

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on February 15 2011

Present: Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Cooper, Day, Hardman, Van de Weyer and Whybrow
Curator of the Green Brian Northrop
County Cllr Kindersley (Items 1 – 7)
District Cllr Bird (Items 1 - 6)
Independent Internal Auditor Mrs V A Parkes

The Meeting opened at 7.35 pm.

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| 1 <u>Apologies for absence</u> : None received | |
| 2 <u>Declarations of interest:</u>
Each Councillor has received a Dispensation from South Cambs District Council in respect of the Green Charity.
Cllr Van de Weyer Item 5.2.5, being a Governor of the School. | ALL |
| 3 <u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 18.01.11</u> had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were agreed as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Hardman. | MG |
| 4 <u>Financial matters</u> | |
| 4.1 <u>Account balances:</u> HSBC Current Account at 06.02.11: £7,209.18 | |
| 4.2 <u>Unpresented cheque</u> as at 06.02.11: 831: Ramblers: £45.00 | |
| 4.3 <u>Cashbook Summary</u> for the period from 01.04.10 to 06.02.11 was tabled at the Meeting, and was unanimously accepted on the proposal of Cllr Fletcher. | |
| 4.4 <u>Authorisation of cheques:</u>
On the proposal of Cllr Day, it was agreed to pay cheques totalling £3,276.42 : | MG |
| 836: Cambs County Council: Streetlighting 2010/2011: | £2,561.58 |
| Energy: £1,368.99; Maintenance: £1,192.59 | |
| 837: Mrs M R Goding: | 468.84 |
| Clerk's Salary w/beg 17.01.11 – 07.02.11: 4w x 12h x £9.591 = £460.37 | |
| Postages reimbursement £3.47; Internet contribution £5.00 | |
| 838: Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance: | 246.00 |
| Inv N ^o 213: Installation of memorial seat £90.00 | |
| Inv N ^o 222: Installation of the Village Sign £156.00 | |
| 4.5 <u>Income received:</u> 07.01.11 to 06.02.11: None | |
| 5 <u>Planning matters</u> | |
| 5.1 <u>Planning Appeals:</u> None | |
| 5.2 <u>SCDC Planning decisions:</u>
<i>Copies of the decision notices may be obtained from the Clerk + SAE, and can be viewed on the South Cambs website www.scambs.gov.uk</i> | |
| 5.2.1 S/0005/07/O: Land north of Challis Green Barrington: Cemex UK Operations Ltd: | <u>Pending</u> |
| Amended site layout
It was agreed to obtain further information about the mix of types of dwelling now planned for this site. | AF/MG |

5 Planning matters : SCDC Planning decisions continued

- 5.2.2 **S/1080/10/CW: Barrington Quarry Haslingfield Road: CEMEX UK Operations Pending**
Importation, by rail, of suitable restoration material, over a period of 5 years, to partially infill an existing quarry void and provide for the restoration of the western and north-western areas of Barrington Quarry to a combination of agriculture and nature conservation after-uses, and all associated works including railway refurbishment and the retention and continued use of existing weighbridge, office and workshop.

Further information had been received from the County Council, in response to their request to CEMEX. These details had been considered by the Councillors prior to the Meeting. It was agreed to write to Cambs CC and CEMEX: this letter is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A. Cllr Fletcher had investigated the matter of sound deadening fencing, and had ascertained that the height requirement for such a provision would be 5 metres.

- 5.2.3 **S/1609/10: 36 High Street: Mr C Taylor: Erection of a new ecological dwelling Approved**

The detail of this consent is contained within 6 x A4 pages. The Parish Council will include the full document with its Minutes, and advises that a copy can be obtained from the Clerk + A4 SAE. The permission can also be viewed on the South Cambs website www.scambs.gov.uk

Submission of detail and written prior approval of the following matters:

- External materials for the development, hardstandings and pathways;
- windows, doors, rooflights and the glazed canopy;
- temporary construction access to the East of the house and a timescale for its removal;
- no demolition of any part of the existing garage on site;
- any works proposed to the boundary fencing or gates to the front of the site and of any boundary treatments;
- the spreading on or removal of spoil from the site
- any removal of trees, scrub or hedgerow between March 15 and July 15;
- details received by Local Planning authority of a scheme for the provision of outdoor play space and informal open space.

