

MINUTES OF 723rd MEETING OF BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

18/147. PRESENT.

Cllr Marion Lewis (in the chair), Don Bourne, Peter Oakes, Margaret Stone, Janet East, Ian McGarry and Tom McKnight and the Clerk, Sue Applegate. County Cllr Adam Dance and District Cllr Derek Yeomans were present for part of the meeting. 1 member of the public was present.

148. 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].

149. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2018 which had been previously circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

150. OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Training sessions with Marion Cooper took place on Sat 20th, Tues 23rd and Wed 31st October – around 20 people attended in total. Cllrs McGarry & Mc Knight have begun the regular maintenance checks. Clerk to contact the installation company to ask for the toolkit and for someone to go through the maintenance when they visit.

151. VILLAGE HALL

a) Attendance at next VH Meeting – 19th November 2018

Cllr Lewis to attend.

b) Water Tap Bill

The Clerk had contacted the VH trustees as requested to offer to cover 50% of the cost of the water used. The Clerk had circulated further emails and updates from the VH treasurer. This will be discussed at the VH meeting next week.

19.45 County Cllr Dance joined the meeting.

152. BARRINGTON BOAR – ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE APPEAL

Following The Parish Council's application, the pub has been re-registered as an Asset of Community Value. The freehold owners (not the current tenants) have appealed about this registration – this will be heard and determined by an officer at SSDC.

153. CODE OF CONDUCT

Councillors met to review the Code of Conduct on 23rd October and agreed some amendments to clause 2.4. The amendments were unanimously agreed by Councillors and the amended code was adopted and signed by the Chair. It was agreed that the Code of Conduct and the Standing Orders would be reviewed at the April meeting each year.

154. VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

CLlr East presented an updated version of the draft village questionnaire at the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would check this through after the meeting and arrange for the final version to be printed and aim to be ready for distribution by hand during 25-27th November to then be collected again on 7th December or returned to any Councillor or the Clerk. Clerk to draft an accompanying covering letter.

155. PLANNING

a. PLANNING DECISIONS

None

b. NEW APPLICATIONS

None. It is understood that the National Trust Car Park application was submitted to SSDC on 8th October but as yet, the consultation has not yet been received and the application has not appeared on the website. It is understood this is due to a backlog at SSDC.

c. NOTIFICATIONS

- i) 18/03569/TCA: Notification of intent to fell No2 trees within a Conservation Area.; The Barn, Water Street, Barrington
- ii) 18/03593/TCA: Notification of intent to fell No2 trees within a Conservation Area.; Hamstones, Main Street, Barrington

156. FINANCE.

a. REVIEW OF FINANCES 2018/19

Noted.

b. DRAFT BUDGET 2019/20

The Clerk presented a first draft of the budget for 2019/20. Suggested changes are to the budget for maintenance of the Fitness Equipment and to pay for the Ranger scheme. To be discussed at the December meeting.

c. GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

It was agreed to give a £250 grant to the Village Hall committee to help with the maintenance of the playground equipment. Following discussion about the grant to the church for grass maintenance, Cllr Stone agreed to find out the actual grass cutting costs for the year. The Clerk was asked to invite the pre-school to attend the next meeting to give an update.

d. APPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Approval was given for the following payments:

Garden Farm & Country Services	£480.00
South Somerset District Council (Ranger scheme May-Sept)	£855.00
Marion Cooper Clinical Exercise Instructor [from grant funds]	£150.00
Dial-A-Grass-Cut	£ 60.00
SALC (training)	£ 30.00

20.33 County Cllr Dance and District Cllr Yeomans left the meeting

157. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

a) Water Run-Off – Bonnings Lane

The Clerk had circulated an email report from Roy Hayes from FWAG. Mr Hayes had arranged for some Filter Sox to be delivered and Cllr Oakes had installed these in Bonnings Lane. The Clerk was asked to arrange for some more sandbags through the Ranger to help keep these in place. Damage has been done to the previous sandbags – it is thought this was due to a vehicle having got lost. There was some discussion about Roy Hayes advice that the trees in Bonnings Lane could be laid or coppiced. It was recognized that this would affect several landowners who would need to be consulted.

