

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on April 17 2012

Present: Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Day, Glover, Hardman, Potter, Rhodes-Kemp, Van de Weyer, Whybrow
Independent Internal Auditor Mrs V A Parkes.
County Cllr Kindersley (Items 7 – 10 only)
Curator of the Green Brian Northrop.

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

ACTION

- 1 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Cooper. SCDC Cllr Ridgway Watt
- 2 **Declarations of interest:** A Dispensation had been granted to the Parish Councillors by South Cambs District Council in respect of the Green Charity, valid until May 2015. ALL
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20.03.12** had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were agreed as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Hardman, seconded Cllr Fletcher. MG
- 4 **Election of Chairman 2012 – 2013:** On the proposal of Cllr Van de Weyer, seconded by Cllr Day, it was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Fletcher to be Chairman 2012 – 2013.
- 5 **Election of Vice-Chairman 2012 – 2013:** On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Potter, it was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Van de Weyer to be Vice-Chairman 2012–2013.
- 6 **Co-option of new Councillor**
On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Van de Weyer, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs Rosamund Rhodes-Kemp to the Parish Council.
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Rhodes-Kemp and was countersigned by the Clerk. RRK/MG
A completed South Cambs District Council form to register her interests had been completed and signed. The Clerk would forward one copy to the District Council. RRK/JMG
On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Van de Weyer, it was agreed to request a Dispensation from South Cambs District Council in respect of the Green Charity. MG
- 7 **Financial matters**
 - 7.1 **Annual Cashbook Summary 01.04.11 – 31.03.12** was tabled and accepted unanimously on the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Van de Weyer
 - 7.2 **The Annual Receipts & Payments Account 01.04.11 – 31.03.12** had been previously circulated and was accepted unanimously on the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Van de Weyer. This Account would now be published.
 - 7.3 **Budgeting procedures:** In the light of the short financial period to date, the Chairman did not table a Cash Flow Forecast or Budget for the year.
 - 7.4 **Cashbook Summary** for the period from 01.04.12 to 17.04.12 was tabled, and was unanimously accepted on the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded Cllr Van de Weyer.
HSBC Current Account: Statement date 06.04.12: £13,701.14; as at 17.04.12 £26,617.14
 - 7.5 **Unpresented cheque** as at 06.04.12: 946: Barrington Village Hall Trustees: £84.00
 - 7.6 **Income outstanding** as at 06.04.12:
04.04.12 CEMEX Reimbursement of Legal Fees £1,107.00
 - 7.7 **Authorisation of cheques:**
On the proposal of Cllr Day, it was agreed to pay cheques totalling £12,023.46 :

959: Mrs M R S Goding/Stationery Cupboard: Paper and tags	£26.33
960: Open Spaces Society: 2012 Annual Subscription	40.00
961: M W J Goding: High St Tel kiosk refurbishment costs to date	68.76
962: HM Revenue & Customs: April 2012 NI and Income Tax Mrs M R Goding	61.20
963: Mrs M R Goding: Clerk's Salary	245.71
w/beg 09.04.12 – 16.04.12: 2w x 16h x £9.591 = £306.912 gross; net £245.71	
964: Green Charity Barrington: Establishment Sum for Heselton Way	10,709.12
965: Mrs M R Goding: March Postage £10.34; Internet contribution £10.00	20.34
967: Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance:	852.00
Inv 596: New Play Area: Over-seeding by tractor	£408.00
Inv 601: Grasscutting Sports & Play Areas 26.03.12	144.00
Inv 612: New Play Area: Rolls orange netting + pins	156.00
Inv 619: Grass Cutting Sports & Play Areas 13.04.12	144.00
 - 7.8 **Income received:** 07.03.12 to 06.04.12: £20,748.00

016: AmeyCespa Community Fund: Donation for Challis Green Play Area	£20,000.00
017: CEMEX UK Operation: Refund of legal fees	748.00

