

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 18th APRIL 2011**

PRESENT:- Mesdames: Kirsopp, Vickers, Robinson, Gray & Ashdown.
Messrs: Reading, Schott, Harazny & Wills

APOLOGIES:- Mrs J Hughes

In Attendance: Cllr M Byram CW&C (for item 179/4/11), Mrs L Gibbon

MIN FC 164/4/11 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared.

MIN FC 164/4/11 – URGENT BUSINESS -

a). Complaint regarding Trees on the Football Field:

A resident had written to complain about tree growth and overhang, which was restricting light to his property. The matter required further investigated by the Clerk, after checking any Tree Preservation Orders, and any other restrictions which may be relevant, advising the resident accordingly.

NOTED

b). Council Insurance Renewal:

The Council's Insurers (Came & Co) had advised about a new approach which indicated 3 months' free insurance, subject to the signing of a new three year contract in October, indicating a 12% discount. The Clerk undertook to ascertain what the new quotation amounted to, before advising the Council, further.

NOTED

c). Parish Council Notice Board:

Mr J Wills reported that the repaired Notice Board had been returned.

Members NOTED that location, on the drive leading to the Memorial Hall, had been previously agreed.

d). Complaint regarding late night Fireworks and Car Damage:

A resident had complained about these incidents, some of which had occurred in the early hours of the morning (5.30am), in areas close to the Nursery Road Recreation Ground.

AGREED:

That the Clerk refer the complaint to PCSO Wiggins and write to acknowledge the resident's letter, accordingly.

The Clerk also undertook to refer issues raised by Members concerning abusive language and dog faeces in Oakwood Lane, as well as a burnt out bin on the footpath, known as "the Shoots". to PCSO Wiggins

Proposed: Mr K Reading

Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown

Unanimous

e). Delamere Close – Street Party:

A Traffic Regulation Order had been issued in respect of a closure to this road on the occasion of the Royal Wedding.

NOTED



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f). CW&C Road Regeneration Strategy Action Plan:

Members undertook to read this plan on the CW&C website and to bring their observations to the AGM. Meanwhile, Mrs H Kirsopp undertook to review the provisions.

NOTED

MINUTE FC 165/4/11 – QUESTION TIME / OPEN SESSION:

Mrs Gibbon attended on behalf of the Parish Plan Group, and wished to record their thanks for the revised Tunnel Top magazine.

She also reported that the new Bench would be installed at the top of Barnton Hill, on the towpath, by the gate, subject to agreement with British Waterways and that the new Village Interpretation Board would also be placed, in close proximity to the same area.

In thanking Mrs Gibbon for the work of the Parish Plan Group, the Chairman also invited Mrs Gibbon to attend future meetings of the Barnton Community Project – dates to be advised by the Deputy Clerk.

NOTED

MINUTE 166/4/11 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 28TH FEBRUARY 2011:

APPROVED:

Proposed Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown 6 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions

MIN FC 167/4/11 - MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF THE 14TH MARCH 2011:

NOTED

MIN FC 168/4/11 - MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE OF 28TH MARCH 2011:

NOTED

MIN FC 169/4/11 – AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2011:

a). Final Account:

the Clerk reported that the only amendment to the approval given at the last meeting was the inclusion of the VAT return in respect of the MAD Youth Club

AGREED that: the Accounts be approved

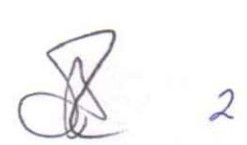
Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mr K Reading Unanimous

b). Local Councils in England Annual Return:

the Clerk submitted the completed annual return for the Local Councils in England

AGREED: that the Chairman sign the copy and the Clerk arrange for the form to be returned, as appropriate

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp Seconded: Mr M Schott Unanimous



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c). Parish Council Asset Register:

The Clerk had circulated copies of the Parish Council Asset Register during which discussion arose about the value of land, assessed at £1.00. Attention was also drawn to the value of Gunnersclough Woodlands.

AGREED:

- i). that the Clerk investigate the requirements of historic and insurance values of the Asset Register value in general but particularly in relation to the Gunnersclough Woodland acquisition, and advise the Council accordingly.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Ms D Gray Unanimous

- ii). that the Asset Register be approved

Proposed: Mr K Reading Seconded: Ms H Kirsopp Unanimous

d). Risk Assessment:

The Clerk reported that this was in progress, with a view to presenting the review at the AGM in May. Members referred to the new responsibilities in respect of the Woodlands and anticipated changes at the Cemetery, together with the new proposals for the Allotments. He reported that the outcome would be concluded in agreement with Ms H Kirsopp, who had had previous experience with the Council's Risk Assessment.

