

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

PRESENT:- Mesdames: Vickers, Robinson, Beech, Kirsopp, Wilson.
Messrs: Schott, Wills and Reading.

APOLOGIES:- Mesdames: Hughes and Ashdown. Cllr M Byram (CWaC),

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr N Wright (CWaC), Cllr D Hammond (CWaC), PCSO Wiggins, Mr S Sullivan (British Waterways) and Mrs S Crank

MIN FC 244/7/11 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

MINUTE FC 245/7/11 – REPORT FROM CWaC COUNCILLORS:

Councilor N Wright reported that:

i). British Legion and The Meadows:

CWaC had purchased the British Legion site and will develop both this site and the adjoining Meadows site for 30/37 units of residential housing.

It is anticipated that some funds will be made available to the Parish Council from Section 106 funding. Specific requests would need to be submitted to access these funds

ii). Councillor (CWaC) Funding Allocations:

Each Councillor had received their allocations and would be considering together which projects/clubs/organizations would benefit from their support.

iii). Grass Verges:

(MINUTE 202/6/11 Refers)

He noted that Mr J Barnes (Network Steward CWaC) had responded in detail to the questions raised at the last meeting of the Parish Council (copies circulated)

iv). TATA Energy Plant (Winnington):

Members were advised to consider whether or not they wished to respond to plans for the development of the plant – Ms H Kirsopp undertook to co-ordinate submissions.

MIN FC 246/7/11 – POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER:

PCSO Wiggins was pleased to report that the previous month had been comparatively quiet, although there had been some superficial car damage in Crocus Street and that there had been speed monitoring on the Marbury Road. She was aware that residents were calling for monitoring along Townfield Lane. Meanwhile, arrangements were being made to engrave bicycles over the summer period.

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MINUTE 247/7/11 – BRITISH WATERWAYS:

Mr S O'Sullivan was welcomed to the meeting. He explained that British Waterways was seeking Charity Status and that arrangements were being made to include help from many more volunteers to assist with the maintenance of the Waterways Estate. Estimates for this work currently anticipated expenditure of approximately £300 -£350 Million with Government Grants only amounting to £45 Million.

Consequently, arrangements had been made to encourage volunteers, whilst acknowledging all Health & Safety issues. Volunteer groups were requested to complete information sheets, which would allow for equipment allocations and monitoring arrangements to be established, with appropriate supervision.

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**MINUTE FC 250/7/11 – MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE
27th JUNE 2011:**

APPROVED:

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mrs S Beech 5 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions

MIN FC 251/7/11 – BARNTON PAVILION:
DEFER

MIN FC 252/7/11 – BARON'S QUAY DEVELOPMENT – NORTHWICH:

Review of Plans at Northwich Memorial Hall, Tuesday 19th July 2.00pm

NOTED

MINUTE FC 253/7/11 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i). 11/02372/FUL 2 Willow Grove, Barnton – Erection of boundary fence
No objections, subject to the new fence being a good match to the adjoining fence.
- ii)) 11/02496/FUL 83 Grange Road – demolition of coal house and erection of single storey extension with canopy to the front elevation
No objections
- iii) 11/01458/FUL 30 Emmett Street – side garage extension and front porch
Planning permission already granted.
- iv). 11/01901/FUL Old Methodist Chapel, Oakwood Lane – change of use from D2 to B8
Planning permission already granted

MINUTE FC 254/7/11 – FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk presented the Accounts for June 2011.

The Clerk reported on complications which occurred when Contractors “carried over” their invoices into the new financial year. In future, they would be requested to submit them earlier.

Currently, there was significant pressure to remain within budget and he would have to resist any unnecessary expenditure

NOTED

MINUTE FC 255/7/11 – BARNTON CEMETERY:

Mrs S Crank, Clerk to the Barnton Cemetery Committee, presented her report and financial statement for the period 1st May – 18th July 2011.

Mention was made of the state of the footpaths and the weeding which was required.

