

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF 739th MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – Tuesday 9th June 2020, by video conference at 6pm.

Councillors Present:

Marion Lewis (Chairman)

Margaret Stone

Don Bourne

Ian McGarry

Tom McKnight

Peter Oakes

In attendance: D. Cllr M Stanton and the clerk.

20/29 To receive any apologies for absence. C. Cllr A Dance and Cllr Stenner had sent apologies.

20/30 To receive any declarations of interest. There were no declarations of interest.

20/31 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2020.

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

20/32 Public session to include PCSO, County & District Councillor reports.

It was reported that SSDC will need to dig into its reserves to fund a £10 mil shortfall this financial year due to £13 mil in Coronavirus support being granted and only £3 mil contributed by central Government. This may result in cut backs to the town centre regeneration projects planned for Yeovil, Chard & Wincanton. SSDC's battery storage facility, one of the largest held by a local authority in the country, went live on 5th June producing 30MW of power for 1 hour (at peak demand).

20/33 Parish Council Administration

- a) To agree the formation of a new parish council website that meets The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

The clerk presented a solution for the creation of a new parish council website which would meet the regulation within the timescales.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed for the clerk to produce a new parish council website and spend within the budget allocated for the website to include website design, hosting & email provision.

ACTION: Clerk

20/34 Planning.

- a) To note decisions on earlier applications.
 - i) 19/03510/FUL – Land east of 23 Highfields, Main Street, Barrington.
 - ii) 20/00287/OUT – Land Os 4400 Highfields, Main Street, Barrington.

Cllr Lewis reported back from the Area North Committee meeting where both applications had been approved. She had spoken against both applications, representing the views of the parish council, and explained the frustrations felt when discussions between most councillors were factually incorrect and clearly demonstrated that those making the decision had no knowledge of the application or concerns of the residents. Cllr Stanton shared those views and whilst he sat on these committees, was similarly frustrated for the same reasons and felt that the process by which applications were decided misled local parish councils and residents into thinking that you can change the outcome. The Chairman thanked Cllr Stanton for his support in this process and all agreed that this was a disappointing outcome for the parish.

- b) To consider new applications. None.

20/35 Finance

- a) To approve the AGAR 2019-2020 accounting statement, cashbook and bank reconciliations.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to approve the AGAR 2019-2020 accounting statement, cashbook & bank reconciliation.

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- b) To approve and sign Part 2 of the AGAR to exempt the PC from an external audit due to income or expenditure being less than £25K for the financial year 2019-2020.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to approve the AGAR part 2, Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 and to exempt the PC from an external audit.

- c) To approve the following payments:
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| J Ferguson (Clerks salary & expenses) | £332.76 |
| HMRC (PAYE) | £62.00 |
| Garden, Farm & Country Services (May 2020) | £510.00 |

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

- d) To consider a request for a grant towards the installation of solar panels at Barrington Football Club (BFC).

The PC agreed to a grant in principle, subject to obtaining assurances that the football club would be going ahead in the future. The clerk agreed to write back to BFC asking for further assurances of their intentions for the club in the next year and their progress in setting up of the club so far.

ACTION: Clerk

20/36 Village issues and reports

- a) To report on any activities completed since the last meeting, or requiring attention.

The issue of people not picking up their dog mess was continuing and it was agreed to put signs throughout the village reminding people of their duties. Cllr McKnight reported that the tape around the equipment in the recreation field had been replaced many times. It was agreed that signs could be attached to the equipment instead, until such time as the equipment could be open for use.

ACTION: Clerk

20/37 Highways & Rights of Way reports

A resident had asked for the PC to consider a footpath width, white line to be marked on the highway through the village. It was discussed and decided that there was not sufficient width in places for a designated footpath & highway and therefore should not be pursued further. Cllr Oakes reported that the filter sox on Bonnings Lane had been driven over and damaged. Cllr Lewis asked the clerk to obtain prices for replacements.

ACTION: Clerk

20/38 Report and items for the Ranger – 29th June 2020.

Cllr Lewis reported that the ranger was intending on trying to repair the sandbags on Bonnings Lane and Cllr McKnight asked for the ranger to tidy the woodland walk. Cllr Lewis asked the parish council to pass any further work identified to be carried out on the next ranger day, to the clerk.

20/39 Items of report/future business.

Cllr Lewis asked for D. Cllr Stanton to forward on to the clerk any costings that had been obtained for the work to be carried out on the drainage channel in front of the properties 30-32 Main Street. It was agreed that the residents shouldn't have to carry the burden and that both the PC and SSDC should be contributing as it was a procedural error with SSDC building control that had allowed the properties to be signed off without the planning conditions being enforced.

20/40 Date of next meeting – TBD as required.

7.30pm – Meeting closed.