No development or change to hardstandings within the curtilage of the The Old Guildhall unless authorized by Planning Permission unless expressly approved.

The path between the parking area adjacent to the existing garage and the dwelling shall not be used by motor vehicles at any time.

The scheme for ecological enhancement of the site shall be fully undertaken prior to the occupation of any part of the dwelling.

Due to the distance of the dwelling from the nearest point of access, additional fire prevention measures will be required, ie installation of a fire alarm system and a fire suppression sprinkler system.

A contribution of £2,244.90 towards the off-site provision and maintenance of outdoor play space and informal open space.

- 5.2.4 **S/1693/10: 30 Shepreth Road: Mrs E Galpin: Replace the existing flat roofed structure with a larger pitched roof structure and a replacement front entrance porch. Pending**

- 5.2.5 **S/1997/10: Barrington CofE VC Primary School: Haslingfield Road: Mrs F Catterson Erection of external shelter Pending**

Cllr Van de Weyer declared an interest in this item, being a Governor of the School.

- 5.2.6 **S/1947/10: 48 West Green: Dr Mrs Tew: Agreed**
Replace 11 windows in listed building with double glazed windows

The proposed works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved plans and specification of works noted thereon, except where modified by the conditions of this consent. Precise details of the proposed window furniture shall be submitted for the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority.

- 5.2.7 **S/2098/10: Trinity Farm 21 Orwell Road: Mr Mrs P Carey: Refused**
Extension to dwellinghouse, including demolition of existing extension

The proposed extension would exceed the height of the original dwelling and would result in more than a 150% increase in gross internal floor area over that of the original property. By virtue of its height and massing, the extension would also be out of scale and character with the existing property and would harm the visual amenity and character of the countryside. This is contrary to policies ... HG/6(b),(c),(d),DP/2 and DP/3 of the Local Development Framework Development Control Policies DPD 2007.

5.3.2 **Parish Council Planning decisions:** None to be taken

5.4 **Tree works application within a Conservation Area :**

9 Back Lane: Mr C Allan: To remove ash tree due to proximity to cottage Agreed
Barrington Hall: Mr M Sutcliffe: To remove and replace diseased lime tree Agreed

6 South Cambridgeshire District Council

6.1 District Cllr David Bird read out a statement from the District Council regarding future Council Tax levels and Government financial support and penalties.

6.2 BT telephone boxes: No further information available. ADVW

6.3 SCDC Changes to Recycling Banks: Information had been received on this matter. Cllr Bird was advised that the recycling banks in Barrington were on land owned by the Village Hall Trustees, and were therefore not within the jurisdiction of the Parish Council. Clerk to inform SCDC. MG/JH

7 Cambridgeshire County Council

7.1 County Cllr Kindersley's report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting. An update on the County Council budget discussions was given to the Meeting.

7.2 Salt bins: There had been no response from the County Council to our request for a further salt bin to be placed in Malthouse Way parking area. AF/MG

7.3 Road between Haslingfield and Barton villages: County Cllr Kindersley advised that a response was awaited from one further village prior to submission of responses to the County Council re gritting of the road and the old railway bridge. SK
AF/MG

7.4 T-junction in Shepreth at Village Hall and Meldreth Road: Nothing further to report. AF/SK

7.5 Parish Paths Partnership: Cllr Day had submitted the report from the Parish Council on the works carried out in 2010, together with detail of the works planned for 2011. The Chairman thanked Cllr Day for her continued support of our Parish Paths. AF/AD

7.6 Raised walkway adjacent Shepreth Road bridge: The Parish Council was concerned about the overgrowth of weeds surrounding the walkway and the rotting leaves under foot. It was agreed to request the County Council for a discussion on the way forward; this request had received no response from the County Council. SK/MG

7.7 Barrington to Haslingfield road: Protected Road Verges: The Clerk was continuing to try to put in place a process to protect the orchids which grow wild on the verge. It was essential for the grass cutting to be regulated commensurate with the orchid growing and seeding seasons. MG

7.8 Reduction in bus service: The Parish Council had received notification of the cut of Service 75. No residents had contacted the Parish Council. It was agreed to seek out information and to ascertain who was using the bus services. AF/MC
JH/LC

8 Play and Recreation Areas

8.1 Risk Assessment: AD

Cllr Day tabled the January Risk Assessment which was received and noted.

