

# MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 7 April 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 S Severn	Cllr G Hughes

In attendance: - Clerk, Mrs S Rumsby; Cllr B Ashcroft, 1 member of the public.

1. **Chairman’s Welcome and Record of Apologies for non-attendance**  
Apologies were accepted from Cllrs D Lord, J Weaver, J Jessel, J Jones.
2. **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda**  
None declared.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3 March 2022.**  
It was **resolved** that the Minutes were accepted to be signed as a true record by the Chairman
4. **Parishioners Forum** No queries raised.
5. **Police, County and Borough Council Reports**
  1. **Police**  
Report circulated. Cllr Severn had reported anti-social behaviour on Main Street.
  2. **County Council** – no additional report
  3. **Borough Council** – Cllr Ashcroft apologised for missing the Copse planting event. An update was given on wider issues in the Borough. The Leisure Centre is now working with the Parkinson’s Society running free classes. The Town Deal Board documents had been lodged with the government. Library move to the market hall – a general condition survey needs to be done on the building to determine its sustainability and viable use. A cross party working group is in consultation. Tourism – a strategy has been approved pinpointing places to visit and an audit is being done to identify who is visiting what. A stand-alone Tourism website will be created. A working group is to be formed, to develop ideas as well as opposition including traffic issues. Craft fairs at the market hall are going well and free events were advertised over Easter. A Food and Drink market will take place on 7 May.  
3,000 trees had been planted throughout the Borough; however, this was now down to 2,000 due to vandalism. Toilet facilities were being looked into for Branston Water Park.  
Big Burton Jubilee – a 2 day event is planned at Stapenhill Gardens with kids’ entertainment. Cllr Severn asked how much money was wasted on the failed plans for moving the library to the market hall. Cllr Ashcroft advised that mainly County funds were used.  
Cllr Severn had sent info on motor homes.  
Tow paths are being done with cycle networks linked in.  
Cllr Ashcroft left the meeting following her report.

6. Committee Reports as annexed.

1. Finance

It was **resolved** that the recommendations and circulated reports be noted and approved. The earmarked reserves for flood defence on the Full Brook have been carried forward as not spent. Cllr Hughes explained the 18% increase in the precept was required to balance the funds and that there were a lot of projects in the pipeline including replacing and maintaining assets.

2. Planning

Report and comments noted and accepted.

Cllr Gilbey referred to the 74 Station Road application. Cllrs had asked for an explanation as to why the tree needed trimming in the conservation area. The response was that there is no requirement to explain why it is necessary. ESBC do not have a tree officer.

The Vicarage – Cllrs noted that the Coronation Oak in the front garden currently does not have a TPO. Cllr Sharkey recommended resurrecting the map of various trees in village that Cllrs feel need a TPO. It was apparent that ESBC ignore Highways comments.

A list of questions had been prepared for ESBC on Bellways. The Planning Manager has been copied in. There is a query as to whether the original S106 can be enforced as no new amendments to the document were approved. Despite assurances that Bellways will comply with all their responsibilities, concerns remain. A meeting is to be arranged with Naomi Perry. 61 The Green – reports that the garden had expanded onto the verge. An enforcement team were meeting on site 8/4/22.

3. Parks and Open Spaces

Our new contractors were commencing work 8/4/22, Cllr Sharkey to meet them on site and requested any feedback from Cllrs.

Land drainage Collinson Park - Boultons had advised they may not be available this year.

Toddler play area - £14k quote for safety surfacing, need more quotes. Cllr Sharkey had been talking to community minded people at WOW Wednesdays regarding funding endeavours.

The damaged springy seat had been taken out of action. A decision to write to John Taylor High School was ratified. The School could not view footage without a police request. The Police had viewed CCTV images and had visited the school. The culprits causing the damage had been identified and received disciplinary action from the school. Police would not be prosecuting. Cllr Severn proposed that any antisocial behaviour on parish council land in future should be reported straight to the police. All agreed.

Fishpond -. The Bailiffs want to prioritise repairs needed to pegs - no. 15 first.