NOTED

MIN FC 170/4/11 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

a). 47 Church Road, Barnton – Change of Use of Outbuildings to Dwelling:

Planning Application Ref: 11/00712/FUL – previous refusal by the F&GP Committee on the 14/3/2011 – NOTED

b). Christian Community Ministries 105 Runcorn Road, Barnton:

Planning Application Ref: 11/0539/FUL – Alterations to provide shop front window and staircase alterations – NO OBJECTIONS

MINUTE 171/4/11 – CW&C ELECTRONIC PLANNING SERVICE:

Mrs Kirsopp reported on the merits of the on-line system.

NOTED

MINUTE 172/4/11 BARNTON MEMORIAL HALL – CAR BOOT SALE 11TH JUNE 2011:

Organisational details, awaited. MINUTE 162/2/11 REFERS.

Previous approval NOTED

MINUTE 173/4/11 – RUNCORN ROAD RECREATION GROUND:

The Clerk reported upon the siting of the multi-use games wall, in accordance with agreements reached with residents at an earlier site meeting. The Contractor is expected to complete all necessary works within the next three weeks.

NOTED

MINUTE 174/4/11 – LAND OFF TOWNFIELD LANE:

The cost of Car Parking for the new allotments were proving to be well beyond initial estimates, and questions were now being raised by the Cricket Club in respect of draining.

DEFER

MINUTE 175/4/11 – TUNNEL TOP PARISH MAGAZINE:

Further to previous discussions on the purchase of suitable software (MINUTE 156/2/11 REFERS), an estimate of £900 had been received for QWARK Software. Members were of the opinion that this was an unnecessary expense, since Microsoft Publisher would probably be sufficient for this purpose. It was understood that this could be purchased for c. £300.

AGREED that: the Clerk should proceed to purchase on this basis, subject to clarifying whether or not there were additional costs for extending the use of the software to other users.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson

Seconded: Ms H Kirsopp

Unanimous

MINUTE 176/4/11 – HEALTH & WELL BEING DAY – MARBURY COUNTRY PARK:

The Council had been invited to include a stall on this day (26th June 2011) and it was thought to be an opportunity to invite people to join the Friends of Gunnersclough Woods. Councillors would be invited to be in attendance for at least part of the day.

AGREED that: the Clerk would circulate a schedule of times to Members, in order for them to select on which occasions they would be in attendance, and that further opportunities to join the Friends of Gunnersclough Woods be published in "Tunnel Top".

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson

Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown

Unanimous

MINUTE 177/4/11 – CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION:

AGREED that: membership be declined.

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mr K Reading

Unanimous

MINUTE 178/4/11 – GUNNERSCLOUGH WOODS:

Concerns were expressed about the need to undertake Health & Safety reviews and remedial works, especially in relation to overhanging trees along Hough Lane. It was understood that the Forestry Commission may well assist with some of the costs of this work.

AGREED that:

- a). the Clerk be requested to investigate options, securing an estimate for the work required from the appointed contractor, and that the Parks & Recreation Grounds Committee be requested to meet at the Woodlands 30 minutes before their next meeting, to familiarise themselves with the situation.

Proposed: Mrs C Ashdown

Seconded: Mr K Reading

Unanimous

- b). the Clerk be requested to examine options with the Forestry Commission, with a view to securing financial support for the maintenance of the woods.

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mr J Wills

Unanimous

MINUTE 179/4/11 – CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER COUNCIL:

Following a request from the last Parish Council Meeting (MINUTE 159/2/11 REFERS), Cllr Byram reported that Highways cannot bring action against those who park on grass verges. Any such complaints have to be referred to the Police. Otherwise defects to the Highway can be reported to tel.no. 0300 123 70-36. In the meantime, he would pursue the question concerning the use of nylon netting to protect the verges.

NOTED

In the light of the forthcoming elections, Cllr Byram was sincerely thanked for his services to the Parish Council.

MINUTE FC 180/4/11 – POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER:

There being no members of the Police present, it was decided to DEFER this item

MINUTE FC 181/4/11 – COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Members were requested to prepare for a formal item on the agenda at the AGM, whereby changes to the Committee Structure will given opportunity for discussion.

NOTED.

CHAIRMAN

DATE: 16TH MAY 2011

