

MINUTES OF 720th MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/100. PRESENT.

Cllr Marion Lewis (in the chair), Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone, Janet East, Don Bourne, Ian McGarry and Tom McKnight and the Clerk, Sue Applegate. District Cllr Derek Yeomans and 2 members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were apologies from County Cllr Adam Dance. There was a declaration of interest from Cllr Oakes re. water run-off in Bonnings Lane. Cllr Oakes had applied for a dispensation to allow him to participate in the discussion. This was voted on with result of 5 votes in favour of allowing the dispensation and 1 vote against.

102. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk had received an email from Mr & Mrs Brown pointing out that their email of 30th May 2018 was not referred to in the draft minutes. With this amendment, the draft minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19.33 The meeting closed.

103. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Dare explained the history of allotments in Barrington and queried the ownership of the field at the back of the village hall – he feels some land was sold in the 1950s that should not have been. Mr Newis commented that the allotment need a representative. He is unhappy with certain clauses in the allotment agreement and backs up Mr Dare's claim about allotment land being sold. He also is unhappy about the woodland planting, hedge, wildflower area and the notice on the gate.

Cllr Lewis asked for this to go onto the next agenda and asked the Clerk to check with Land Registry to see who is the registered owner of the land. The Clerk also agreed to forward the letter sent to Mr Dare in 2015 to all Councillors to bring everyone up to date.

19.59 Mr Dare and Mr Newis left and the meeting reopened.

104. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The cheque has been received from the Police Commissioners Fund. The installation of the equipment is scheduled for early September – it had been postponed until after the fete at the request of the VH committee to allow more space for the fete. The Clerk was asked to arrange a working group meeting to arrange an opening event and training session for the autumn.

105. VILLAGE HALL

a) Feedback from VH Meeting – 18th June 2018

Cllr Stone attended and updated the VH committee on the Outdoor Fitness equipment plans.

b) Attendance at Next VH Meeting & AGM – 16th July 2018

Cllr Bourne to attend and to ask for an update on the allotment tap application to the water supplier.

106. VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Cllr East had circulated a draft questionnaire and Councillors gave feedback on this. Circulation was discussed – whether to make an online version available or provide only paper copies. Cllr East to make amendments and bring to the next meeting.

107. CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllrs Lewis and East to attend training arranged by SALC on 18th July. Following this, a decision will be taken as to how to review the BPC code of conduct.

20.22 Cllr Yeomans left the meeting

108. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

The Privacy Notice and Data Inventory were signed by the Chairman. The Clerk agreed to set up separate Councillor email addresses for Councillors East and Mc Garry – all other Councillors will continue to use their own email addresses. Councillors agreed that anyone who had not replied to the Data Protection email would now be deleted from the PC list of contacts.

109. PLANNING

a. LETTER FROM MS J FRYER RE. POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN PRIORY ORCHARD

Ms Fryer had written with a summary of the points raised at the last meeting. Councillors agreed that this was accurate but asked the Clerk to reply emphasizing several concerns; the proposed size of the development, the access, the loss of hedges, would not want houses going as 'buy to let', would like to see the Community Land Trust involved.

b. PLANNING DECISIONS, NEW APPLICATIONS & NOTIFICATIONS

None

110. FINANCE.

a. REVIEW OF FINANCES 2018/19

Noted. Expenditure has been high due to the Outdoor Fitness Equipment. Cllrs Lewis and Mc Garry to meet with the Clerk to discuss pay and hours.

b. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

Dial-A-Grass-Cut	£ 90.00
Garden Farm & Country Services	£160.00

111. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Water Run-Off – Bonnings Lane

The SRA had responded explaining that they had been in touch with both FWAG and SCC Highways. FWAG have commented that 'leaky wooden dams' are not the solution here but that filter soxx could be providing consideration is given to access up Bonnings Lane. SCC had responded saying that the gullies in Bonnings Lane will be jetted as a precautionary measure and that the size of the drain covers does tend to be standard but they will be inspected just to check. Mr & Mrs Brown had

emailed (8/7 and 9/7) asking for information on when the proposed planting will be done, what it will consist of, what will the length, density be etc. Also requested were details of the proposed new drain at the bottom of Bonnings Lane and an update on the filter soxx.

Cllr Oakes commented that he was not obliged to undertake any planting at all and given the nature of the email from Mr & Mrs Brown, was no longer willing to do so. Cllr Oakes also reported back that he had done a large amount of clearance of soil, debris and vegetation from Bonnings Lane (around 50 tonnes) since the last meeting to try to reduce the amount of debris coming down the lane when it rains.

The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr & Mrs Browns email to explain the above, answer their questions and provide the requested list of correspondence forwarded to County Cllr Dance. The Clerk was also asked to contact the SRA to ask for someone to provide advice on the use and location of filter soxx.

Cllr McGarry spoke to say that the community should be very grateful for the clearance work that has been done. It has at the very least, reduced the chances of the water-run off event of 26th December happening again. He asked Cllr Oakes to reconsider the hedge and tree planting.

b) Bollards – Denmans Lane

The bollards have now been installed and Cllr Bourne reported that Mrs Watkins is very pleased with them.

c) Road Markings

The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask for the markings by the school to be repainted.

112. ALLOTMENTS & ALLOTMENT FIELD

a) Bonfires by Allotments

An email had been received from a villager highlighting the fact that a number of quite large bonfires had been lit by the allotments and that this was potentially dangerous in dry, hot weather. The Clerk had installed a notice on site asking people to refrain from lighting fires until further notice.

b) Vacant Allotment

An email had been received from Mr Applegate giving his intention to vacate his allotment plot. The Clerk was asked to advertise this in the Web/Bulletin/Facebook page and on the website. If no Barrington resident comes forward, the plot will be offered to the first Puckington resident on the list.

113. 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 – GDPR II training – circ by email
- g) Email from St Margaret’s Hospice – fund-raising events – circ by email and poster printed for noticeboard
- h) Email from BVH re. water leak and meter readings – circ by email and see item 105b.
- i) Email from SSDC re. Town & Parish Meeting 26 June – circ by email

- j) Email from SSDC re. Planning arrangements – noted
- k) Email form SSDC – press release for Community Grant – circ by email
- l) Email from SCC re. Chairman’s Award – circ by email
- m) Email from Somerset Rivers Authority – End of Year Report 2017-18 – circ by email
- n) Email from South Petherton Allotments Association – invite to Open Day – poster printed
- o) Email from SCC Somerset Prepared re. Hot Weather Advice – circ by email and to website
- p) Email from SALC re. Mobile Homes & planning consent – circ by email
- q) Email from SALC re. Legal briefing on Judicial review claim brought against Ledbury Town Council & Code of Conduct training – circ by email
- r) Email from Avon & Somerset Police re. Sunday 11th November 2018 Remembrance Parade – circ by email
- s) Email from SCC re. Private Water Supply article – circ by email and to Web
- t) Emails form Mr & Mrs Brown re. Water Run Off Bonnings Lane – circ by email and see item 111a.

114. MATTERS REFERED TO THE CLERK

a) Remembrance Day Services

The Clerk was asked to respond to the previous police email asking for details of Remembrance Day Services with details from the church and to ask the NT what they are planning too.

b) Vegetation at the School

The Clerk was asked to contact the Diocese to let them know that Cllr Oakes had cut the hedge.

115. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.32