

# MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held 3 March 2023 – 7.15 pm Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall

Present: -

Cllrs S van Daesdonk (Chairman)  
Cllr L Bennett (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr G Hughes

Cllr J Taylor  
Cllr I Gilbey  
Cllr D Lord

Cllr S Harley  
Cllr E Sharkey  
Cllr A Jones

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

1. Chairman's Welcome and record of Apologies for Absence received  
Apologies were accepted from Cllrs L Young, J Jessel, B Ashcroft
2. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda  
None declared
3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 2 February 2023.  
It was **resolved** that the Minutes were accepted to be signed as a true record by the Chairman.
4. Parishioners Forum  
A resident was in attendance interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.
5. Police, County and Borough Council Reports
  1. Police  
Monthly report distributed.
  2. County Council –:  
Notes had been circulated from the latest Needwood Forum.
  3. Borough Council – nothing to update.
6. Committee Reports as annexed.
  1. Finance  
It was **resolved** to approve the circulated financial reports and committee recommendations.  
Cllrs were asked if they required any monies to be ring-fenced for the new financial year as this would be the last opportunity before year end.  
  
Lanes for Drains work may be possible in this financial year, cost not yet known. It was agreed to ring fence for this financial year all remaining P&OS budget at year end, circa £4.6k, for drainage to add to the £3k already allocated.  
  
Bank Mandate contingency planning - It was proposed and **resolved** to allow existing signatories to remain until new Councillors were on the mandate following May's Election.  
Non-Councillors will however, have no decision on spend.

## 2. Planning

Cllr Gilbey reported no decision made yet on Co-op signage. No notices have been displayed regarding the consultation period. A new noticeboard has also appeared which is not in the planning application. This has been flagged up to the planning officer.

10 Main Street – a detailed objection has been submitted to rendering rather than brick-built extension. Cllrs would like justification for planning officer's decisions on allowing this in the conservation area.

Some errors in applications had also been pointed out.

94 Station Road – leylandii, Cllrs approve of this as it enhances the entrance to the village.

Newbold Quarry – the variation in working hours has now applied to be permanent. Comments to be made.

Barton Marina motel – just received application for 17 motel units. Cllr Lord felt that highway access is not adequate for such increased development and volume of traffic. He suggested the junction with the main road needs amendment, possibly including a mini roundabout. Signage also inadequate.

Cllrs queried if S106 monies might be potentially available on the motel development.

Cllr J Jones said it was worthwhile looking at the £750k levelling up pot for rural areas and suggested the roundabout project might fall into this, costs would need to be looked at.

Highways are being difficult about a brown tourist sign for Barton Marina.

Forest Thorn Farm – Cllrs are trying for a pressure group focussing on article 4 directions.

## 3. Parks and Open Spaces

Cllr Sharkey expressed thanks to the B&D Key Trust for approval of the application for £6k towards refurbishment of the toddlers play area. Project to be advertised before pre election period. The Trustees were very complimentary about the degree of work Cllr Sharkey put in on the application. Bollards have now been purchased and Sam Gaynor is installing these at the fishpond and then Ash Tree pocket park. Reflectors to be purchased separately.

Grounds maintenance: Winter work from JPS mostly carried out. Ash Tree Pocket Park work to continue and some bramble removal at Gilmour Lane.

Gilmour Lane: The Chairman queried if we could get our gardener to clear the soakaway area at the bottom of Gilmour Lane whilst it is dry to avoid problems further on. It is part of the LEA easement but no one seems to maintain it.

Clerk to contact Barton Marina to fix the fence on boundary with Gilmour Lane.

National Forest noticeboards are to be repaired this month.

Damage to noticeboard Potters Way – 3 panels have been taped up for safety. Costs need to be weighed up against insurance excess. The panels were supposed to be vandal proof.

Fishpond sign in Potters had also been ripped out and the Bailiffs are dealing with it.

Collinson Park: Spacewalker adjacent teen shelter has a bearing out. Wicksteeds had been approached for replacement but if found to be irreparable, a new one may be cost prohibitive at £3,674, plus £1500 to install.

Repair to witches hat net anchor boxes. The turf has shrunk and green matting already in storage is to be used.

There had been incidents of drinking in Collinson Park but these need to be reported at the time.

Fishpond: Thanks were expressed to Cllr Taylor for securing £10k toward peg repairs from Cameron Homes. J Kerry appointed to carry out this work by 24 March or sooner £14k to be paid 28 March.

An info board acknowledging donors to fishpond works was still to be arranged to include bank work and peg repairs.

#### 4. Burial Ground

Cllr Bennett reported on the stone trough donation from Bell Lane former blacksmith's property to be relocated by the Memorial Wall. A plaque marking the donation is to be arranged. Trough to be planted up. Thanks were expressed to the Horton family for this kind donation to the village.

