

MINUTES OF 722nd MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/132. PRESENT.

Cllr Marion Lewis (in the chair), Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone, Don Bourne, Ian McGarry and Tom McKnight and the Clerk, Sue Applegate. County Cllr Adam Dance, District Cllr Derek Yeomans and Keith Weston from the National Trust (Barrington Court) were present for part of the meeting.

133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were apologies from Cllr Janet East . 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], Cllr Lewis re. car park plans at Barrington Court and tree works at Iona.

134. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 11th Sept 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

19.33 The meeting closed.

135. UPDATE RE. CAR PARK PLANS, BARRINGTON COURT

Keith Weston (NT) updated the meeting on progress since the last PC meeting in September. The NT have engaged with the tenants of Barrington Court Cottages and had sent a letter to them (copied to the Clerk). Since this letter, there have been 2 positive responses from tenants and favourable conversations with the others. Temporary repairs have been made to the road to the cottages (the road will be resurfaced when the car park is constructed) and the cattle grid has been fixed. The planning application has now been submitted [but has not yet been verified by SSDC].

Additionally , £5.3 million has been allocated to the South Somerset Portfolio. A good percentage of this will be coming to Barrington Court for replacement of the rooves of the Court House and Strode House. There is also the possibility of restarting plans for the old farm buildings and work continues with the walls and paths project.

Cllr McGarry asked about additional traffic during works – the NT will follow the CDM. Cllr Oakes asked about when works will be done – probably during the winter. Cllr Stone asked if there will be possibilities to see conservation in action – yes possibilities for workshops etc.

19.42 Meeting reopened

136. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The equipment was installed on 12th/13th September and is being well used already. The opening event took place on Saturday 29th September and was well attended with representatives from Tesco, Groundwork UK, Avon & Somerset Police, the Fitness expert and around 40-50 members of the public. Thanks to Councillor Yeomans for performing the opening.

Training sessions will take place on Sat 20th, Tues 23rd and Wed 31st October – open to all and free.

The Clerk had circulated the maintenance manual prior to the meeting. Cllrs McGarry ~& Mc Knight to do the weekly and monthly checks. Clerk to print off the maintenance pack, check the equipment is covered on the PCs insurance, check all grant conditions have been complied with and advertise the training on the FB page.

20.00 District Cllr Yeomans left the meeting

137. VILLAGE HALL

a) Feedback from VH Meeting – 17th Sept 2018

Cllr East attended – it was understood the 2 main issues were the water tap bill and concerns re. future trustees. There is no VH meeting in October.

b) Water Tap Bill

The Clerk had circulated further information from the VH committee concerning the cost of the leak. The treasurer had calculated the cost of the leak to be £755 and are seeking compensation from the Parish Council for this. This does not include the sewerage costs which are considerable and trustees are asking for the water company to waive these charges.

Councillors agreed that the PC should shoulder some of the cost as the tap is the responsibility of the Parish Council. However, it was felt that the leak would have been discovered sooner if the meter located in the VH had been read regularly. It was therefore agreed to cover 50% of the cost of the leak - £377.50. The clerk was asked to contact the VH committee with this information.

138. SCHOOL

The Clerk had written to the new owners and had received a positive response. The new owners have explained that because the sale of the school went through at the end of August, this has coincided with their busiest time of year at their existing nursery so they have not yet as much time as they would have liked to spend at the school. They will be in touch again to let the PC know of any plans they have.

139. CODE OF CONDUCT

A separate meeting has been arranged for Councillors to review the Code of Conduct.

140. PLANNING

a. PLANNING DECISIONS

- i) 18/01245/FUL: Siting of Portacabin to be used as a Club House - retrospective:
Barrington Football Ground, Shelway Lane, Barrington
Granted with conditions
- ii) 18/02076/FUL: Erection of a Two Storey Extension: Victoria Farm, Gibbs Lane, Barrington
Granted with conditions

b. NEW APPLICATIONS

None

c. NOTIFICATIONS

- i) 18/02912/TCA: Application to carry out tree works in a conservation area; Sandown, Silver Street, Barrington

- ii) 18/02977/TCA: Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area; 3 Barrington Court Cottages, Barrington Court
- iii) 18/03146/TCA: Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area; Eason House, Silver Street
- iv) 18/03198/TCA: Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area; Iona, Main Street
- v) 18/03197/TCA: Application to carry out tree works in a conservation area; Sandown, Silver Street, Barrington

d. BARRINGTON COURT CAR PARK

Cllr Lewis left the meeting. Cllrs were pleased to see that their concerns had been taken on board by the NT. Cllr Bourne expressed concern still at how people will access the staff/volunteer car park. The Clerk was asked to include information about the planning application in the Bulletin article. Cllr Lewis returned to the meeting.

e. HEDGE – HOUSES OPPOSITE SHARLANDS

The Clerk had received a response from SSDC planning. It is a condition of planning consent that the hedge is planted in the first season following completion or occupation. The planner confirmed that the approved surfacing was permeable macadam for the majority of the access and that an ‘ACO’ drainage channel should be incorporated.

