

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on July 19 2011

Present: Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Cooper, Day, Hardman, Monk, Potter, Van de Weyer, Whybrow
 Curator of the Green Brian Northrop
 Independent Internal Auditor Mrs V A Parkes
 County Cllr Kindersley (Item 7); District Cllr Ridgway-Watt (Item 6)
 Two members of the public

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

ACTION

- 1 **Apologies for absence** : All present.
- 2 **Declarations of interest:** ALL
 A Dispensation from South Cambs District Council in respect of the Green Charity was awaited.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21.06.11** had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were agreed as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Cooper. MG
- 4 **Financial matters**
- 4.1 Account balances: HSBC Current Account at 06.07.11: £11,268.19
- 4.2 Unpresented cheques as at 06.07.11: None
- 4.3 Income outstanding as at 06.07.11: Cambs CC Grant grass cutting: £556.98
- 4.4 Budgeting procedures: The Chairman tabled a Cash Flow Forecast with an analysis of expenditure to date, which was considered by the Councillors.
- 4.5 Cashbook Summary for the period from 01.04.11 to 30.06.11 was circulated, and was unanimously accepted on the proposal of Cllr Fletcher.
- 4.6 Authorisation of cheques: MG
 On the proposal of Cllr Hardman, it was agreed to pay cheques totalling £3,896.80 :
 871: Barrington Village Hall Trustees: Hire of Hall £96.00
 Parish Council: 3 meetings: £36.00; Youth Club: 5 Meetings £60.00
 872: M Day: Provision of new sign for Under 5s Play Area: 60.00
 Reimbursement Signwriting £27.72 + VAT £2.28; Sundry materials £30.00
 873: Mrs M R Goding : Clerk's Salary: 412.53
 w/beg 20.06.11 - 04.07.11: 3w x 16h x £9.591 = £460.37 gross, net £368.37
 Internet contribution July: £10.00; Reimbursement of July postages: £7.16
 Telephone calls: Contribution for 03.03.11 - 02.06.11: £27.00
 874: HM Revenue & Customs: Income tax collected July 2011 92.00
 875: Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance: Grounds Maintenance 1,068.00
 Inv N° 370: Grass cutting 24.06.11: £144.00
 Inv N° 374: Removal of tree Back Lane: £492.00
 Inv N° 377: Grass cutting 28.06.11: £144.00
 Inv N° 378: Grass cutting 01.07.11: £144.00
 Inv N° 384: Grass cutting 08.07.11: £144.00
 876: M W J Goding: West Green Pond Maintenance costs: July 2011 33.15
 23.05.11 £6.35; 30.06.11 £15.75; 07.07.11 £11.05;
 877: Green Charity: VAT Reimbursement March – April 2011 2,135.12
- 4.7 Income received: 07.06.11 to 06.07.11: £2,528.51
 003: HM Revenue & Customs: Reimbursement VAT: £2,528.51
 (Parish Council = £393.39 + Green Charity = £2,125.12)

- 5 Planning matters**
- 5.1 Planning Appeals: None in hand.
- 5.2 **SCDC Planning decisions:**
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
- 5.2.1 **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.
Nothing further to report.
- 5.2.2 **S/0386/11: Land to the north of Challis Green: N Silk:** **Pending**
Submission of reserved matters for approval of scale, appearance and landscaping in respect of outline planning permission S/0005/07 for the erection of 39 affordable dwellings, with new access road and open space
Nothing further to report.
- 5.2.3 **S/0770/11: 2 West Green: R Barton:** **Pending**
Dwelling and Garage following demolition of existing dwelling
- 5.2.4 **S/0929/11: 12 Mill Lane: Mr J Allpress:** **Pending**
Extension and Alterations comprising link and door opening
- 5.2.5 **S/1053/11: 6 Foxton Road: Mr G Winterbone:** **Agreed**
Erection of single storey extension to the rear of the property
- 5.2.6 **S/1134/11: 4B West Green: Dr S Gerety:** **Pending**
Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump
- 5.3 **Parish Council Planning decisions:**
- 5.3.1 **S/0929/11: 12 Mil Lane: Mr J Allpress:** **Agreed**
Extension and Alterations comprising link and door opening
- 5.4 **Tree works Application within the Conservation Area** : None submitted
- 5.5 **Barrington Hall boundary fence:**
It was recorded that a Planning Application had been submitted to South Cambs District Council. Before issuing it, SCDC were awaiting further information from the Applicant. **TRW /MG**
- 5.6 **39 Shepreth Road (The Old Windmill):** SCDC Planning Department had responded to queries from nearby residents concerning building work and possible residential use of another building to the rear of the property. The District Council confirmed that the existing building is not being used for residential purposes, and that the new non-residential building replaces a previous one and should not exceed the height of the one it replaces, ie 4m. **TRW /MG**
- 6 South Cambridgeshire District Council**
- 6.1 District Cllr Ridgway-Watt discussed aspects of the work he had undertaken recently. The District Council had conducted a survey in specific villages on the blue bin system.
- 6.2 **BT telephone boxes:** It was agreed that Cllr Van de Weyer would finalise the purchase of the two boxes from BT. **ADVW**
- 6.3 **Application to South Cambs District Council for a Dispensation for Councillors in respect of the The Green Charity:** The Dispensation was awaited. **MG**
- 6.4 **Grounds maintenance in Malthouse Way:** The District Council was consulting with all Parish Councils with a view to delegating local grounds maintenance work to them. Barrington Parish Council was keen to take over the SCDC work in Malthouse Way and had applied to do so. **TRW /MG**
- 6.5 **Completed building work to properties in the Conservation Area:** Information was requested on how the District Council monitored the outcome of internal changes to listed buildings, and how they conformed to the planning permission. **TRW /AF**

