

Barrington Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on November 17th, 2020 by Zoom.

Present: - Councillors Rhodes-Kemp (Chairman), Bedford, Bird, Day, Kemp, McBride, and Walker.

In attendance: The Clerk, RFO.

- 1. Apologies welcomes and introductions.** Apologies were received and accepted from SCDClr Van de Weyer and CCCLr Kindersley.
- 2. Declarations of Interest and dispensations** Cllr McBride made a declaration of non-pecuniary interest regarding Item 15 planning application 20/04360/HFUL as it is a neighbouring property. Cllr McBride will take no part in the discussions.
- 3. Public Forum** – there were no members of the public present. Cllr McBride updated council on a local initiative called 'Walk and Talk' where a resident will partner another for a walk to help combat isolation and loneliness during this time of social restrictions.
- 4. The Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020** were proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Walker, and agreed to be a true record of the meeting. They will be signed in due course.

5. A written report was circulated from the CCC (Cambridge County Council) and SDC (south Cambs District Council) councillors. The main points of which were

Policing Changes - Cambridgeshire's Chief Constable has announced changes to policing to assist in saving £1.7 million in 2021/22.

Volunteer Police Cadets - The police are encouraging young people between 13 and 18 to join the Volunteer Police Cadets.

County Council Meeting including underfunding from government for Special Educational Needs children.

Solar Together Cambridgeshire - the collective purchasing scheme for Cambridgeshire residents to invest in solar panels and/or battery storage

Recycling Centres and Freecycle

News from the Fire Authority -plans have been drawn up for the police and fire services to share the current fire station in St Neots and this will allow police to sell the current police station.

First Budget Thoughts - the County Council will need to find savings of at least £40M

'Nottingham Knockers' - are traders who sell items from a bag on the doorstep, typically cleaning products.

They usually tell a story that they are former prisoners who are rehabilitating themselves to appeal to residents' emotions and get them to purchase their wares which are often over-priced.

Bus Services - passenger numbers have dropped even lower in the last 2 weeks and are currently running at about 30% of pre-Covid numbers, Operator costs are running at 95% of pre-Covid levels.

South Cambs DC Planning - service improvements

New Business Grants

Community Grants - to help community groups remobilise to deal with the second lockdown.

Government's Planning White paper.

First Electric Bin Lorry

New London Luton Flightpaths

The Clerk had nothing to report that is not already being covered in this meeting.

Matters Arising – to update Council on actions where no decision is required

20-10-20 Item 7 Village Notice Board – repair work continues

20-10-20 Item 9a The Tree Work agreed at the last meeting will take place on 13th and 14th January

20-10-20 Item 12. Consideration of the formation of a planning working group to look at local growth, redevelopment, and protection. Several Cllrs are working on this.

Items for consideration

6. Finance

a. Council approved the payments listed below proposed by Cllr Rhodes-Kemp, seconded by Cllr Walker, and agreed with all in favour.

Voucher	Description	Supplier	Total
136	Playground Inspection 16/10	Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance	114.00
137	Playground Inspection 29/10	Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance	114.00
138	Cut of Glebe Road areas, Cut of Sports Field, Cut of Main Green 5/11	Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance	468.00
139	Annual bill for your parish street lighting energy, 01/10/19 to 30/9/20	Cambs County Council	3,366.24
140	West green pond volunteer maintenance costs	Volunteer repayment	114.55
141-144, 146-147	Staff	Salaries, PAYE, Pension, NI	1597.81
145	Finance for Councillors training	CAPALC	120.00
	Total		5,894.60

b. Balances and Bank Reconciliation were presented.

Cambridge Building Society

From Accounts	1,500.00
Payments not cashed	0.00
Receipts not cashed	0.00
	£1,500.00

Lloyds Bank

From Accounts	94,974.55
Payments not cashed	0.00
Receipts not cashed	0.00
	£94,974.55

Unity Trust Bank

From Accounts	53,524.08
Payments not cashed	446.26
Receipts not cashed	00.00
	£53,970.34

c. Review of the 2020/21 budget to date. The RFO took Council through the budget.

d. To consider the Budget and Precept Request for 2021/22. The RFO lead Council through the draft budget. It was resolved to finalise the budget and the precept request at the December Parish Council Meeting.

Action RFO, Clerk and All Cllrs.

e. Quote from Herts and Cambs Ground Maintenance to clear the ditch from Boot Lane to the Royal Oak Public House. It was resolved to ask Herts and Cambs to carry out this work and if they might be able to clear the ditch near the pavilion by the cricket pitch which is likely to need the digger.

Action the Clerk

f. The Finance Committee met on the 10th November. The Draft Minutes will be circulated once completed.

Action the Clerk.

The Clerk left the meeting.

7. The Personnel Committee have met and would like to recommend to Council an increase in contribution of the Clerks Pension and this be backdated to her start date. It was resolved to amend the Councils contribution to the Clerks pension.

The Clerk returned to the meeting.

8. Casual Vacancies

a. To formally acknowledge the resignation of Cllr Brass – Council acknowledged the resignation of Cllr Brass and requested that thanks for his work be minuted. The Clerk will begin the co-option procedure.

b. Co-option – Council have received an application from a resident to become a parish councillor it was resolved to start the co-option process.

Action the Clerk.

9. To consider the reapplication to list The Royal Oak Public House as an Asset of Community Value. It was resolved to relist The Royal Oak.

Action Clerk

10. The meeting dates for 2021 were circulated and it was agreed to have no Personnel Committee in October half term, the August PC meeting will be kept as an optional meeting. Dates can be amended as required.

