

MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4 July 2024 – 7.00 pm, Robert Douglas Room, Barton Village Hall

Members Present: -

Cllr E Sharkey (Chairman)	Cllr D Lord	Cllr J Taylor	Cllr L Young
Cllr I Gilbey	Cllr K McInerney	Cllr S Naylor	Cllr C Allcock
Cllr S Bedford			

In attendance: - Clerk, Mrs S Rumsby; 1 members of the public.

24/38 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies

Apologies for absence were noted from Cllrs Brookes, Walker; County Cllr Jessel and Needwood Ward Cllrs Jones, Ashcroft

24/39 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda and requests for dispensation – none received.

24/40 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 6 June 2024

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

24/41 Parishioners Forum

A resident asked if the final draft of the S.19 flood report been published. It was confirmed that it is available and does refer to Lichfield Road. Cllr Lord offered to send a copy to the resident. Severn Trent are contesting a claim by the resident and Cllr Lord will review their correspondence and advise the resident on a response. The non-return valve which they put in does not work. It was suggested asking our MP to assist following the election. Cllr Jessel has pressed for action.

Barton Brook east of the railway line and parallel to Station Lane - the quarry company (Heidelberg Materials – formerly Hanson) has been pressed to ensure free passage of water through their land.

24/42 Police, County and Borough Council Reports

1. Police – Cllr Sharkey had approached Needwood Parish Councils group to suggest inviting the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner to attend a public meeting. Awaiting more responses.
2. County Council – Dogshead Lane is being patched followed by Efflinch Lane.
3. Borough Council – Cllr Lord had attended the Parish Forum and summarised his circulated notes. The Village Hall Management Committee are already looking into requirements and the impact of Martyn's Law.
ASB and Fly tipping - Environmental Health can deploy temporary CCTV to act as a deterrent. Attendees asked for planners to attend the next Parish Forum and would also like to invite SCC to discuss potholes.
Cllrs queried when we last had our Ward Cllrs attend full PC meetings and would like a more regular report.

24/43 Public Survey / Strategy update –

Comms to go through the survey results in more detail and a meeting is to be scheduled. A workshop session would assess the main comments to formulate our priorities with cost implications for the budget. This to take place in August ideally.

The County Council have appointed consultants to look at outdoor recreational opportunities in the Dove and Trent valley. Newbold Quarry is a prime site for this. The PC role is to establish community needs and justification on these County led projects.

There was a majority support for a strategy workshop to be held for those available to attend.

24/44 Committee Reports considered as circulated.

1. Finance - All finance reports reviewed and accepted
July Meeting scheduled.

2. Planning

Cllr Gilbey referred to the planning comments and objections as circulated.

There was no need to respond to item 1, which is just a slight amendment to existing planning document.

Bellway Estate Travel plan – Our co-optee member has pressed for conditions e.g. provision of the bus shelter if space allows. Google Street view shows a bus stop in place which has not been re-instated. It was agreed to contact Diamond to indicate this loss of revenue for them, new residents were unaware of the stop, and highlight the green agenda; explain dispute with County Council about the provision of a bus shelter and ask for reinstatement of bus stop signage at the least, to confirm where the stop is.

A request for information had been received from a resident regarding the Middle Bell frontage enforcement issue. A statement was issued to the resident. Councillors felt there was no need to publish the statement but it could be shared more widely if approached.

Cllr Bedford asked if we could consider clarifying responsibilities on the website under planning. This to be discussed further as a more general ‘who does what’ website communication.

Safety line marking has been put along the platform ledge on the Middle Bell frontage. Councillors were not aware of any pending planning application for the site.

3. Parks & Open Spaces

No meeting but will be scheduled for July. Soft close gates will be installed at the Toddler Park. Meeting to be arranged with landscape maintenance contractor to discuss contract.

Fishpond – safety buoy quote to be obtained and worked into budget. Last purchase was circa £230 plus delivery and installation.

There had been no further incidents of anti-social drunk and disorderly behaviour.

Oak Road Shops – a tree has been felled and it is hope to be replaced with an alternative specimen. Agreed Chair to write to Innes-England in Derby, the agents for the owners.

Village Green Registration – an application was begun years ago to register Collinson Park and Ash Tree pocket park. Management plans were drafted and were awaiting approval from ESBC.

