

BARLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting of Barley Parish Council
held at the Town House on Monday 2 December 2019

1. PRESENT

Cllr Jerry Carlisle (Chair), Cllr Ian Turner, Cllr Bill Sterland, Cllr Yvonne Lee, Cllr David King, Cllr Brian Haughey.

2. IN ATTENDANCE

County Cllr Fiona Hill, District (*arrived at 20.20*), Mel Chamblings (Clerk)
1 member of the public.

3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from District Cllr Morris, District Cllr Hunter and Tim Martin (RFO). County Cllr Hill gave apologies for late attendance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2019 were read and approved subject to amending the planning reference for Brick House. Proposed by Cllr Haughey and seconded by Cllr Sterland.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES of 4th NOVEMBER MEETING

The clerk was asked to report on the action log which had been distributed with the agenda papers.

Cleared actions

- 1) The Village Plan Review meeting would be held on 13th January. Notification of the event was in the Diary.
- 2) The hedge at Rose Cottage had been cut.
- 3) Cllr Carlisle had met with County Cllr Hill, District Cllr Hunter and Gary Henning. Following an inspection of a number of highways issues in the village, it was agreed that Gary Henning would discuss the London Road issue with Ringways (the HCC highways contractor) to establish a plan to rectify the problem. Other issues would be driven by the Barley Highways Action Plan.
- 4) The review of the Emergency Plan was complete and would be posted on the village website. Cllr Turner (the nominated Emergency Co-ordinator), Cllr Carlisle (Chair) and Mel Chamblings (Clerk) would receive hard copies.

Action carried forward

- 1) Cllr Lee had agreed to carry out further research on the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans and report back to the December meeting. It was

agreed that this action would be deferred until February or March so that views could be sought from residents at the village plan review meeting in January. Cllr Lee hoped to have a summary ready for that meeting.

- 2) The request to plant a tree at the bottom of Bakers Lane had been passed to the county Asset Department for permission.
- 3) Highways Action Plan: The issue of the poor drainage from the High Street to Picknag Road was discussed. Mr Shaw would try to ascertain whether the drain at the High Street End was functioning. The ditch in Picknag Road needed to be cleared; Cllr Lee would ascertain if this was the responsibility of Anglia Water.
- 4) Discussion on the options for the replacement of the show storage container would be deferred until the issue of the cesspit behind the scout hut was resolved. It was agreed that the expertise of a Utility Services consultant was appropriate and Cllr Lee would seek two quotes for such work.

7. PLANNING

Consultation reference: 19/02651/FPH Single storey side porch extension following demolition of existing porch. Alterations to existing side mono-pitch roof to facilitate proposed porch including insertion of three velux windows.

Studlands, High Street, Barley

The council had no objections to this application.

Consultation reference: 19/02697/FPH Replacement porch, first floor extension over existing garage and replace existing garage door with window to facilitate conversion of garage into habitable space.

Holmwood, Picknag Road, Barley

The council had no objections to this planning application.

8. TOWN HOUSE

Mr. Shaw reported that:

- The bookings for the Town House were good and there had also been a lot of viewings.
- Parking had improved as Richmond's office staff now park in the bus parking area.
- Busy Bee (electrical contractors) had installed a sensor on the emergency exit stairwells that would activate the lights to the stairwells as soon as the doors to the light wells were opened.
- The audio system was in need of updating and it was agreed to consult a suitable expert to assist.
- There were issues with the cleaning which Mr. Shaw would resolve following the monthly check.

- The tree next to the hut in the bus parking area was covered in ivy which needed to be removed. The clerk would speak to Richmonds about this.

9. FINANCE

In the absence of the RFO the Clerk reported the following payments were due to be made:-

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M Chammings	404.12	Clerk, RFO and expenses for Nov.
I Turner	94.35	Expenses for gate closures
J Carlisle	20.00	Expenses for Wreath
NHDC	516.67	Emptying dog bins

The above payments were agreed and approved.

Proposed by Cllr Sterland and seconded by Cllr Haughey

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C. Robinson	80.00	Cleaning for November
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Budget

The draft budget which had been circulated in advance of the meeting was discussed. One amendment and two additions were proposed and agreed.

The sum of £717 should be carried over from the actual to the estimate column.

As well as the item on the changing rooms project which was budgeted for £5000 and would cover the costs of diseased tree removal and fees for a services (drainage, water and electrical) consultant, there should be an item specifically for the **Replacement show container at £12500**. An additional item **specifically for drainage for the Scouts and the changing room project at £7500** was also deemed appropriate.

These details would be passed to Mr. Martin on his return so that a final draft budget could be presented at the next meeting in January

11. HEALTH& SAFETY

The Clerk confirmed that the Town House monthly check was satisfactory.

The meeting with DBA Safety, the Council's Health and Safety consultant on Monday 18th November when the Fire Risk Assessment was reviewed went well. No issues were noted on the walk around the Town House. The Plaistow was not inspected this time.

The fire exit from the school to the car park was discussed and it was noted that the turning circle would make it difficult for a fire engine to gain access. The clerk was asked to confirm with the school whether the gate was indeed required as a fire exit now.

12. RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Turner was unable to complete his checks in November but would do so soon. He suggested that the goal posts should be replaced.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

A response was received on behalf of the Chief Constable and HCC with reference to the Parish Council's proposal to reduce speeding. The response was lengthy and disappointing. The letter and its contents would be considered further at the January meeting. Meanwhile the Clerk would acknowledge the letter.

14. AOB

Cllr Haughey attended the inaugural meeting of the Transport Forum. Being the first meeting there was little to report about any effect for Barley, but Cllr Haughey agreed to continue to be the Council's representative at future forum meetings.

Jan Mc Gill gave an update on preparations for the Village Show. A number of items had been confirmed already, including tea tent, bar, marshalling and the fact that the Flower Show would return to the field, rather than the Town House. Jan was confident that the show would go ahead next year, and she was thanked for taking the lead on this and for the work she had done so far.

Cllr King raised the issue of parking in front of the shop. It was suggested that a disabled parking bay be marked out to assist those residents with mobility issues. It was agreed that Dave would be consulted first before any action was taken.

Cllr King also noted that there were a number of deer being killed on the Royston/Barley Road. Apart from the danger to wildlife people unfamiliar with the road would be unaware that deer regularly crossed the road and would be at risk. Cllr Hill would make enquires about wildlife signage for the road.

Cllr Sterland reported that the kissing gate on the footpath behind the cemetery had collapsed. The clerk would contact Countryside Management.

The next meeting of the Council would be on Monday 6 January 2020. Cllr Carlisle wished everyone well for the festive season.

The meeting ended at 22.00