There were 33 applications for an allotment space – 29 of which were from Barnton residents.- one allotment holder had been reminded about the need to maintain it in accordance with requirements. New receipt books and letter-heads had been purchased to reflect the change in name.

Mrs Crank was thanked for her report and financial statement. It was

AGREED that:

- i) the Cemetery Clerk purchase new stationery, as required, without prior approval, in future
- ii) the Guidance given to new applicants be reviewed
- iii) Ms H Kirsopp submit her list of recommended improvements to the Cemetery Clerk

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iv) Identifiable owners of rubbish or equipment be given 14 days in which to remove it, otherwise, it to be disposed of.

v) the Report be:

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Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mr J Wills

Unanimous

Following further discussion it was also:

AGREED that:

vi) the Fees should be reviewed at the October meeting of the Parish Council, along with the next Financial Statement.

Proposed: Ms H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mr K Reading

Unanimous

MINUTE FC 256/7/11 – JUBILEE CORNER:

(MINUTE 236/6/11 REFERS)

Three quotations had been received, but Budget provision was currently unavailable for further development (MINUTE 254/7/11 above, REFERS).

Ms Vickers gave assurances that sufficient plants could be provided by the community.

AGREED that:

Ms Vickers pursue the possibility of community provision, on the basis of thorn/prickly plants at the rear of the border, with flowering plants at the front, behind the Memorial.

Proposed: Mrs C Wilson

Seconded: Mr M Schott

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MIN FC 257/7/11 – GUNNERS CLOUGH WOODLANDS:

i) Tree Surgery:

The Clerk reported that the Forrester (David Scott) met the Forestry Commission representative at the site. They had encountered a local resident who had proved difficult to deal with over a particular tree. As a result, the Forestry Commission rep threatened to impose a Tree Preservation Order, stating that only high level pruning would be undertaken on the tree in question along Hough Lane. Although the Parish Council would be responsible for financing this work, it could be possible to apply for a Grant from the Forestry Commission.

The Clerk also reported that he was in discussions with Scottish Power with view to them felling the 4 trees identified as potentially dangerous in a recent tree survey. SP will be assessing the feasibility of carrying all or part this work out shortly. It was envisaged that such work may be undertaken without expense to the Council. The cost of any further work on these trees (cutting up etc), might not be undertaken by the Scottish Power.

ii) Insurance:

The Clerk also reported that he had been in discussion with the Insurers (Came & Co) with regard to insurance cover for Volunteer Workers and Walkers. He had been assured that these were covered under the policy.

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MIN FC 257/7/11 – GUNNERS CLOUGH WOODLANDSCtd.....

Arrangements for insurance cover for an extreme cycle track were much more involved, requiring professional assessments and expensive weekly assessments. On this basis, he had decided not to recommend any such developments.
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MIN FC 258/7/11 – BARNTON PAVILION:

The Deputy Clerk reported that no meetings had taken place since the last meeting of the Parish Council on account of impending visits being arranged.

Requests were being prepared to apply for specific funds from CWaC Councillors, together with any support which could be accessed through the Section 106 allocation in relation to the development of The Meadows and British Legion sites
NOTED.

MIN FC 259/7/11 – STREETSCENE:

Tiered Planters
DEFER

MIN FC 260/7/11 – FORMER CO-OP BUILDING, LYDYETT LANE, BARNTON:

The Clerk reported that the Landlord had not been well and that it had been difficult to pursue items raised at the last meeting, thereby (MINUTE 240 /6/11 REFERS)
DEFER

MIN FC 261/7/11 – BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL – FUTURE MEETINGS:

AGREED that future meetings of the Parish Council be arranged for:

- . Monday 8th August at 7.00pm. Agenda items to include Strategic Planning issues for the Village development
- . Monday 12th September at 7.00pm

MIN FC 262/7/11 – RECREATION GROUNDS – SAFETY INSPECTIONS:

The Clerk reported that there were no items to attend to.
NOTED