

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 16th MAY 2011**

PRESENT:- Mesdames: Kirsopp, Vickers, Robinson, Beech, Hughes & Ashdown.

APOLOGIES:- Messrs Harazny & Reading

MIN FC 185/5/11 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared.

MIN FC 186/5/11 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2011- 2012:

i). Chairman:

AGREED: that Mrs A Robinson be appointed Chairman.

Proposed: Mrs C Ashdown Seconded: Ms H Kirsopp Unanimous

ii). Vice Chairman:

AGREED: that Mrs H Kirsopp be appointed Vice Chairman.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mrs J Hughes Unanimous

iii). Memorial Hall Management Committee:

AGREED: that Ms J Hughes be appointed

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

iv). MAD Youth Club:

AGREED: that Mrs A Robinson be appointed

Proposed: Mrs J Hughes Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

v). Responsible Financial Officer:

AGREED: that the Contract provision appointing Mr P Evoy be NOTED

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

MIN FC 187/5/11 – COMMITTEE STRUCTURE:

A general discussion took place, reviewing the organisation of meetings, during the past year, and the points raised in a letter from Mr K Reading were also considered. Members thought that continuity had been lost and that it had been difficult to keep abreast of activities across the Council.

AGREED: i). that the Committee structure be abandoned and replaced by two Parish Council meetings per month, wherever possible..

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mrs J Hughes Unanimous

ii). that the next Council Meeting take place in 3 weeks' time (6th June 2011) and, thereafter, every third week, wherever possible and that the new arrangements be reviewed in six months' time.

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

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MIN FC 187/5/11 – COMMITTEE STRUCTURE: ..Contd/.....

iii). that a review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be DEFERED

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Ms H Kirsopp Unanimous

NOTED: That Mrs S Crank would report all matters concerning the Cemetery arrangements directly to the Council Meetings, in future.

MINUTE FC 188/5/11 – PRESENTATION OF GRANT CHEQUES:

The Chairman had presented cheques, for previously agreed amounts, to the various organisations of the Parish, during the Annual Parish Assembly.

NOTED

MINUTE 189/5/11 – URGENT PROVISION:

i). Appointment of Co-opted Members:

The Clerk explained the formalities for appointment and that further guidance had been sought from the CW&C Solicitor. This will be presented to the next meeting of the Council.

NOTED

ii). SAGE (Accounting) Study Course:

AGREED: that the Council support the cost of the Course (£150 +VAT) for the Clerk.

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Ms V Vickers Unanimous

**MINUTE FC190/5/11 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
18TH APRIL 2011:**

APPROVED:

Proposed Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown 4 For 0 Against 2 Abstentions

MIN FC 191/5/11 – PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

The Clerk had previously circulated the Action Plan.

AGREED: that actions relating to the publication of Tunnel Top newsletter be undertaken by the Clerk and that the Website issues be deferred to the next meeting.

Proposed Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mrs J Hughes Unanimous

MIN FC192/5/11 – PURCHASE OF LAND OFF TOWNFIELD LANE, BARNTON:

The Clerk reported that a new quotation for the work in relation to the car parking was considerably less than the original quotation received from another contractor. It was unclear why there were such significant differences. He also reported that the Cricket Club had expressed an interest on account of their perception about how developments might affect their grounds (eg: drainage). An outcome to these matters, and a consideration of the value of a Landscape Architect for the project, would be reported to the Council Meeting scheduled for the 27th June 2011

NOTED



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MIN FC 193/5/11 – CW&C RURAL REGENERATION ACTION PLAN:
DEFER

MIN FC 194/5/11 – RENEWAL OF PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY:

The Clerk reported that he had renegotiated the cost of the new 3 year Insurance Policy, based upon the offer made by Came & Co, which had resulted in sixteen months' cover, for the cost of a 12 month contract and a reduction in cost to £2,850.

AGREED: that the offer from Came & Co be accepted

Proposed Ms H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown

Unanimous

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Chairman:  Date 6th June 2011