

MINUTES OF 717<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/51. PRESENT.

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

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of interest from Cllrs Oakes & Stevens re. water run-off in Bonnings Lane, from Cllr East re. the footpath off Water Street, from Cllr Bourne re. tree felling notification at Fernlea and Cllrs Lewis and McGarry re. planning application at Tina Cottage.

19.35 District Cllr Yeomans arrived.

53. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

54. MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr McGarry were to meet the Ranger Manager to discuss works to be done under the Ranger Scheme on 18<sup>th</sup> April. Drains will be one of the main items. Clearance around road signs and restoration of the signpost at the Puckington end of the village were suggested as other items.

55. FEEDBACK FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (HELD 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH)

a) General

Overall it was felt that turnout was good though there were not many younger people present. Councillors felt that the Annual Report was good but that after that the meeting lacked enthusiasm. It was suggested that 1 speaker was enough and not for too long. Also that half an hour was long enough for the pre-meeting session.

b) Village Plans

There was some discussion about village plans. The general feeling was that a village plan was quite a lot of effort for quite limited gain. A village statement was suggested as a possible alternative. It was agreed that a village questionnaire would be a good idea to gauge what people in the village want but without necessarily leading to a village plan. All Councillors agreed to bring suitable topics/questions to the next meeting to begin the process. Cllr East offered to lead on this.

c) Housing Needs Survey

It was agreed that this could be one of the questions within the village survey.

19.41 County Cllr Dance arrived.

## 56. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Tesco have confirmed that we have been awarded a £1000 grant. Clerk to claim the funds by 24<sup>th</sup> April. Grant application for £1500 to SSDC Community Fund submitted.

## 57. VILLAGE HALL

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

The VH Trustees had accepted the offer of help with the defibrillator insurance and the Clerk has asked them to invoice us for this amount. Cllr Oakes returned the Allotment Field key to the Clerk to be passed on to the VH trustees for the key cupboard.

### b) Attendance at Next VH Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Cllr Lewis to attend

### c) MUGA

Clerk & Chairman have been liaising with Trevor Webb (VH) over this. Concerns re. use of spray to treat the moss/algae in a public area & qualifications of person applying it. Suggestion to use SSDC Ranger to do this. Clerk to investigate.

## 58. PLANNING

### a. PLANNING DECISIONS

- i) 18/00254/FUL: The erection of an outbuilding to serve as a garden studio and new fencing; Coach House, Main Street, Barrington  
Granted with conditions
- 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  
Granted with conditions

### b. NEW APPLICATIONS

- i) 18/00387/FUL: Alterations and repairs to existing stone boundary wall, replacement of existing steel gate with new timber gates, creation of raised balcony at rear of garden with replacement greenhouse and new paving in courtyard; Tina Cottage, Copse Shute Lane, Barrington  
No objections but the Clerk was asked to comment on the use of stone and mortar in the wall repairs.
- ii) 18/00973/FUL: The erection of a single storey extension to cottage; Cottage rear of Priors Farm House, Main Street, Barrington  
No objections

### c. NOTIFICATIONS

- i) 18/00939/TCA: Notification of intent to fell a silver birch tree within a conservation area; Fernlea, Main Street, Barrington  
Noted

20.15 Meeting closed. County Cllr Adam Dance gave an update. Taunton park & ride is currently closed due to travelers. Cllr Stone enquired about the ice signs which were still up in the village. The Clerk was asked to report them to Highways.

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

59. FINANCE.

a. OVERVIEW OF END OF YEAR FINANCES 2017/18

Noted.

b. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

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| Macs Printing (Chairmans Report) | £149.00 |
| Bradfords Building Supplies      | £ 97.63 |

60. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Water Run-Off – Bonnings Lane

The Clerk had contacted Mr & Mrs Brown as requested after the last meeting and had received an email reply which had been circulated to all Councillors and to those at the February site meeting. Ben Thorne from FWAG had responded listing all the actions agreed with the landowner. After some discussion it was agreed to contact Somerset County Council to ask them to install another silt trap at the bottom of Bonnings Lane (as suggested by Mr Warren at the site visit) and to repeat the request for annual clearance of the drains in Bonnings Lane. Cllr Lewis agreed to look into the filter soxx/coir traps that had been suggested by FWAG to see if these would be more suitable than the current filters.

b) Footpath in Water Street

The water on the footpath is very much still a problem. The Clerk had contacted Mrs Wild for an update but too late to receive a response before the meeting. The Clerk agreed to send George Montague's email address to Cllr East to chase.

c) Bakers Lane

The Clerk was asked to report the slippery pavement off Bakers Lane to Highways to be treated.

61. ALLOTMENTS/ALLOTMENT FIELD

a) Allotment Tap

The tap has not yet been fixed but the Clerk has chased this with the plumber who hopes to take a look next week.

b) Fete 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Permission was given to hold the fete on the Allotment Field on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

## 62. 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 SCC re. Libraries Consultation update and extension to Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June – circ by email & to website
- g) Email from SSDC re. GDPR Training for Clerks and Councillors – circ by email. 3 Councillors & the Clerk to attend.
- h) Email from Frome TC – 1 Day conference 'Breaking the Mould' – circ by email
- i) Email from SSDC re. The Weekly List of Planning Applications – circ email & noted
- j) Email from SALC re. Consultation: Review of Local Government Ethical Standards – circ by email
- k) Email from SLAC re. Practitioners' Guide for 2018/19 and Schedule of Amendments – noted
- l) Emails from Mr & Mrs Brown re. Water Run Off in Bonnings Lane – circ by email & see item 10a
- m) Email from FWAG re. Water Run Off in Bonnings Lane – circ by email & see item 10a
- n) Email from PKF Littlejohn re. 2017/18 AGAR and external auditor instructions – noted with action to follow
- o) Email from SSDC re. SSDC Open Space Survey – circ by email & completed by Clerk
- p) Email from BVH re. BVH TRUSTEES – circ by email
- q) Email from SALC re. Section 137 Limit 2018-19 – noted
- r) Email from Spark Somerset re. Wellbeing South Somerset & Directory of Support – circ by email and to website

## 63. MATTERS REFERED TO THE CLERK

### a) Email from Mrs Ledger

Mrs Ledger had emailed to suggest that in addition to the Ranger scheme, it might be a good idea to employ someone within the village to be able to respond to keep drains functioning at times of crisis. Councillors agreed to see how the Ranger scheme goes and to monitor the situation.

### b) Upcoming Councillor Vacancy

Two people have now come forward to express an interest in the up-coming vacancy on the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to clarify the process with SSDC and then contact both to explain how the vacancy will be filled.

## 64. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.10