7	<u>Financial Matters</u> continued		<u>ACTION</u>
7.9	<u>Bank Account Mandate:</u> On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, it was agreed to add Cllr Rhodes-Kemp to the Bank Mandate. The Clerk had prepared a new Mandate for the HSBC Barrington Parish Council Bank Account, which was duly signed by Cllr Rhodes-Kemp. The Clerk would take the Mandate to the Royston branch to lodge it, and to make arrangements for the new Councillor to validate her signature.		MG RRK
8	<u>Planning matters</u>		
8.1	<u>Planning Appeals:</u> S/2141/11/F: Ilex House Glebe Road: Mrs S Grove: Single storey side & first floor extension over existing garage 15.03.12	<u>Pending</u>	
8.2	<u>SCDC Planning decisions:</u>		
8.2.1	S/0368/11: Barrington Hall: M Sutcliffe: Erect fencing/wood panelling to permit adjoining listed entrance pillars	<u>Pending</u>	
8.2.2	S/0369/11: Barrington Hall: M Sutcliffe: Erection of new boundary treatment to south and east boundaries, installation of signs and replacement hardstanding	<u>Pending</u>	
8.2.3	0156/12: 4 West Green: J Granger: Replacement garage and retrospective timber fence	<u>Agreed</u>	
8.2.4	S/0202/FL: 12 Challis Green: Mr Mrs R Newman Dormer windows, single storey front extension, insertion of rooflights in single storey side projection, bay window in place of existing garage door with canopy roof	<u>Agreed</u>	
8.2.5	S/0203/12/FL: 1 Shepreth Road: Mr Mrs M Wilson: Single storey rear extensions	<u>Agreed</u>	
8.2.6	S/0379/12/VC: Lozi Ltd: Barrington Hall: Variation of Condition 4 of planning permission S/0249/09/F to allow events to take place on Sundays and Bank Holidays	<u>Pending</u>	
8.3	<u>Parish Council Planning decisions:</u> None to be taken		
8.4	<u>Tree works Application within the Conservation Area</u> : None received		
9	<u>South Cambridgeshire District Council</u>		
9.1	Cllr Ridgway Watt was unable to attend the Meeting and had sent information in advance of the Meeting for Councillors.		
9.2	<u>Encroachment and overgrowth in Malthouse Way:</u> There remained concern that the clearance of overgrowth affecting neighbouring properties had been insufficient. The Chairman would progress this matter.		AF
9.3	<u>Heslerton Way housing:</u> Most of the properties were now allocated and occupied. The central area had been levelled in preparation for seeding, but was not satisfactory. Builders' rubbish had been left adjacent the site and clearance had been agreed. The Chairman was in contact with the developers to remedy the problems.		
9.4	<u>Orwell Road water management problems:</u> The matter had been discussed with SCDC officers, and their response was awaited.		AF/MWJG
9.5	<u>Parish Emergency Planning:</u> The Parish Councils had been urged by SCDC to develop a detailed plan of how to deal within each Parish with a catastrophic emergency. These plans are not mandatory. The Chairman and the Clerk had considered this in detail, with reference to a template plan. Their concerns are that such a plan has to be kept totally up-to-date at all times, eg with contact numbers, evacuation sites, emergency relief provision storage, and many more items. Secondly, it was believed that primary responsibility for catastrophic emergency assistance devolves in the first instance upon the Police, Medical, County and District authorities, being the trained professionals. Barrington Parish Council was wary of spending a lot of time developing a plan which could be pointless if it did not conform to national and county emergency planning. Consequently, the Parish Council had requested sight of these professional plans.		TRW
10	<u>Cambridgeshire County Council</u>		
10.1	County Cllr Kindersley's report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting. The detail for the closure and work on Haslingfield Road bridge was awaited. The County Council was reviewing bus service provision.		
10.2	<u>Haslingfield Road bridge:</u> The detail for the closure and work on Haslingfield Road bridge was awaited. The Planning Application from Cambridge University had been submitted. A road closure order had been agreed. County Cllr Kindersley said that an investigation had taken place about the possibility of the construction of a special path for cyclists and pedestrians, separate from the highway at ground level. The estimated cost was £40,000. The width of highway over the new bridge would be less than at present, due to reinforcement of the sides of the bridge.		
10.3	<u>Challis Green culvert</u> must be jetted and cleared. The Clerk continued to pursue this matter with the South Highways Division, but there was still no reply. See Item 9.3 below		SK/ AF/MG
10.4	<u>Speed Limit changes:</u> The Chairman was continuing his efforts to obtain a reduction in speed limits within the village.		AF