Cllr Gilbey to chase Naomi Perry. All happy to pursue this open space registration to try to ensure usage of the sites as Public Open Space in perpetuity by this method. Briefing note to be circulated by Cllr Gilbey. An application to register the Fishpond was withdrawn due to many complications around rules to ensure safety.

4. Burial Ground -
Meeting needed to discuss increase in plaque charges. The time lapse between cremated remains scatterings was discussed and Councillors agreed to waive this guidance where it may be difficult to avoid a date clash and where strict enforcement might cause undue distress to relatives.

5. Human Resources –
Permanent Contract of employment to be offered to our litter-picker following successful probationary period.

6. Allotments -
Cllr Lord’s circulated report was noted and accepted. Some tree work was necessary by National Grid, Clerk to obtain complete details from them including method statement. They should inform residents and plot holders of the work.
We have vacant plots and no waiting list – allotments to be advertised.
The noticeboard is to be replaced as budgeted - Cllr Allcock sourcing quotes.

7. VEC –
Minutes of 9 May circulated.
Queens Copse – our groundsman has strimmed the area but as the ground was so wet, a second visit was agreed. It was confirmed the Borough Council would consider transferring this land to BPC but there would be very little funds to compensate for maintenance. Boundary trees would need to be removed before any transfer to BPC and any possible liability indemnified. If the transfer were to take place, Cllrs felt ESBC should pay for all legal advice required.
Cllr Taylor to obtain costs from current BPC term landscape contractor for including this area on future maintenance visits. Proposal to be brought forward to next meeting.
VE Day - various aspects already arranged – band, first aid, bouncy castle and Punch & Judy.
Extension lead acquired.

8. Communications -
Meeting to be arranged. Chairman advised that the Chime can do an outside wrap of 4 sides for any Comms on the Parish Survey consultation and report

24/45 Correspondence
All Correspondence noted.
Station Lane consultation - queries had been raised on the turn around point but generally in favour of the proposals. Countryside Properties are paying for the work. It is an experimental traffic order so should go through quickly.

24/46 Outstanding Action Points
List referred to and updated.

24/47 Outside Bodies & Special Responsibilities

1. Holland Sports Club – Cllr Lord reported on a meeting with the club, Barton Marina and the Environment Agency. Attenuation swales are to be installed and Cllr Lord is advising on managing the water away from the pitches and the club.
2. Speedwatch – no report.

3. Flood Risk Group – Report circulated. Some items to be clarified prior to the agreement for the Flood Warning system. This is specialist equipment with limited options for supply so one quote only available. Gauge data will not be published but residents can sign up for flood warning alerts. Alert response times to rising water levels will depend on how saturated the catchment is in winter or how dry and hard in summer – either of which will lead to faster run-off and rise in water level.
4. Walton By-Pass Bridge – nothing to report.
5. Quarries Liaison – Cllr Sharkey had attended a recent meeting with Heidelberg Materials (formerly Hansons) for their Barton Pit (east of railway and south of Station Lane) . The Western extension between the A38 and the railway is now being opened up. No concerns raised. The company can fund community projects, for instance, they will consider paying for pipe bedding material for the land drainage project in Collinson Park.
Transport lorries – Heidelberg Materials do not contract with Skippers for haulage of sand and gravel but Skippers do move materials from the Barton Pit for Russells Roof Tiles factory at Branston. It is not known if Skippers are still working for Aggregate Industries at Newbold Quarry.
Newbold Quarry meeting scheduled for 16 July.

24/48 Councillors & Clerk Reports

1. Cllr Young – Family Festival flyers to go in noticeboards. Grant to be formally requested.
2. Cllr Allcock – a dog poop bin had not replaced been on its original spot on Dunstall Road at the junction with the footpath leading onto the Radhurst, but it was confirmed a new one has been place further along the road.
3. Cllr Taylor – Road Closure Notice to be requested between 10am-12pm for the Remembrance Parade and VE Day 4/5/25 1pm-9pm. It was suggested not to have a RCN for the Christmas lights event – this to be discussed further at the next VEC meeting.

24/49 Dates of Future Meetings:

2024 : 1 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December
Apologies for next meeting from C Allcock.

The meeting closed at 21.12