20.50 Meeting closed. The member of the public present expressed concern that tree removal could de-stabilise the banks. The meeting reopened.

It was agreed that Cllr East would ask a local hedge-laying contractor to have a look to give an idea of what might be possible and how much this might cost. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways, as advised in the report, to ask for concrete surrounds for the remaining drains.

b) Drainage Works – Copse Shute Lane, Main Street & Bakers Lane

The drainage work seems to be progressing well although the road was not in fact closed for the first week when the signs said it would be. There were no signs up saying businesses open as usual but Cllr Lewis had contacted Highways on this point. It was noted that the contractors were very good and extremely helpful.

c) Shelway Lane

The Clerk reported back on the response from Highways. It was agreed to pay for the land registry information if this could not be obtained elsewhere.

d) Reductions to Gritting Service – letter from SCC

It was noted that several routes would no longer receive precautionary gritting that are used regularly including some school bus routes. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways to object to the cuts and to put the normal grit bin notice in the Web/Bulletin.

e) Oil Spill Gibbs Lane

Several reports had been received about an oil tank dumped on the corner of Gibbs Lane – the Clerk had reported this to SSDC, the Environment Agency and Police. The tank had been cleared but it was not known by whom.

158. RANGER SCHEME

There was some confusion over whether the Ranger was getting the list from the Clerk. Clerk to follow up and to order 6 more sandbags for the next visit to help secure the filter sox.

159. ALLOTMENTS & ALLOTMENT FIELD

a) Allotment Renewals

The Clerk reported that 5/6 allotment renewals had been received – Clerk to chase final one.

b) Archive File on allotment Field

Cllr McKnight reported that having gone through the archive file, he believes the church do not own the field behind the VH but are trustees of it. Cllr McKnight agreed to report fully in writing once he has gone through the rest of the file.

c) Woodland

Cllr Lewis had met with county Cllr Adam Dance and Mrs Wild. There was a suggestion to partly cut down the hedge opposite Ruskway Lane – Cllr Lewis to consult with residents. Cllr Lewis to report back in writing on the whole meeting and Clerk to add this to the next agenda.

160. 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 the Environment Agency re. Flood Action Campaign 2018/19 – circ by email
- g) Email from SCC re. Recommendations for the Libraries Service Redesign decision – circ by email
- h) Email from Wessex Resolutions re. 0% Bulk Buy Fuel Loan scheme from Somerset Councils – circ by email, posters printed
- i) Email from SCC re. Winter Service 2018 / 19 – circ by email & see item 12d
- j) Email from SCC re. National Care Leavers week – circ by email
- k) Email from FWAG re. Bonnings Lane, Barrington – see item 12a
- l) Email from SSDC re. Community Right to Bid - Barrington Boar Public House – circ by email & see item 8
- m) Email from Avon & Somerset Police Chief Inspector re. New ways of working for your local Policing Team – circ by email
- n) Email from Somerset Community Foundation re. Sing for Somerset Christmas Concert – 15th Dec 7pm Wells Cathedral – circ by email
- o) Email from SALC re. AGM 18th Dec 6pm – circ by email – Cllr Lewis to attend
- p) Email from Connecting Devon & Somerset re. digital user survey – completed by Clerk & circ by email
- q) Email from Somerset RCC re. new Village Agent – circ by email & to website
- r) Email from Somerset Community Foundation re. Surviving Winter Appeal 2018/2019 – circ by email & to website + posters on boards
- s) Email from SSDC re Council Tax Setting Workshop – 19th Nov 3.45pm – circ by email
- t) Email from SALC re NALC CEOs Bulletin – circ by email
- u) Email from SALC re. Mobile Temporary Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme 2018 Update – circ by email
- v) Letters from a villager re. previous minutes – noted
- w) Email from SCC re. County Wide Parking Review – circ by email
- x) Email from SCC re. Children's Services consultation – circ by email and posters on boards

161. MEETING CLOSED AT 21.23