

MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 3 March 2022 – 7.15 pm Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall

Present: -

Cllrs S van Daesdonk (Chairman)

Cllr A Jones

Cllr J Taylor

Cllr L Bennett (Vice Chairman)

Cllr L Young

Cllr I Gilbey

Cllr E Sharkey

Cllr D Lord

Cllr G Hughes

In attendance: - Clerk, Mrs S Rumsby; 4 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Welcome and Record of Apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs S Severn, J Weaver, J Jessel, B Ashcroft and the police.

2. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3 February 2022.

It was **resolved** that the Minutes and Confidential notes were accepted to be signed as a true record by the Chairman

4. Parishioners Forum

Tutbury residents were present regarding the 20 is plenty forum recently attended. Speed Indicators are being looked into. Cllr A Jones advised the forum is campaigning to get County-wide 20mph limits on residential streets. A TRO would be needed costing £4k, along with signage changed at circa £1,500. Cllr Jones suggested the data we have does not indicate it would make much difference. Kinver was positive it had an effect – people drive at around 10% over the limit. Cllr Lord was not in favour as if restrictions applied, they need enforcing. Blanket regulation never works and it discredits areas where the regulation is needed and they would also have a negative effect where there are warning signs around the schools. People drive to their own perception of safe speeds and some road layouts do not allow speed. Cllr Lord is in favour of a targeted approach where safety issues are identified. It was felt we should monitor what other areas are doing. Evidence and data on before and after the restrictions imposed was not yet available. SIDs are ignored if used all the time; they are effective for 6 weeks typically – they need to be movable. Barton Parish Council had already been turned down for the Main Street as speeds under 30mph are not enforced. Traffic calming measures are best placed to combat speed. Majority were not convinced 20 is plenty would have an effect. Cllr Hughes remarked that in Canada, people did slow down for flashing speed indicators during school hours. OS Maps software can be used to identify where speeding is occurring. Speedwatch has compiled a lot of data. Cllr A Jones will monitor events and data.

5. Police, County and Borough Council Reports

1. Police

PCSO Tim Leathers report had been circulated.

2. [County Council](#) – Cllr Jessel has cameras on Scotch Hills Lane, the data showed speeds at 35mph so there was no case for a 30mph restriction. Whilst some were recorded at 60mph, there were not enough offenders to justify traffic calming.
3. [Borough Council](#) – nothing to report

6. [Committee Reports as annexed.](#)

1. [Finance](#)

It was **resolved** that the recommendations and circulated reports be noted and approved.

Cllr Hughes proposed that rent for the allotments which had been backdated should be split: 3 annual payments should be made out of general reserves, this year’s payment out of this year’s budget and next year’s rent from next year’s budget.

Cllr Taylor will provide electric meter readings for the fishpond and will also check that the pest control has been reduced to 8 visits per year.

2. [Planning](#)

Report and comments noted and accepted.

Cllr Gilbey confirmed that the application at the rear of 8 Arden Road had been refused. The Officer’s report was not clear cut but significantly, windfall houses had been mentioned – the Officer considered that 1 dwelling over and above the allocation would not result in sufficient grounds to refuse an application. It therefore was felt they will not stick to the quota of 25 properties.

Rural Village Service Group – proposal to join membership after free period ends at £80 per annum. R Bell has found it useful. **Resolved** all agreed to continue membership.

The application for infill properties on Dunstall Road was concerning; it is outside the settlement boundary.

Bell Lane application was mentioned. The Local Plan refers to Barton as a tier 1 strategic rural centre with local services. Commercial premises disappearing.

6 Main Street – the doors were being worked on but they have 3 years to comply.

3. [Parks and Open Spaces](#)

Collinson Park - The boundary issue with a Church Lane property had been settled for the moment. Maintenance of the Collinson Park side of the boundary line will be picked up with the new contractor.

Coppicing in Collinson Park will be carried out on Monday under Cllr Sharkey’s supervision.

Hedging work progressing in Gilmore Lane along with a wildflower mix for the bank side.

Fishpond proposal for a rise in permits was recommended in line with other areas. **Resolved** All agreed.

Met with Susie Miller to talk through options for using the funds raised, some more feasibility to do on ideas.

The SCC climate action fund – Cllr Taylor has put in an application for £500 to cover planting at the entrance to Holland Sports Club – Vernon to quote for clearing area.