7	<u>Cambridgeshire County Council</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
7.1	County Cllr Kindersley's report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting and placed on the village website. The Parish Council was advised to pursue speed limit reductions as soon as possible. The Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework Core Strategy had been adopted.	SK/ AF/MG
7.2	<u>Challis Green culvert</u> must be jetted and cleared. The Clerk was pursuing this matter with the South Highways Division.	SK/ AF/MG
7.3	<u>Possible closure of Bus service Number 75</u> : County Cllr Kindersley recorded that the County Council was being taken to Judicial Review regarding cuts to bus service provision. No changes would take place to our service pending the outcome of the Review.	
7.4	<u>Encroachment of hedges on Foxton Road</u> : It was recorded that South Highways Division had implemented a thorough cut-back of the encroachment on Foxton Road verges. Similar action by the nearby residents was awaited.	SK/ AF/MG
7.5	<u>45-47 High Street</u> : The Parish Council had contacted the owner requesting that the garden fence adjacent the pavement be reinstated, to prevent accidents. Unfortunately the edge of the tarmac pavement was uneven and not straight, making it difficult for fencing. The owner was in touch direct with South Highways Division on this matter, and the outcome awaited.	AF/MG
8	<u>Play and Recreation Areas</u>	
8.1	<u>Risk Assessment</u> : Cllr Day tabled the July Risk Assessment which was received and noted.	AD
8.2	<u>Proposals for the new Challis Green Play Area</u> : The bids for funding to Donarbon (now called AmeyCespa) and to WREN were under consideration.	AF/AD
8.3	<u>Little Rivers</u> : The Parish Council had given consideration to the purchase and installation of a lifebuoy in the vicinity of the main bridge. However, it was unanimously agreed not to proceed because it was expected that vandalism would render the project unworkable and not able to be used appropriately. Parents of children who dive off the bridge, swim, or paddle there must provide adequate and appropriate supervision of their children.	ALL
8.4	<u>Litter left by young people</u> using the Challis Green play area was causing much concern. It was agreed to ask Barrington School to assist with this problem and Councillors were asked to be vigilant when in the area, to assist in identifying the few children causing the problems.	ALL
9	<u>CEMEX:</u>	
9.1	<u>Challis Green Pond</u> : Negotiations with CEMEX continued on the need to remove silt from the Pond. Agreement had been reached that this would be carried out.	AF/MG
9.2	<u>Gift of land adjacent Challis Green to the Parish Council</u> : The conveyancing was nearly complete. It was agreed to leave drawing up detailed plans until the Autumn, when access to the area on foot would be feasible. At present the area is overgrown with brambles.	AF/MG /BN
9.3	<u>Sports Pavilions</u> : There was no progress to date on this matter.	
9.4	<u>Monitoring and maintaining water flow from the Works to the river to prevent catastrophic flooding of the village.</u> : Following a meeting between the Chairman and Monty Goding (representing the Parish Council) and CEMEX represented by their hydrologist together with Ian Southcott, Keith Frost and John Drayton, agreement had been reached that – 1. Major changes to the water management within the quarry were agreed and would be designed and resubmitted to the Parish Council for agreement. 2. There would be continued close liaison between the Parish Council, via Monty Goding and CEMEX John Drayton, on water flow from the Works, into the village ditch system. 3. A Settling Pond area would be created within the CEMEX land at the bottom of Haslingfield Road, where all water egress from the Works would be collected and the sediment allowed to settle before the clearer water entered the village ditch system down to the river. It was expected that this would prevent silting up in Challis Green Pond.	AF /MWJG
10	<u>Barrington Green</u>	
10.1	Each Councillor has applied for a Dispensation from the Standards Committee of the District Council in respect of Barrington Green.	
10.2	<u>Hill Partnerships Ltd Challis Green development</u> : There had been a reduction in the parking of their vehicles in the adjacent roads. Cllr Day, Curator of the Green Brian Northrop and the Clerk had attended a celebration of Housing Awareness Week and the laying of the first brick at the new site. Cllr Day recorded that there was now a firm basis of co-operation between the developers, Hundred Houses Society (the ultimate owners of the properties) and the Parish Council. The building of the properties was moving forward at a great pace, with March 2012 as the finishing date still firmly in place.	AF/MG
10.3	<u>Ditch adjacent Barrington School, Challis Green and Daphmoir Close</u> : It was recorded that this ditch was in need of substantial maintenance: to be set in motion.	AF/MG
10.4	<u>Culvert from Challis Green ditch to Challis Green Pond</u> : See Item 7.2 above.	AF/MG
10.5	<u>Challis Green pond</u> : See 9.1 above	

11 Barrington Youth Club

A report had been received from Val Tookey, giving details of attendance figures and activities. The Parish Council recorded its grateful thanks to Jamie Phillips, Steve Alderson and Sheila Potter, and particularly to Val without whose unstinting support the Youth Club would not be possible.

