs, Silver Street, Barrington  
Granted with conditions

##### b. NEW APPLICATIONS

- i) 18/00254/FUL: The erection of an outbuilding to serve as a garden studio and new fencing; Coach House, Main Street, Barrington  
No objections
- ii) 18/00643/FUL: Alterations, the erection of a two storey rear extension, front entrance porch and off road parking spaces; 18, Westfields, Ruskway Lane, Barrington  
No objections

##### c. NOTIFICATIONS

- i) 18/00757/TCA: Application to carry out tree surgery works and fell 1 No. Cherry Tree within a designated conservation area; Trevillian Cottage, Main Street, Barrington  
Noted

#### 45. FINANCE.

##### a. REVIEW OF FINANCES AND BUDGET FORECAST 2017/18

Noted.

##### b. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Approval was given for the transfer of £1000 from the current account to Drainage Reserve and £394 from the current account to Footpath Reserve.

##### c. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

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| Garden Farm & Country Services (hedge & footpath work) | £375.00 |
| Ninesprings Radio                                      | £ 50.00 |
| J Packett – Footpath Expenses                          | £ 6.00  |
| S J Applegate (Clerks Salary)                          | £561.51 |
| HMRC (Tax)   | £140.20 |
| S J Applegate (Clerks Expenses)                        | £265.98 |

#### 46. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

##### a) Water Run-Off

Several emails had been received concerning water run-off in Bonnings Lane in particular relating to the snow thaw on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Brown and highlight the actions that the Parish Council have taken in response to the water run-off issues and to state that the tree and hedge planting are being carried out at the landowners expense. The Clerk was also asked to investigate the coir bunds that were mentioned by the FWAG officers to see if they would be of any use in Bonnings Lane. See also item 41 for action to tackle drain maintenance.

##### b) Footpath in Water Street

This has been reported to the SCC Rights of Way Officer by Mrs Wild. The drain needs rodding from Water Street to the cone. Clerk to chase if necessary.

##### c) Request for SLOW signs near Barrington Court entrance

Garry Warren at SCC Highways had responded to suggest an extension of the 30mph limit up to Hill Farm. Councillors agreed this would be worth doing and would also like to see SLOW on the road, slow signs on the 30mph signs and a sign to indicate a bend. Clerk to feedback to Mr Warren.

#### 47. ALLOTMENTS/ALLOTMENT FIELD

##### a) Allotment Tap

The Clerk had approached Wessex Water but this had not been able to be fixed by the them. Clerk to chase with local plumber and report the issue to Wessex Water (billing) in case of issues with the charges.

##### b) MUGA Repairs

The edge of the hardened area needs attention and moss clearing off. This could be a job to give to the Ranger once the field has dried out.

#### 48. 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 NHS PATIENT ENGAGEMENT WEEKLY BULLETIN – circ by email**
- f) **Email from SALC – Clerks Training Session – 17<sup>th</sup> March – noted**
- g) **Email from SCC - Court Hay Stoney Lane, Stocklinch, Ilminster - Temporary road closure – circ by email & to website**
- h) **Email from Wessex Resolutions CIC re help with home improvements – fwded to Web**
- i) **Email from Keep Britain Tidy – GBSpringClean – circ by email**
- j) **Email from SALC re. Consultation: Crime and poor performance in the waste sector – circ by email**
- k) **Email from SALC re. General Data protection Regulations – Toolkit – circ by email. Clerk to request paper copy for Cllr East.**
- l) **Emails from Mr & Mrs Brown, Mrs Watkins and Mr & Mrs Dean re water runoff from Bonnings Lane – circ by email and see item 46a**
- m) **Email from St. Margaret's Hospice March Newsletter – circ by email**
- n) **Email from SSDC - Somerset Strategic Housing Framework 2018-2022 – circ by email**

#### 49. MATTERS REFERED TO THE CLERK

- a) Grit

Cllr East if any of the grit was used during the recent snowy weather – it was thought probably not.

#### 50. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.36