11. Reports: The following reports were circulated and taken as read.

a. QE11 woodland – nothing to report except the planned session for November has been postponed

b. Footpaths – some footpaths have been ploughed over but paths will be reinstated.

c. Ditches – nothing to report

d. Play areas – the beam at the under 5's play area has been replaced the quotes for sand will be re-visited in the spring, the MUGA has been taped off, the clerk has tried to get more quotes to replace the swings without success and it was proposed by Cllr Day, seconded by Cllr Kemp and agreed with all in favour to ask Kompan to fit new swings.

Action Cllr Day

g. Challis Green Pond – the report was sent today, and this will be an item for discussion on the December Agenda.

Action the Clerk

h. Highways Report – a report from Speedwatch has been received. In summary two lampposts have been identified that can be used to mount the speed sign, one on Orwell Road and one on Foxton Road. Four other posts are required and will require an application via the PHFI (private funding highway improvements) process. It was proposed by Cllr Rhodes-Kemp that the clerk approach Balfour Beatty who manage the lamp on Foxton Road for the County Council, establish ownership of the lamp on Orwell Road and begin the PHFI process up to a cost of £2500. This was seconded by Cllr Bird and was agreed with all in favour. **Action the Clerk**

i. Green Charity – a report was circulated as below:

A replacement legal specialist in Village Greens has now been found and has agreed to advise and act for the Trustee. The supply of a lot of background information has been necessary before any specific advice could be sought. Our Solicitor is already working for us on a specific issue concerning temporary use of The Green over a set period. It is believed that advice is now needed in the rare cases where an application for a

Permitted Way Licence is not made and the owner(s) of a property consequently do not have vehicular access across The Green to and from it.

There continue to be a number of properties changing hands and the Secretary has been much occupied in liaising with relevant Estate Agents and Solicitors with regard to the Permitted Way Licence Scheme; this has involved a fair amount of correspondence and subsequent administration. Surprisingly, she has only recently been able to complete the administration of the issue of new Licences for the year 2020-21 for those residents who choose to pay annually.

The Chairman has been working with the owner of 2 West Green on an agreement in respect of building work to be carried out at his property and the use of The Green for construction traffic, storage of materials and parking of vehicles where necessary; this has now been signed and a deposit of £5,000 against any future necessary repairs made with The Green Charity. The Trustee would again like to remind residents living adjacent to The Green that if they are envisaging building work they should contact them via the Secretary so that the necessary agreement can be drawn up to protect The Green and nearby residents.

There have been 2 further meetings with an architect and members of the Trust for the owner of 7 West Green re a possible planning application to demolish the existing property and to build 2 new dwellings using the same access gate. Following advice from our Contractor, John Cobb, and an arboricultural consultant, a decision was agreed about the construction of a "roadway" following mostly the line of the existing track, for which a Permitted Way Licence has always been sought. In order to preserve the Horse Chestnut in front of the existing property on The Green, a no dig solution would be used within the radius of the tree roots and the normal method of construction would be employed for the remainder. The completed surface would be as elsewhere around The Green and to the same width. A Planning Application would be submitted.

The Trustee had been informed that work on the construction of a new house to the rear of Greenwood was almost complete. Some complaints about the condition of the "Permitted roadway" and had been received and the Trustee were concerned about extensive damage to it and the surrounding grassed areas. Two of the Trustee met on site with John Cobb who had agreed to conduct a survey with a view to carrying out thorough repairs. Photographs were taken. It is now believed that the damage has resulted in potential risks to walkers and the Trustee have authorised John Cobb & Son Ltd to carry out the repairs, even though building work will be ongoing. Sums will be deducted from monies deposited with The Green Charity towards the cost.

The Trustee remain concerned and indeed shocked by the devastation to part of the Conservation Area off Back Lane where Dean and Dean are working.

12. Highways – reporting of any issues or updates

The Clerk has reported the mud on the bend of Foxton Road and a Highways Officer has been in contact with Seearo Group whose lorries use the entrance here. There have been several complaints both from residents in Barrington and Foxton Parish and this item will be brought back to the next meeting for further consideration

Action the Clerk

13. Open Space and S106 update

A meeting has been held with the Parish Council's legal representative to discuss the Deed of Variation and a further meeting is required with South Cambs Planning Officers which the Clerk is in the process of organising.

14. Luton Airport Consultation to receive any update.

Cllrs Bird and Walker have started to read through the consultation and on first review it appears that

Barrington will be unaffected but will carry out a further research to ensure this is the case.

Action Cllrs Bird and Walker.

Planning

Council noted:

Reference: 20/2148/TTCA

Proposal:

T1 - Laylandii row - This row of tree is becoming too big and beginning to dominate the front garden.

1.5m off the top and trimming the edges back as far as possible so still green.

T2 - Yew - This tree is beginning to grow into/ is touching the house from next door. Suggest target pruning back by 1.5m with pruning poles

Site address: 34 High Street Barrington CB22 7QX

Reference: 20/2165/TTCA

Proposal: Common Ash - approximately 20m tall - fell due to proximity to Grade II listed building (The Old Guildhall Listing number TL3930349687). The trunk was previously filled with concrete under supervision of previous owners.

Damson trees - fell three small damson trees (4m tall) due to proximity to Victorian Privy included in listing.

The garden contains many other trees it seems unnecessary to replace the felled trees with other trees.

Site address: 36 High Street Barrington CB22 7QX

Council considered

15. **20/04360/HFUL** Addition of a new first floor window to the south east elevation and removal of two first floor windows to the north east elevation.

Site address: 7 High Street Barrington CB22 7QX

It was resolved to recommend approval for this application.

16. **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Local Plan.**

Cllr Bird has highlighted there is reference to flooding. This requires a little further research and will be reported on again at the next meeting.

Action Cllr Bird.

The meeting closed at 10.35pm.

Meeting dates 15th December