8.2 Funding for Play Areas:

CEMEX had agreed in principle to donate £30,000 towards the new Challis Green play area. Further sources of funding were being sought and as part of the required consultation process, it was agreed to present a display of the possible new play areas in the Village Hall on Saturday March 19th from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in order to obtain the views from Barrington children. This was being organized by the Play Area Sub-Committee. AF/AD

9 CEMEX: Nothing to report.

10 Barrington Green

10.1 Each Councillor has a Dispensation from the Standards Committee of the District Council in respect of Barrington Green, valid 09.05.07 for four years.

10.2 Ditch adjacent Challis Green/Daphmoir Close:

A request had been sent to the landowner to carry out repairs to the fence. Response awaited. AF/MG

10.3 Culvert from Challis Green ditch to Challis Green Pond:

South Highways Division was checking on routine clearance of the culvert. No response received to date. Now urgent. AF/MG

10.4 Challis Green pond: The Councillors continue their efforts to find residents to form a Working Group to carry out routine regular maintenance. Councillors agreed to approach specific residents, in an effort to establish a group of volunteers to look after the pond similarly to the successful outcome with West Green Pond. ALL

10 Barrington Green continued

10.5 New village sign: The new sign had been installed.

10.6 Challis Green development:

There was detailed discussion about the arrangements being made to ensure safe passage for those using the rear entrance pathway to the School. A diversion would be put in place during construction work.

With regard to the access road, County Cllr Kindersley had advised Councillors that in his experience affordable housing sites in the area were well managed and any unadopted roads well maintained. After discussion the Councillors voted unanimously not to press for the access road to be adopted.

The Parish Council had already written to CEMEX and Hill Partnership to request consideration to be given to not using red coloured brick; the Primes Close brick colour had been recommended.

AF/MG

10.7 36 High Street: In the light of the Planning Permission granted to Mr Taylor for the construction of a dwelling in the rear garden of the cottage, the Parish Council unanimously advised the Green Charity Trustee to offer Mr Taylor a Green Charity Permitted Way Access Licence for the proposed new property, in return for the one-off way leave payment at a fee level established by professional valuation. The proposed new access would be in the same location as the current access to the western side of 36 High Street, commensurate with current practice. No access to the eastern side of the cottage would be granted, whether temporary or on Licence.

10.8 Back Lane: During recent strong winds, several ivy clad trees had fallen. The Anglian Water vent pipe near the kissing gate had broken off. It was noted that the pipe had been removed and the vent capped.

11 Barrington Youth Club

Mrs Valerie Tookey had submitted a report on the Club's activities and attendance during the Autumn Term, together with plans for the Spring Term. The Parish Council on behalf of the village expressed their indebtedness to her personal efforts to keep the Youth Club in existence, and to those residents who assisted particularly Jamie Phillips. Attendance figures showed how well-attended the Club was, and therefore the appreciation of Barrington young people for this facility.

AF/MG

11 Dates of future Meetings :

March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 15, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ALL

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.25 pm.

Signed

Date **February 15 2011**

Appendix A attached:

APPENDIX A:

Letter sent to Cambridgeshire County Council on 28.02.2011 setting out the response of the Parish Council to the **S/01080/10/CW Planning Application by CEMEX re Barrington Quarry**

The Parish Council continues to support this Application with the following conditions:

1. **Railway line between the Works and Foxton crossing**

1.1 Train hours of operation:

- (i) To be limited and specified.
- (ii) No trains on Saturdays or Sundays.
- (iii) The timing of the passage of trains to pay due regard to
 - **Barrington School:** there should be no trains at least 30 mins before and after the morning and afternoon School access – 0830-0930 hrs and 1500-1600 hrs
 - **Glebe Road crossing** has the potential to ‘trap’ vehicles and pedestrians trying to cross the railway line, to use public and secondary School transport buses or to access Barrington School. The transport timings will need to be verified at the appropriate point in the Planning process.
 - Sufficient time to be allowed at peak commuter times for vehicles entering or leaving Glebe Road to pass the Haslingfield Road crossing without being held up there by the same train.

