

# THE GREEN CHARITY BARRINGTON

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting

held in the Village Hall on May 7 2008

**Present:** Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Cooper, Day, Hardman, Reeder and Van de Weyer  
23 Members of the public

The Meeting opened at 8.40 pm.

**1 Apologies for absence** : Cllr Cook, Curator of the Green Brian Northrop, Jean Barnes

**2 Chairman of the Trustee: Review of the year**

The Trustee held 10 formal meetings during the year, the majority after Parish Council Meetings.

Most of its activities are related to the maintenance, appearance and preservation of the Green. The Green has been used for a fair, vintage car displays and of course football and cricket.

Parking of vehicles on the Village Green remains a continuing problem and the Trustee is investigating reinforcing media to prevent damage where parking is essential. It is only by written concession from the Charity that parking can be permitted on the Village Green.

Building work to houses around the Green often requires skips and materials to be placed on the Village Green and a small charge will continue to be made with damage repair at the cost of the user.

Work on the many Permitted Way roadways was carried out as part of a rolling schedule and will continue as required. This work is part-funded by the Permitted Way Licence scheme. High repair costs are anticipated for 2008.

Maintenance of the trees planted on the Green has become costly. In addition several chestnut trees are being carefully monitored for disease.

The new Trustee issued Permitted Way Licences for either one year 2007-2008, or for four years 2007-2010 as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007.

Thanks to Margaret Goding for her administration of the Charity and to Brian Northrop for his support and advice in his role as Curator of the Green.

**3 Financial Report**

The Audited Accounts for 2005-2006 had been circulated to all residents in advance of the Meeting together with the draft Accounts for 2006-2007.

**4 Attendance record for 2005-2006 Trustee Meetings**

Paul Cook (8), Laura Cooper (9), Anne Day (10), Tony Fletcher (10), Judy Hardman (9), Malcolm Reeder (8), Aidan Van de Weyer (10).

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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**Informal open forum for discussion**

The Chairman explained that since 1981 residents were responsible for the repair and maintenance of the spur to their property from the main Permitted Way roadway. This was because roadway repair was so costly. Not all spurs were constructed to the required standard and were not therefore part of the scheme for tarmac and shingle surfacing.

Mike Day asked about the source of the Donations listed in the Annual Accounts: the Clerk explained that these came from a range of donors, including residents who use the Green for temporary parking and storage.

Bob Bridges asked about the access to the proposed CEMEX Challis Green site with regard to road safety. The Chairman explained that at present there was only outline Planning Permission granted, therefore the detail had not yet been put forward in the appropriate Planning Application: this may come later in the year from the developers, Genesis. However the proposed route of the access road was known: it would come from the County Council Challis Green highway following a similar route to the present Permitted Way to Challis Close, and then branch off in front of the Challis Close area to the site. This road would be for Challis Close as well as the development site. It was definitely envisaged that pavements would be incorporated into the plans, which had been subject to scrutiny by the Police with regard to the safety of vehicles and pedestrians. A great deal of work was going into the planning of this development and the Parish Council was monitoring this carefully. Substantial funding might come to the Green Charity arising out of the development, and its use would be subject to Charity Commission regulations, village-wide consultation and Parish Council advice to the Green Charity.

John Allen asked about the proposal to allow plastic grass reinforcement to be used by residents. The Clerk explained that a formal written process would have to be developed to that for the creation of gardens in front of properties on the Green which had no frontage. There was no question of these garden areas or those with grass reinforcement becoming part of the curtilage of the properties.

Gillian Gandy expressed concern about the noise nuisance from the recently created children's play area for the Happy Bunnies Nursery, which was adjacent to her garden. The Chairman advised that this was a matter for the Village Hall Trustees who could be contacted via Judy Hardman. The Parish Council had only general jurisdiction over the Village Hall.

The discussion ended at 9.30 pm.

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Date **May 20 2008**