

MINUTES OF 721st MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/116. 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. County Cllr Adam Dance, District Cllr Derek Yeomans, Keith Weston from the National Trust (Barrington Court) and 1 member of the public were present for part of the meeting.

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There was a declaration of interest from Cllr Oakes re. water run-off in Bonnings Lane [Cllr Oakes had previously applied for a dispensation to allow him to participate in the discussion], Cllrs East and Lewis re. car park plans at Barrington Court and Cllr Stone re. fingerpost restoration project.

118. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19.33 The meeting closed.

119. UPDATE RE. CAR PARK PLANS, BARRINGTON COURT

Keith Weston (NT) updated the meeting on progress since the public meeting in January. Discussions have been held with SSDC planners and advice has been taken on board. Signage has been included to avoid additional future applications. The revised plans have been circulated to Councillors via the Clerk plus to residents of Water Street and Silver Street. One change is that the staff & volunteer car park has been relocated to land adjacent to the Court Cottages.

Cllr Stone asked if they had received any representations from the tenants of Court Cottages – Mr Weston replied that they hadn't but that they were welcome to get in touch either directly or via the Clerk. There was discussion about the use of Gibbs Lane for access – Mr Weston confirmed that staff and volunteers would be asked to come through the estate. Cllr McGarry said that some Silver Street residents were still concerned about the visual impact – Mr Weston replied that there had been some changes to the landscaping.

Mr Weston also gave information on the Remembrance Day event at the Court – this will be on Sunday 11th November and will be a free event with a service on the South Lawn. It will be a ticketed event with tickets available online or through the office.

19.47 The meeting reopened.

120. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The equipment installation had been postponed by the suppliers and is now due to be installed on 12th/13th September. The opening event is planned for Saturday 29th September at 10.30am.

121. VILLAGE HALL

a) Feedback from VH Meeting – 16th July 2018 (DB) and 20th August 2018

Cllr Bourne attended and had updated all by email. The 2 main issues were the water tap bill and the fete.

b) Barrington Fete

This was a very successful event – a great atmosphere and £4330.99 profit was made. The Clerk was asked to write to the VH trustees to thank them for the huge amount of time put into organising it.

c) Attendance at Next VH Meeting– 17th Sept 2018

Cllr East to attend.

d) Water Tap Bill

The VH treasurer had written to the PC to ask for help with the water bill that had occurred as a result of the leak. It was not clear what amount was being sought. The appeal from BVH to the water supplier had been rejected, apparently because the claim had not been made within 4 weeks. It was felt that this should be pushed again either by BVH or by the PC – Cllr East to discuss this and the proportion of assistance they are seeking with BVH trustees at the next meeting.

122. SCHOOL

The Clerk had contacted the Diocese and agents as requested to ask for an update on the school. The agents confirmed that the school has been sold and was to be used as a nursery – they were not able to provide any further information. At the Chairmans request, the Clerk had put a note under the school door inviting them to share their plans and to come to a Parish Council meeting. As no reply has been received, the Clerk was asked to contact the new owners via their current nursery contact details to reiterate the message. Councillors were delighted to hear that the school will be used again but there are some concerns from nearby residents about parking.

123. VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

Cllr East brought an amended version of the questionnaire to the meeting. Cllr East to do final amendments to questionnaire, Clerk to print and then Cllrs East and McGarry to distribute.

124. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk was asked to arrange a separate meeting outside the main PC meetings to review the Code of Conduct.

125. PLANNING

a. PLANNING DECISIONS

None

b. NEW APPLICATIONS

i) 18/01245/FUL: Siting of Portacabin to be used as a Club House - restrospective: Barrington Football Ground, Shelway Lane, Barrington

Councillors consulted by email during August - no objections

ii) 18/02076/FUL: Erection of a Two Storey Extension: Victoria Farm, Gibbs Lane, Barrington

Councillors consulted by email during August - no objections

c. NOTIFICATIONS

- i) 18/02413/TCA: Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area: Dar Al Hana, Main Street, Barrington

d. PRIORY ORCHARD

An email had been received concerning the extent of the proposed planning development on Priory Orchard. The Clerk had replied but was also asked to make it clear in the Bulletin/Web that the development was proposed for the land opposite the Priory as well as the land opposite the village hall.

e. BARRINGTON COURT CAR PARK

Cllrs Lewis & East left the meeting. Following Mr Weston's update, the Clerk was asked to go back to the residents of the Court Cottages to ask them to make their views known to the NT.

20.26 Meeting closed

Mr Weston said that the comments made were taken on board. Updates will be provided via the Clerk. Cllrs Lewis & East rejoined the meeting.

County Cllr Adam Dance updated the meeting – SCC are facing £13million cuts by the end of the year. Most of the cuts fall on childrens services, suspension of P&R (unless TDBC take it on), certain roads will not be gritted, all staff are to take 2 days unpaid leave, CAB funding cut – all to be voted on the next day. 20.36 County Cllr Dance left.

District Cllr Yeomans updated the meeting – at SSDC Councillors are not allowed to speak to the planners as there are serious backlogs of applications, the Area Boards are under threat, 73 staff are going including many experienced staff.