- 10 Cambridgeshire County Council continued**
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- 10.5 Encroachment on to pavement and verge adjacent Shepreth Road bridge: Although it had been agreed that further work to clear and reinstate the verge was required, by both Councils, no further action had been possible to date. **AF/MG**
- 10.6 CEMEX railway refurbishment and quarry infilling: CEMEX had submitted plans to the County Council to decommission and demolish plant and equipment on the site. No detail had been given to the Parish Council.
- 10.7 Superfast broadband provision in Barrington: No firm information to hand. There was good support in the village for this improvement.
- 11 Play and Recreation Areas**
- 11.1 Risk Assessment: Cllr Day tabled the April Risk Assessment, which was noted. On the proposal of Cllr Day, seconded Cllr Fletcher, it was agreed to pay for repairs to the Rocking Horse. **AD/MG**
- 11.2 New Challis Green Play Area: Cllr Day tabled details on the progress of the installation and how the project funding and payments were progressing. These were fully discussed. On the proposal of Cllr Whybrow, it was agreed to purchase a specially designed sign for the new area at a cost of £275.00 + VAT. Cllr Day was producing an article for the Village Newsletter about the new Play Area and this special signage. **AF/AD**
AD/MG
- 12 CEMEX:**
- 12.1 CEMEX railway refurbishment and quarry infilling: All proposed work was on hold. **AF/MG**
- 12.2 Gift of land adjacent Challis Green to the Parish Council: Legal work had been completed. **AF/MG**
- 12.3 Monitoring and maintaining water flow from the Works to the river to prevent catastrophic flooding of the village, including Challis Green Pond and the Ditch from Haslingfield Road to Challis Green culvert: This matter is as previously reported: Although a response to the report on Water Management by CEMEX had been submitted to the County Council, and was being considered by CEMEX, there had been no progress on this matter. The Parish Council was determined to bring this issue forward and to include the silting problems in the ditches and in Challis Green Pond. The Chairman had raised again the need for a formal management agreement between the Parish Council and CEMEX and Hundred Houses Society, and this was now being actively pursued. CEMEX had been asked by the Environment Agency not to extract water from the River Rhee (which the firm had never done in fact) or to pump down water from the site before June, in the light of the current drought conditions. **AF/**
MWJG
- 12.4 Quarry and demolition of redundant equipment: The Parish Council had not received detailed written information on this matter and could only record that work was to be carried out.
- 13 Barrington Green**
- 13.1 Each Councillor has a Dispensation from the Standards Committee of the District Council in respect of Barrington Green, until May 2015. A Dispensation for Cllr Rhodes-Kemp was to be obtained. **MG**
- 13.2 Ditches on Challis Green: Much work had already been carried out on the various ditches. It was going to be advantageous to await the opening of the Heselton Way site to ascertain what further work was required.
- 13.3 Memorial seat for Matthew Booth was damaged and was being repaired by the family. **MG**
- 13.4 Jubilee oak tree: Cllr Whybrow, family and friends had planted the oak tree on West Green opposite the Royal Oak. A suitable commemorative plaque would be installed during the Jubilee celebrations. The Parish Council warmly thanked Cllr Whybrow for all the work involved in obtaining and planting the tree, which was much appreciated. Dr Berman had kindly agreed to provide water for the tree from his own grey water supply. **AF/MG**
- 13.5 MAGPAS Tractor Run would pass through the village on August 1st. Permission was given for the tractors to park on the Green during their lunch stop. **BN**
- 13.6 Access to Parish Council Woodland: It was agreed to install notices requesting the public not to enter the area pending ground clearance. On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, it was agreed to purchase appropriate locking equipment for the maintenance access gates in Heselton Way. It was further agreed to create a bridge across the ditch for the maintenance access. **AF/DW**
- 14 Dates of future Meetings : Annual Parish Meeting May 9th Wednesday; May 15; June 19; July 24; August 21; September 12 Wednesday; October 16; November 20; December 12 Wednesday;** **ALL**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10 pm

Signed:

May 15 2012

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