#### 5. Human Resources

2 applicants had been interviewed for our Parks & Open Spaces litter picker and the appointment of M. Popplewell to fill this position was confirmed to commence Monday 6 March.

Cllr A Jones reported litter on corner of Dogshead Lane and Efflinch Lane which is usually covered by Green Leaves.

#### 6. Allotments

The Committee had met and the circulated newly created Rules and Regulations of the Allotments were now resolved to be accepted. This mainly to address demands on waiting list to restrict the number of plots to one per household.

Currently 13 on waiting list. Going forward the Council may want to look for opportunities for additional allotment land. Similar issue with no success in trying to find burial ground.

#### 7. VEC

Coronation of Charles III. Cllrs Bennett, van Daesdonk and volunteer, Lorraine Brant have been making plans. Lottery Funding has been applied for and underwritten by Key Trust whilst awaiting decision.

7 May. Road closure request, War Memorial to Crowberry Lane. 2pm-9pm. ESBC offered 11am-6pm and we have asked for a single lane closure in front of St James church 6pm-9pm. Letter drop all houses affected by road closure.

Events planned so far 2pm-5pm children's and family entertainment including 3 bouncy castles in the churchyard, face painters and an ice cream van. Maypole dancers will be performing from the infants school in front of The Shoulder. A Fire engine will be present. Traction engines possibly at each end of the road closure. A Church service would take place at 6pm. Red Lion to provide live music 7pm-9pm in the churchyard. Villagers will be encouraged to bring a picnic or purchase a takeaway from local outlets. Beacon suggested - 8.43pm sunset.

At village Christmas tree location there will be a man-made 'Needwood Oak', kids to provide wishes to hang on tree in the shape of oak leaves and acorns.

Pin badges to be purchased for junior and infants school children. Currently spending remaining VEC/GPC budget. Costs which will hopefully be covered by lottery funding currently total £3639 although not all will be spent as some items are unavailable. Cllr Sharkey has a contact with Hot Air balloonist and a flight could be potentially be arranged for 6pm from Collinson Park depending on favourable weather conditions.

A banner will be placed at Dunstall saying no access into village. Clerk to inform Dunstall PC.

Marshall volunteers will be needed, particularly in the evening.

Local outlets had been approached. Royal Oak doing their own thing. 3 Horseshoes doing entertainment on Saturday 6 May. John Taylor to be approached about car parking.

Monday volunteer day – a Barton Live event had been suggested with local groups present in and around the churchyard. Litter pick also suggested. ESBC are providing red bins for 7<sup>th</sup> May. These to be delivered the Village Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> collecting Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.

If raining events will move to the village hall and St James church.

## 7. Correspondence

All items noted.

ESBC have been putting up notices 'Dogs on Leads' in Collinson Park.

## 8. Outside Bodies & Special Responsibilities

### 1. Speedwatch

There had been no recent watch.

Cllr A Jones had received reports about lorries coming through - 13 in one hour, daytime. The road closures in Burton have been affecting us. Cllr A Jones to approach Cllr Julia Jessel about the possibility of a camera.

### 2. Flood Risk Group

Barton Brook – Trent Rivers Trust are contacting landowners to test waters for natural flood management scheme. Chris Archer advised that St Modwens have now accepted responsibility for the retention pond between Bombardier and the railway.

Sluice at Fishpond – Cllr Harley is trying to make contact with an engineer re this work but has proven difficult. Plan B is a contact who has recently retired and can make the sluice gate.

Full Brook – we are getting close to an agreement with Bellways on maintenance going forward. Watercourses access cleared and will maintain twice per year, to be written into revised maintenance plan. The final copy will need approval from us. A letter drop will be made in Mill Lane and Mill Crescent with updates on reducing flood risk. One culvert is to be replaced. Severn Trent have adopted the pumping sewage station, Highways have adopted the roads. Photographic evidence of the areas base line condition will go into the plan.

## 9. Councillors Reports

1. Cllr Sharkey is on stand-by snow patrol with our lengthsman to grit vulnerable areas.
2. Cllr Taylor advised the road markings in Potters Way need repainting and also car park at village hall – markings have faded. An oak tree planted at the top of Gilmour can be dedicated to mark the Coronation.
3. Elections – the Clerk advised Cllrs that we would be shortly entering into the pre-election period from 26 March to the 4 May which was a period of heightened sensitivity and they should therefore refrain from engaging in publicity or self-promotion. Annual Open Meeting can go ahead. Application packs to be issued by the Borough Council imminently.

## 10. Dates of Future Meetings:

6 April 2023, Annual Open Meeting 6 April 2023 – 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.08pm