4. [Burial Ground](#)

Unsafe memorials discussed and options put forward on how to make them safe. Our fees had not risen for a while, Stapenhill cemetery remains considerably higher than Barton. Fees reviewed and recommended 12% rise on average.

Resolved - Committee reports and recommendations were approved.

5. Human Resources

Our litter picker was still not back to full working hours. A Duke of Edinburgh participant would be carrying out volunteering litter picking supervised by the Clerk. **Resolved** – noted and all agreed.

6. Allotments

Cllr Hughes reported that fence is to be done this financial year. Currently 10 on waiting list. Priority to be given to villagers from now on.

7. VEC

A Committee meeting is due. The Beacon had been found and secured from Scouts. This would be tested. The lighting of the beacons would take place on Thursday night 2nd June. The churchyard had been offered but it was suggested checking if it can go on the church tower. Chairman to liaise with Rev Andy.

Mardi Gras was a good event for the village and a road closure had been suggested for next year.

7. Administration

1. Correspondence

The Safer Roads Partnership are to talk to schools re parking issues.

2. Electronic Decisions

The Chairman advised that following Government easing of all restrictions due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, our HCID policy would now be deactivated and no further decisions should be made by email or other electronic means.

8. Outside Bodies & Special Responsibilities

1. Speedwatch

The team had not been out this month due to inclement weather.

2. Flood Risk Group

Cllr Sharkey reported that Barton had escaped flooding in recent storms. He had advised a resident to report the blocked culvert under A38 which happened last year on the national incident line. Highways England are responsible for clearing. This will be escalated through the Flood Risk Group. Cllr Sharkey to draft a letter to our MP as residents are at risk of flooding due to Highways England not doing their job. Cllr Lord advised we had it in writing from National Highways. Shane Lindsay the area officer should be asked to attend the next flood risk meeting. Cllr Lord felt the problem may not be due to the blocked grill, most debris had filtered out on the canal side. Water levels are elevated from below. Ponds are silted backing up through St Modwen's and A38 sites. We are still waiting for a report via Cllr Jessel on information from the Land Registry.

Knoll Brook – action is needed by the owners on the flood bank.

Barton Brook – it was not clear what consultants have advised. It was hoped to meet with the Environment Agency and Cllr Lord would take some plans on an affordable solution.

Full Brook – apply pressure to county flood risk officer on Bellways responsibilities.

Blocked gullies on B5016 – two reports submitted and some have not been cleared since 2020,

one has been tarmaced. Flooding on Efflinch Lane towards Captains Lane seems to have been resolved for now. Severn Trent have committed to investigate Main Street to Short Lane. Cllr Young advised the corner of Collinson Road was flooded and she will send photos to Cllr Sharkey.

Gully run is due – Cllr Sharkey to forward report to send to Sam Griffiths on blocked gullies. Comments were awaited from the Environment Agency regarding Barton Sewage Works discharging into the brook. There is an overflow into the brook by Sports Club which is not working. Cllr Lord had suggested its removal. Any flooding pictures to be sent to Cllr Sharkey.

9. Councillors Reports

1. Cllrs referred to the Lease with HSC where rent and insurance contributions are set out clearly. The Parish Council should be named jointly with HSC on the insurance documents. Cllrs Taylor and Jones to bring up this omission up at the next HSC meeting.
2. Cllr Young advised on a new venue for the Teddy Rides, a container is to be donated by Mercers and will be located behind St James Hall. Planning permission will be checked.
3. Cllr Sharkey advised on the Public Right of Way Diversion - Newbold Quarry have accommodated the request. Cllr Sharkey has met with them again – there has been no official notification from County and the agreement should be in writing. Cllr Sharkey to contact the footpaths officer and copy in Cllr Jessel. The access point is to be moved away from the houses. Restoration of northern lakes is being looked at.
The next Quarry Liaison Group meeting is scheduled for May so report any issues with traffic or otherwise to Cllr Sharkey.

10. Dates of Future Meetings:

- 7 April - Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting (apologies from Cllr Lord);
- 5 May - Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Trustee Barton Village Hall Meeting;
- 9 June; 7 July; 4 August - Parish Council Meetings
- 1 Sept - Parish Council Meeting followed by Trustee Barton Village Hall Meeting;
- 6 October; 3 November; 1 December 2022 – Parish Council Meetings

The meeting closed at 8.50pm