

## BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

(District of South Cambridgeshire)

**A meeting of this Council was held on Tuesday 18 February 2020, in Barrington Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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**Present:** Cllrs Rhodes-Kemp (Chair), Bird, Brass, Mc Bride, Day, Gibson, Kemp,

**Absent:** None.

**In attendance:** Mr Simon Crocker – Parish Clerk, District Cllr Van de Weyer. County Cllr Kindersley. No members of the public were present

**1. Public Participation: (For up to 15 minutes members of the public may contribute their views, comments and questions to the Council – 3 minutes per item)**

There were no members of the public present.

**2. To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies

**3. To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations**

*Members are reminded that they are required to ensure their register of interests is updated within 28 days of any change in circumstances*

**4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.**

These were approved

**5. To report back on outstanding actions**

No reports given.

**6. County Council:** To receive and consider reports from the County Cllr for Barrington A verbal update was given of latest news from County.

**7. District Council:** To receive and consider reports from the District Cllr for Barrington A verbal update was given of latest news from District.

**8. Haslingfield Rd Development**

a) To consider correspondence regarding S106 agreements.

There is still some confusion over the next steps forward and it was agreed that Cllr Brass should contact Stephen Reid to setup a conference call to update the Parish Council on the status with the S106 Deed of Variation in negotiation with Redrow.

b) To consider an update From Cllr Bird on Drainage Matters

A meeting was held on 17th February between members of the BPC's Water Management Group and Justin Wilmott of Herts & Cambridge Ground Maintenance Ltd to establish the priorities that BPC has for maintenance of the ditches in the forthcoming financial year. Quotations for the work will be forthcoming

from HCGML. Of particular concern was the ditch near the woodland area where frogs tend to spawn. Mr Wilmott explained that due to the condition of the ground, it was not possible to get heavy plant in to remove the bullrushes until it had dried out more.

A report has been previously circulated by Cllrs Rhodes-Kemp and Bird, members of the Water Management Group, on their analysis of the surface water proposals provided by Redrow for the new development and the Council agreed to the proposal for the Clerk to set up a meeting between BPC, SCDC, and the Flood Protection officer at the County Council

## **9. Finance Matters**

### **a) To consider the monthly finance report**

This was approved.

### **b) To consider and approve the schedule of bill payments**

The proposed Bill payments were approved

### **c) To consider a report on a donation to Little Owls Pre-School**

As the request would be to the benefit of people within but also outside the village it was agreed that unfortunately the parish council could not contribute at this time.

## **10. Governance Matters:**

### **a) To consider co-option to the Council**

Two people have put their names forward. It was agreed to progress with their co-option

### **b) To consider a new Parish Council Website**

The need for an update to the site was discussed whilst agreeing that the need was not imminent

**C) To consider a quotation for spiking & rolling of the Cricket / Football field.** The quote was considered and agreed.

### **d) To consider any updates on the upgrade of streetlights to LED status**

Councillor Brass updated that the definition of which lights around the green should only be updated with a 'heritage' style had been agreed with SCDC in line with what was agreed at Parish Council in January. The upgrade of the other non heritage lights in the village to a conventional style albeit LED was in the SCDC budget but the work is not currently scheduled.

### **e) To receive a report on the land / track and Ditch/lane alongside the school.**

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## **10. Planning Matters**

### **a) To consider correspondence from the Leader of South Cambs District Council on changes to Planning Delegations.**

Council discussed the correspondence and noted that current arrangements were highly unsatisfactory. SCDC disregard of requests for significant applications - particularly those affecting the Conservation Area – not to be determined by officers under delegated powers but by the full SCDC Planning Committee ran contrary to recent advice received from a Planning Inspector regarding development in Back Lane. Council would continue to press for significant applications to be determined by full Planning Committee.

### **b) [FMW/079/19](#) – Application for another year to finish the restoration of land around North Pit – Barrington Cement Plant**

**For: Cemex UK**

Council judged this to be a straight forward request and offered no comment.

**C) [S/0001/20/FL](#) – Single storey rear extension – 7 Mill Lane, Barrington, CB22 7QY****For: Mr & Mrs Burton****d) Council provided no comment on this application.**

[S/0102/20/FL](#) – Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of a single storey side extension, alterations to the existing dwelling house and associated infrastructure – 2 West Green, Barrington, CB22 7SA

**For: Mr Walker**

Council had concerns regarding the bulk and visibility of the proposed extension from the Green. The clerk was instructed to respond to the application accordingly.

**12. Play and recreation areas: To consider reports and updates**

a) Cllr Day had received quotations and a report on the provision of sand to the Under 5s' Play Area kindly obtained by Diana and Roger Leech, who were the original founders of this facility. Mrs Leech regularly rakes the sand and is concerned that it is becoming thin. The cost to provide a good covering would be between £850 to £750 and Cllr Day was aware that the PC could not fund this at the moment. It was decided that this be revisited at a later date.

**13. Barrington Green: Cllr Day reported:**

The Trustee held a meeting in January. It was decided to seek further legal advice in respect of a capital sum being requested with regard to new properties built in the gardens of existing properties, resulting in increased usage of the accessways. Two such capital payments have already been made to The Green Charity. It was felt that advice was also needed 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.

An unprecedented number of properties have changed hands recently and the Secretary has been much occupied in liaising with relevant Estate Agents and Solicitors with regard to the Permitted Way Licence Scheme and this has involved a fair amount of correspondence.

John Cobb has surveyed the condition of Back Lane and of the section of "roadway" at West Green being used by builders which will be shared with the developers/owner. In each case a sum of money has been deposited with The Green Charity to cover necessary repairs. He will carry out further surveys once the work is completed. Despite the Construction Traffic Management Plan agreed with the Developers and to which they are adhering by and large, the "roadway" from the Highway to and along Back Lane and the surrounding grass is looking bad in places. A further development is about to start at 9 Back Lane and Tim Dean of Dean & Dean has completed a thorough survey of the access.

The Trustee would 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.

The Green Charity has paid for work to the Green side of the "hedge" leading from 1 High Street towards the Permitted Way leading to Slid Lane. A cut back and clear was also carried out earlier in Slid Lane.

**14. Local updates: To consider reports from Cllrs and Officers on events attended and updates from community groups. Non given****15. To note the date of next meeting: March 17th 2020.**

Note that subsequent to the meeting Coronavirus lockdown started and the next meeting was delayed until May.