Cllr Sharkey has discussed a sluice gate design with Steve Harley and a solution found.

War memorial cleaning – moss can damage the sandstone over time. It was suggested the RBL may be able to fund some work and it was agreed to approach Eric Knight to inspect and provide restoration advice.

Finger posts – these are to be cleaned by the Lengthsmen, a specialist firm would be needed for repainting.

4. Burial Ground

Cost of plaques for the memorial wall had increased by 9%. Burial Ground charges for this aspect to be reviewed at next committee meeting.

5. Human Resources

Nothing to report.

6. Allotments

Rent request letters had been distributed. 11 on waiting list. Cllr Severn would register his interest for a plot. The remaining cycle post had been taken. More coppicing material can be utilised at the allotments. The requirement for more land was mooted, Trent & Dove land at Barton Gate discussed.

7. VEC

A meeting had taken place to review a 12 month plan. Barton Live to be carried out at the Teddy Festival. Tree planting went well on the Jubilee Copse. ESBC have cut in appropriate areas around the footpath. New lights and baubles had been purchased for the Christmas tree. Jubilee – the beacon is to be sited at the top of the Church Tower. Cllr Severn offered gas bottles which can be filled. Any other repairs may be covered by the Key Trust as a one off outside of their usual rules if approved by the Trustees. A risk assessment will be needed for the beacon event. It was thought a Road Closure would not be required as the best view point would likely be Church Lane or Short Lane.

Rev Andy is involved and the Red Lion band will arrive at 9pm to countdown to the beacon lighting.

Jubilee lunch – Holland Sports Club were doing something.

7. Administration

1. Correspondence

Speeding on Scotch Hills – nothing can be done apart from advice already given.

Groundwork starting on Countryside Properties land. The Plans for the Walton bypass bridge need revisiting.

Gilmour Lane soakaway - Julia is asking for an ESBC road sweeper to clean down to the gate. Cllrs were not agreeable to paying 50% of any clean-up costs, as suggested by John Tradewell, as this may lead to us being held liable for future costs. The wording on the lease should be checked if a copy available. Cllrs were prepared to look into a rent charge if County insist the Parish Council should be contributing to this.

8. Outside Bodies & Special Responsibilities

1. Speedwatch

The team recorded 1500 cars : 54 of which were speeding, 2 x 48 in a 30 zone, 2 x 52 in a 40 zone. HGVs coming through due to roadworks on A38.

2. Flood Risk Group

Cllr Sharkey reported no update from the Environment Agency or County on the issues. Naomi Perry was looking into Bombardier commissions for the business park. It was agreed to ask Cllr Jessel for the report on the findings from the Land Registry. Flood Risk Assessment shows the flood storage areas and clarity was needed as to where St Modwens and Highways liabilities were. Copy Cllr Sharkey before sending.

## 9. Councillors Reports

1. Cllr Sharkey – Middle Bell were planning outdoor entertainment in the car park for the Jubilee. Cllr Sharkey advised them to liaise with neighbouring properties explaining what they were proposing.
2. Cllr Hughes proposed a letter be sent querying why two bollards outside St James' Church entrance had been first reduced in height and then removed altogether into the Church store cupboard as the problem parking in that area had returned. It was agreed to write to Richard Rayson copying in Cllr Jessel, St James PCC and St James Court residents.
3. Cllr Taylor asked for a volunteer to put the flag up on April 21<sup>st</sup> for HM Queen's birthday. Rev Andy would be contacted as he had offered to step in to cover Gerry Taylor's absence.
4. Cllr Gilbey asked for contact regarding litter pickers – Clerk to pass on Green Leaves contact.
5. Cllr Severn to research WW11 Pillar box, this side of river on Countryside Properties land. They were believed to be listed.

## 10. Dates of Future Meetings:

- 5 May - 6.30pm Trustee Barton Village Hall Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.  
Advance Apologies : Cllr Severn; Cllr Sharkey may arrive late.
- 9 June – Apologies from Cllr Severn; 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 8.45pm