

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the 742nd Virtual Meeting of Barrington Parish Council held on Tuesday 6 October at 19:00hrs

Present – Councillors

Don Bourne (Chairman), Margaret Stone, Tom McKnight, Peter Oakes

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk, Mike Stanton – District Councillor, Adam Dance – County Councillor

20/75. To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given

Apologies were received from Robert Stenner.

20/76. Declarations of interests

None.

20/77. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held

20/78. Matters to report from the previous meeting

Councillor Margaret Stone enquired about the reported planning enforcement action for Thatchdown Cottage, Main Street. The clerk agreed to contact the enforcement officer.

District Councillor Mike Stanton reported that he had spoken with one of the neighbours who had written a letter of complaint to the parish council about correspondence received from Hassockmoor Childcare. They didn't wish for a third party to conciliate on their behalf and they would be writing a friendly letter to the facility in the hope that neighbourly relations would be established.

18:10 – Meeting closed

20/79. Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors Report

County Councillor Adam Dance explained that all of the Somerset councils being considered for Unitary had now received letters from Government with Bath And North East Somerset (BANES) and North Somerset included, resulting in the largest Unitary in the country and not considered desirable.

He reported that he had been selected to represent his party in the next round of County elections, planned for May 2021 but likely delayed until 2022 at the earliest. District Councillor Mike Stanton expressed concern over the recently published Government white paper (Planning for the Future: planning policy changes in England in 2020 and future reforms) and its impact on parish council's involvement in the consultation process. He reported that the Rivers Authority had funded the recently completed silt trap across the bottom of Bonnings Lane, which the Chairman reported being the final part of the water management scheme in the parish.

18:25 – Meeting opened

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20/80. Planning Decisions Report

None.

20/81. Planning Applications

- a. 20/02615/HOU – 2 Sharlands, Barrington – The erection of a two-storey rear extension to dwellinghouse.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to provide comments in support of the application.

20/82. Parish Council Matters

- a. To receive Councillor McGarry's resignation.

The parish council were saddened to receive Mr McGarry's resignation and acknowledged that there were now 2 vacancies. Councillor Tom McKnight offered to place the advert in neighbouring parishes.

20/83. Finance

- a. To approve the following payments:

J Ferguson (Clerks salary & expenses)	£367.74
HMRC ¹ (PAYE ²)	£ 64.80
Garden, Farm & Country Services	£450.00
Play Inspection Company – Annual Inspection	£156.00
Dial a Grass Cut – Grass Cutting	£150.00

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed for the payments presented to be approved and signed

20/84. Parish Matters

- a. To identify tasks for the ranger

Councillor McKnight was liaising with the ranger and directing her work.

20/85. Highways & Rights of Way reports

- a. To report any highways of rights of way issues

Councillor Peter Oakes was arranging for the fallen tree at Copse Shute to be removed.

20/86. Public Open Session

Councillor McKnight reported that the governing document for the Barrington Allotments, as lodged on the Charities Commission website specified "Land to be used and enjoyed as allotments for the benefit

¹ Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

² Pay As You Earn

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of the labouring population of the parish". With this in mind, and with 2 parishioners on the waiting list, he proposed to give notice of end of tenancy to the 2 allotment holders who were not residents of Barrington and offer the allotments to the 2 waiting residents. He also spoke of some unpleasantness directed to neighbours and walkers from an allotment holder. The clerk was asked to produce letters to go out with the agreements asking for any incidents to be reported to the parish council.

20/87. Date of next meeting – 10 November 2020

20:25 – Meeting closed