1.2 Adjacent residential properties in Malthouse Way, Glebe Road, Bendyshe Way:

- (i) The potential devaluation of properties by increased and changed rail use to be professionally assessed and a legal decision given with regard to loss of value
- (ii) The potential for damage to adjacent properties to be recognised: pre-commencement surveys of residential properties to be undertaken at CEMEX cost
- (iii) Due regard and consideration to be given to specific damage to residential properties from line refurbishment eg ballast tamping
- (iv) Consultation to take place with SCDC Housing Department
- (v) Noise protection from the adjacent railway:

The Parish Council draws attention to the Planning Permission S/0005/07/O in respect of the Land North of Challis Green dated 03.02.2011, and recently received, Condition 16 which states:
In the case of any dwelling identified as requiring works for noise protection from the adjacent railway in the letter from Cemex dated 14 August 2009 and accompanying report from Walker Beak Mason dated 12 August 2009, that dwelling shall not be occupied until the required works have been carried (out) in accordance (with) details specified in (the) aforementioned letter and report. The works shall thereafter be retained in accordance with those details unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

(Reason – To ensure a satisfactory level of amenity for future occupants in accordance with Policy NE/15 of the adopted Local Development Framework 2007).

The Parish Council seeks assurance that all the properties in Bendyshe Way, Malthouse Way and Glebe Road should receive the same assessment and protection.

1.3 Reduction of nuisance by rail to residents:

- (i) Full consultation with individual owners of properties should be undertaken with regard to the merits and demerits of sound/visibility barriers alongside the railway against the residential gardens on Malthouse Way, Glebe Road, Bendyshe Way.
- (ii) Use of smaller shunting engines, as was previously the case, in a push/pull arrangement to move wagons is suggested between Barrington Road Foxton crossing and the Works.
- (iii) If at any time the waste being transported is dry with the potential for dust emission, the wagons should be covered.

1.4 New railway line

The Parish Council is concerned to know of the projected use of the line at the end of the project.

1.5 Safety

- (i) A safety fence is required along the length of the line adjacent to properties at a minimum, to prevent access by children particularly
- (ii) Emergency telephones should be sited at the Foxton Road, Glebe Road and Haslingfield Road crossings, which can be of material use to those needing urgent access across the line, eg emergency vehicles, drivers commuting to work.

2. **Barrington Quarry**

2.1 Hours of operation:

- (i) To be limited and specified: Not before 0700 or after 2200
- (ii) Not Saturdays or Sundays

2.2 Noise nuisance from quarry

- (i) Reversing alarms on equipment to be changed from bleeper to 'white noise'
- (ii) It is suggested that the chosen locations for background levels did not take account of the funnel of noise from the quarry down the railway line. It is suggested that that background noise levels should be taken in Bendyshe Way, Glebe Road and Malthouse Way. Furthermore, rather than use just dBA levels, a full frequency band analysis should be carried out in Bendyshe Way in order to establish the likely increase in low frequency noise due to the use of large machinery within the quarry.

2.3 Light pollution: To be assessed and hours limited

2.4 Hydrology

Impact by quarry infill to be monitored and controlled. Waste water management is particularly important now that the plant no longer uses water.

3. Transport by road

- (i) Working hours/duration to be specified
- (ii) Quantity to be specified
- (iii) Routes to be specified

4. Foxton Railway Crossing: impact on A10 road usage

At present, traffic avoids the delays at Foxton Crossing closures by leaving and returning to the A10 via Shepreth and Barrington, known as a 'rat run'. The Parish Council asks that trains arriving or leaving the main line at peak traffic volume times should be avoided.

5. Review of operating conditions

The Parish Council seeks a commitment to review the experiences of the operations after at specified periods during the works.