20.43 District Cllr Yeomans and Mr Weston left and the meeting reopened.

f. HEDGE – HOUSES OPPOSITE SHARLANDS

Mr Applegate had emailed to highlight that the houses were now for sale but the new hedge had not yet been planted. The Clerk was asked to contact SSDC planners to ask that this is done before the houses are sold.

126. FINANCE.

a. REVIEW OF FINANCES 2018/19

Noted. All grants for the Fitness Equipment have been received.

b. LANGPORT TO MUCHELNEY CYCLEWAY

The Clerk was asked to reply saying the PC are unable to help with a grant at this time.

c. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

Dial-A-Grass-Cut	£ 90.00
Garden Farm & Country Services	£160.00 + £510.00

SALC (training)	£ 60.00
SSDC (training)	£ 55.00
S J Applegate (Clerks salary)	£618.10
HMRC	£154.60
S J Applegate (Expenses)	£293.38

127. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Water Run-Off – Bonnings Lane

Emails and letters had been previously circulated from Mr & Mrs Brown, Mrs Luxton and FWAG. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would meet to agree a response to Mr & Mrs Brown.

b) Bollards – Denmans Lane

Mrs Watkins had emailed to thank the Parish Council for the bollards and Mrs Luxton had written to thank Highways for the same.

c) Dog Mess

The Clerk was asked to place an article in the Bulletin/Web asking people to clear up after their dogs and to contact the SSDC dog warden.

d) Silver Street

The Clerk was asked to contact Sir John Lushington to explain the measures that had already been agreed with Highways. Also that other than the suggestion to have a 20mph zone around the school, the PC were not able to support the other suggestions. Clerk to contact Highways about the 20mph zone idea.

21.12 Mr Collett left the meeting

e) Fingerpost Restoration Project

Councillors agreed to support this project and the Clerk was asked to let Mr Stone know.

f) Bus Services & Ring-A-Ride

The new service linking Barrington to Ilminster has been advertised on the noticeboards, website and FB page. Ring-a-Ride is also now operating again – details in the Bulletin & website. The Clerk was asked to write to SCC to thank them for the service.

g) Temporary Road Closures – Water Street (3 Sept), Silver Street (17 Sept), Main Street (3 Oct)

Noted. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to ask when the Bakers Lane drainage work is planned.

128. RANGER SCHEME

Cllrs McGarry & McKnight reported back on work done on 10th Sept including drain clearance on Ruskway Lane. The next Ranger visit is 8th October.

129. ALLOTMENTS & ALLOTMENT FIELD

It was agreed that Cllr McKnight would be the allotments representative. The Clerk and Cllr McKnight to agree changes to the allotment agreement and to email this round to all. It was agreed that the request

to not have bonfires could now be lifted and it was confirmed that this request letter had been sent to ALL allotment holders. The vacant allotment had been taken by Mr Prince. Cllr McKnight agreed to look through the allotment archive from the church to try to establish the facts around the field rent.

130. 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 Yeovil Allotments Association – Clerk responded
- g) Email from SSDC – report on Area North Twon & Parish Meeting 26th June – circ by email
- h) Email from SCC – Press Release on Fingerpost Restoration Project – circ by email
- i) Email from SALC – training courses – circ by email, ML to attend ‘Council As An Employer’
- j) Email from SSDC re. request for support Langport to Muchelney cycleway – circ by email (see item 11b)
- k) Emails from Mr & Mrs Brown re Bonnings Lane dated 28/7,29/7,30/7, 15/8, 19/8 & 5/9 – circ by email, see item 13a
- l) Letters from Mrs Luxton dated 12/7,20/7,25/7,1/8,10/8,20/8 (x3) & 21/8– circ by email, see items 13a,13b &13c
- m) Letter from FWAG re Bonnings Lane – circ by email & see item 13a
- n) Email from SSDC re. Revised waste collection times in hot weather – circ by email and on village FB page
- o) Email from Mrs Watkins re. thanks for Bollards in Denmans Lane – see item 13b
- p) Emails from SCC re. Demand Responsive Bus Services and Timetabled Bus Services – circ by email and see item 13f
- q) Email from Chairman of SCC – Invite to Civic Service 14th October – Cllr Stone to attend
- r) Email from SCC Highways – Structural Maintenance Programme – circ by email
- s) Email from Mrs Wild re. Proposed Development of Priory Fields – Clerk responded
- t) Emails from a parishioner re. fires on allotment site – circ by email & see item 15d
- u) Email from SSDC – confirmation of receipt of Community Right to Bid application for Barrington Boar – noted
- v) Email from BVH Committee re. allotment tap leak – circ by email & see item 7d
- w) Email from Sir John Lushington re. Silver Street – circ by email & see item 13d
- x) Letter from Robert Stone re. Fingerpost Restoration Project – circ by email & see item 13e
- y) Email from SSDC re. Leisure Facilities Survey – completed by Clerk
- z) Email from Mr Applegate re. houses opp Sharlands – circ by email

131. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.44