

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2010**

PRESENT:- Mesdames: Kirsopp, Ashdown, Robinson, Vickers, & Hughes.
Mr J Wills

APOLOGIES:- Mrs C Wilson, Mr K Reading, Mr S. Harazny & Cllr M Byram

In Attendance: PC Sue Parker & PCSO Wiggins & for Minute FC 107/09/10 only..
Philip Schofield (CW&C Ranger)
John Turnbull
Jeff Gray (for Minute FC 113/09/10 only)

MIN FC 091/09/10 - DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Mrs A Robinson and Mrs J Hughes (Memorial Hall Trustees) declared a personal interest in relation to Part B – Minute FC 113/09/10. as Trustees of the Barnton Memorial Hall

MIN FC 092/09/10 – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was no need for a Parade and that he anticipated that there would just be a Church Service and Wreath laying. More information may be forthcoming from the Vicar when he is available.

NOTED.

MIN FC 093/09/10 - URGENT PROVISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

i). 10-01503-FUL - 47 Elmwood Road, Barnton

Two Storey Front Extension

Recommendation of the Planning Sub Committee - No objections

ii). 10-01471 FUL - 87 Blackcroft Avenue Barnton

Demolition of Existing Garage and Erection of 2 Storey Front Extension

Recommendation of the Planning Sub Committee to both Applications –
No objections

iii). 10-01543-FUL -Barnton County Primary School, Townfield Lane, Barnton

Create a New gated Pedestrian Entrance

Recommendation of the Planning Sub Committee - No Objections

iv). 10-01716-FUL - 23 Grange Road, Barnton

Single Storey Extension to the Rear

Recommendation of the Planning Sub Committee - No objections

MIN FC 093/09/10 - URGENT PROVISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

v). 10-01608-FUL - Land to the Rear of 57 to 71 Mond Street, Barnton

3 No. Terraced Houses with Associated Parking

Recommendation of the Planning Sub Committee - Refuse

(a). The proposed development will have a considerable negative impact on the Amenity of Residents living in Nursery Road and Mond Street Areas adjacent and in addition it would overlook and dominate the rear of the properties at 57 to 71 Mond Street. Being at the end of a Cul de Sac on a Road with significant on Street Parking Problems the loss of these places would have a displacement affect exacerbating existing problems which could lead to additional Road Safety Problems and Hazards in the Vicinity . This is contrary to BE1 (i) of the Vale Royal Local Plan First review.

(b). The modern terraced housing is not in keeping with the Victorian Terraced Houses opposite in Nursery Road or adjacent in Mond Street, which is contrary to BE1 (xii) of the Vale Royal Local Plan First Review.

(c). The proposed site is adjacent to the Trent and Mersey Canal Conservation Area and a Grade "A" Site of Biological Importance. This Development would not preserve or enhance the Character or Appearance of this Area. The Development could also have a detrimental affect on Endangered Species (Badgers and Bats) and would not enhance the other wildlife which at present frequents the Gardens and the adjacent Woodland. A previous Planning Application for this Site was refused by Vale Royal Borough Council on the 23rd January 2004 and one of the reasons stated was as follows:" *The proposal by reason of its proximity to a Grade "A" Site of Biological Importance and Nature Conservation Value would harm the interests of that Site being contrary to Policy NE3 of the Vale Royal Local Plan First Review and Contrary to Government Policy set down in Planning Policy Guidance No.9 "Nature Conservation"* This reason for refusal remains as relevant now as it was in 2004

(d). The proposal would lead to Highway safety concerns in that On Street Car Parking Spaces for Residents of Nursery Road and Mond Street who have no alternative would be severely affected and as such the proposal is contrary to Policies T1 (v) of the Vale Royal Local Plan First Review

(e). The Development Site has for many years been used and maintained as private gardens. An Application for this site has been refused planning permission previously and it should not be given planning priority in line with Planning Policy Guidance No. 3 Housing (March 2000) which prioritises previously developed sites and the recent National Government announcement that this sort of "Garden Grabbing" should officially be frowned upon all of which is contrary to H1 of the Vale Royal Local Plan First Review

The Parish Council therefore considers that there is no overriding need for the Development to outweigh the harm caused to the Character and Appearance of the Area and that the Application be refused as previously stated for the reasons given above.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson

Seconded: Mrs H Kirsopp

Unanimous

MIN FC 094/09/10 - QUESTION TIME / OPEN SESSION:

No members of the public present

MIN FC 095/09/10 – TUNNEL TOP AND BANSHEDED WOOD:

Mr P Schofield summarised his responsibilities and the areas of interest, following the demise of Vale Royal Borough Council.

Some work had already been undertaken in relation to litter picking (along with community volunteers) . He drew attention to the end of lease in relation to Tunnel Top, which would need to be renegotiated with British Waterways.

There was a general discussion about improvements to Banshed Wood and it was suggested that there was merit in the idea of establishing a Friends Group for the Barnton Woodlands.

NOTED.

Mr Schofield was thanked for his attendance.

MIN FC 096/09/10 - MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 28TH JUNE 2010:

DEFERRED

MIN FC 097/09/10 - MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010:

NOTED

MIN FC 098/09/10 - MINUTES OF THE PARKS & RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE HELD ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010:

NOTED

MIN FC 099/09/10 - MINUTES OF THE GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010:

NOTED

MIN FC 100/09/10 – RESIGNATION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR:

i) The Clerk reported that the following Member had resigned and that he would be writing to thank him for his services to the Parish Council. The Clerk would arrange for the Statutory Notice for his replacement: Mr D Buckingham.

ii) **Co-option to the Parish Council:**

AGREED: That Mrs D E Gray be co-opted to the Parish Council

Proposed:: Mrs H Kirsopp

Seconded: Mrs A Robinson

Unanimous

MIN FC 105/09/10 – DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE ORDER:

DEFER – Awaiting the outcome of a further report from PC Parker.

MIN FC 106/09/10 – PROVISIONAL MEETING DATES FOR 2011:

The Clerk submitted his proposals which will be an Agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 29th November 2010, and which will include a recommendation for the amalgamation of the Burial Committee with the Parks & Recreation Grounds Committee.

NOTED.

MIN FC 107/09/10 – POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER:

PCSO Wiggins presented her report. Of most concern had been the unacceptable behaviours on the Nursery Road Recreation Ground (particularly after midnight). A number of arrests had been made.

CW&C were being approached with a view to making this area an Alcohol Free Zone. In addition, the Clerk reported that large quantities of broken glass had had to be recovered.

Patrols had reported much less cause for concern in the Saltersford Lock area. A number of “drive offs” had occurred at the petrol station. Although complaints with regard to speeding along Manor Road had been received, no particular culprits had yet been identified.

Residents in Nursery Road were being notified of inappropriate Car Parking along double yellow lines.

No-one had attended the Police Surgeries.

Mrs Ashdown reported on the continuing vandalism and unacceptable behaviours in the Oakwood Lane Theatre area.

NOTED

MIN FC 108/09/10 - CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL (CW&C):

No report received.

MIN FC 109/09/10 – CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

The Clerk reported that he would be requesting that Mrs Gray select membership of at least two Committees which would be referred to the next Full Council Meeting on 29th November

Chairman..... 29th November 2010