AF/MG

ALL

12 Communication within the village

12.1 Barrington e-group: There had been quite a few emails received from those wishing to participate. Those interested needed to send an email from the email address they wish to be used for contact to the following email address: michael@barringtoncambs.com This address was just for the e-group. It was recorded that all emails sent out will be blind copies, so no-one would know the extent of the membership of the e-group except the organiser, Cllr Monk.

MM/
AVdW

12.2 BT telephone cable had been stolen for the fourth time outside the village, leaving residents who do not have cable access without a telephone/internet access. After discussion, it was agreed not to take the matter further, as the Clerk had contact Andrew Lansley MP, Royston Crow, BT, OFCOM two weeks ago when the previous theft had occurred.

13 2012 Diamond Jubilee Queen Elizabeth II

Discussion took place on what the Parish Council might do to commemorate the Jubilee. There was general agreement to the planting of a large particular tree on the Village Green together with a plaque.

The Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Programme was also discussed. This was a national initiative to protect a network of 2,012 recreational spaces by 2012 across the UK. Woodlands were one of the possible sites which could participate, and the use of the land being donated to the Village by CEMEX was to be considered for Barrington's contribution to the project.

AF/MG

14 Dates of future Meetings :

August 15, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13.

ALL

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55 pm.

Signed

Date **August 15 2011**

APPENDIX A:

Informal Notes on the CEMEX Barrington Liaison Group Meeting July 2011

Ian Southcott (CEMEX)

The cement industry had picked up after the devastating winter, but the outlook was not too promising. Barrington works remained mothballed. There had been some activity in the quarry. No change in the foreseeable future.

Keith Frost (CEMEX)

The Planning Application for the renovation of the railway line had been approved by Cambs CC, and detailed conditions were being developed, including train operation and lighting proposals for the SRTS footpath. CEMEX final proposals were in draft and with CCC for consideration.

CEMEX had gone out to tender for the rebuilding of the line, and examinations on site were currently being carried out by interested companies. Start date was difficult to predict but was not envisaged before September.

Under appropriate licence and control measures, the badgers had been relocated to an artificial sett from beneath the line, where considerable damage had been caused. This was to be rectified and a strong wire mesh netting erected along the bank area to prevent the return of the badgers.

The power company responsible for the overhead power lines had been carrying out the annual maintenance, which covers tree and ground works. This is separately undertaken and managed, ie not by CEMEX.

With regard to HGV traffic, the proposal was to route vehicles carrying materials to come from the A10. Unloading of all materials will be offloaded within the railway area at Foxton and taken up the line from Foxton Road or into the Works. Materials would come down the line area from Haslingfield Road. No materials would come via Glebe Road. David Atkinson said that Cambs CC were well aware of lorries deviating from agreed routes, and were working on this.

Community Liaison – Ian Southcott

There are currently 62 Planning Conditions coming forward. Many affect the way in which the project would be carried out and its effect on the surrounding properties and residents; also matters concerning the method of rebuilding the line, timescale, materials being used, but basically the Conditions would be there to make sure that the project ran as sympathetically as possible. It was envisaged that it would be an intensive 20 weeks of activity. CCC had recent experience from a similar site, and they were putting in place additional measures drawing on what they have learned. It was clear that Cambs CC were most anxious to take care of local residents in this matter. To this end, the formation of local liaison/monitoring sub-groups are envisaged: the Parish Council Chairman, Tony Fletcher, agreed to this taking place in Barrington, to include local residents.

Cambs CC Minerals Plan – David Atkinson Cemex had put forward a request for a small extension to the quarry area. Cambs CC had carried this forward into the Plan. Broad brush consultation had taken place. The Minerals Plan had been declared sound. Site specific plans had been drawn up. The Planning Inspector had finished his inspection of the Barrington site. The District Council had wanted the plan considered from a landscape point of view. Cambs CC had drawn up an amendment to the Plan and this had been put to the Planning Inspector, successfully. Public advertising of the Plan and its amendments, including typos, now had to be carried out shortly.

Community Projects – Ian Southcott

CEMEX funds have gone to: Barrington Village Hall to refurbish the main floor and to Barrington Play Area. Fund. Rugby Trustees looked sympathetically at requests where projects had already received some financial input through local fund raising.