141. FINANCE.

a. REVIEW OF FINANCES 2018/19
Noted.

b. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

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| Garden Farm & Country Services | £ 320.00 |
| SALC (training) | £ 30.00 |
| Fresh Air Fitness | £6,600.00 |
| K Packham (refreshments) | £ 7.54 |

20.26 County Cllr Dance joined the meeting.

142. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Water Run-Off – Bonnings Lane

An email had been sent to Mr & Mrs Brown since the last meeting and the Clerk had responded to a second subsequent email query. Cllrs McGarry & McKnight had attended a site visit with Roy Hayes from FWAG on 13th Sept. Mr Hayes had said he would put his advice in writing but this has not yet been received. Clerk to chase Mr Hayes for a response. Cllr Oakes reported that the hedge should be planted in December. Emails from a member of the public commenting on this issue were noted and the Chairman agreed to respond to the email dated 5/10/18.

b) Dog Mess

The SSDC dog warden has put up numerous enforcement signs in the locations requested by the Parish Council and an article has been placed in the Web/Bulletin and website asking people to clear up after their dogs. A letter from a member of the public querying the number of complaints about dog mess was noted.

c) Shelway Lane

Cllr McKnight expressed concern about the water running constantly down Shelway Lane. The Clerk was asked to check land registry to see who owns the land on which the old reservoir sits and to check with Highways whether there are drains on the right hand side of Shelway Lane.

d) Temporary Road Closures –Main Street & Bakers Lane (5th November for 10 days – drainage works)
Noted.

143. RANGER SCHEME

Works for the next visit to include brambles opposite the junction at the Puckington end of the village, drain checks Bonnings Lane, completion of drain clearance Ruskway Lane and drains on the footpath above Copse Shute Lane. Councillors agreed that the work done on the Ruskway Lane drains last month had been very good.

144. ALLOTMENTS & ALLOTMENT FIELD

It was agreed to amend the allotment agreement to allow bees with prior consent. Clerk to send out allotment renewals. Cllr McKnight is going through the allotment file and has found some useful information but it is very time-consuming. To report back at a future meeting.

The question of the management of the woodland has been raised – Clerk to locate the original plan for the planting of the wood and to give this to Cllr Lewis to consider the best course of action. County Cllr Dance offered to help with woodland management advice and meet Cllr Lewis on site.

Cllr Oakes agreed to arrange for the allotment hedge to be cut – Clerk to provide gate key. Clerk to obtain a quote from our regular contractors to cut the hedge either side of the field gate and all around the path through the woodland.

145. 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 Mr Clayton re. Drone use Ruskway Lane/Sharlands – resolved by face-to-face contact
- g) Email from SALC – October Training Events – circ by email – ML to attend course 18/10/18
- h) Email from SSDC re. Community Infrastructure Levy – circ by email
- i) Emails from a member of the public 11/9 (x3), 12/9, 14/9, 16/9, 25/9 & 5/10 – Clerk & Chairman responded & noted
- j) Email from Rotary Club – Last Night of the Proms 5/10/18 – circ by email and to noticeboard nad website
- k) Email from SCC re Starting or Transferring Schools 2019 – circ by email & website
- l) Email from Mr & Mrs Brown dated 23/9 – Clerk responded
- m) Email from CPRE - Affordable housing to Keep our Countryside Alive plus CPRE Somerset AGM – 25/10/18 – circ by email
- n) Email from SSDC – Gambling Act 2005 – draft Statement of Principles – circ by email
- o) Email from Spark - Improving Health & Wellbeing in Your Community - 16th October in Somerton – circ by email
- p) Email from Flood Wessex Environment Agency - Invitation to Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day 25/10/18 – circ by email
- q) Email from St Marys PCC – invitation to Remembrance Day events – circ by email. Cllr Bourne to lay wreath on 11/11/18

146. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.12