

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE OF
MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2010**

PRESENT:- Messrs: K. Reading & S. Harazny
Mesdames J Hughes , H. Kirsopp, C. Wilson and A. Robinson

APOLOGIES :- None

VISITING CLLRS : - Ms. D M Gray & Ms V. Vickers

VISITORS : - P. C. Suzanne Parker & P C S O Diana Wiggins (For Minute F&GP 105/11/10 (B) only)

MINUTE F&GP 103/11/10 – DECLARATION OF RESERVES:

There was no declaration of Reserves

MINUTE F&GP 104/11/10 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared

MINUTE F&GP 105/09/10 – URGENT PROVISION:

(A). Sustainable Communities Act. The Chairman raised this item which had been circulated in the All Members Letter of the 31/10/10 to 6/11/10 Item (F). She urged that individual Members of the Parish Council should respond as she had done and write in support of this initiative as it would provide for many future benefits for Town & Parish Councils. She further proposed that the Parish Council write in support .
Proposed Ms. H. Kirsopp Seconded Mrs. A. Robinson. Unanimous

(B). Report from P C Parker and P C S O Wiggins. The Chairman at this point agreed for Members to receive a report from P C Parker and P C S O Wiggins who were in attendance at the Meeting concerning incidents in Meadow Drive and Grange Avenue on the Evening of Friday 5th November 2010. Following the report there was a short discussion and question and answer session. The Chairman thanked both Officers for the Report.

(C). Developing and Managing Play Areas Workshop on 25th November 2010. The Chairman raised this item which had been circulated in the All Members Letter of 31/10/10 to 6/11/10. She said that if no other Member was prepared to attend she would do so as this Workshop would be useful for the proposals to improve the Play Facilities at Runcorn Road Recreation Ground. Cllr Mrs J. Hughes said she would see if she could attend.

MINUTE F&GP 106/11/10 – QUESTION TIME / OPEN SESSION:

No members of the Public were present.

MINUTE F&GP 111/11/10 – BUDGET FOR 2010/2011

The Clerk had submitted to Members a report giving a breakdown of the current Budget for 2010/2011 and he still had to recommend that the Parish Council approve only essential expenditure which had previously been agreed until such time as the loan to offset the purchase of Gunnersclough Woods and other disbursements be confirmed by the Parish Council and the money received.

The Report of the Clerk was NOTED

MINUTE F&GP 112/11/10 - BUDGET FOR 2011/2012.

The Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer had submitted a report on the Budget for 2011/2012. No indication had been given by Central Government that the Budget for 2011/2012 could not be dealt with as in previous years despite previous correspondence to the effect that conditions may be attached to prevent budget increases without carrying out a Local Referendum. The Clerk had given some preliminary figures which suggested that it would be necessary to increase the the budget for 2011/2012 if the Parish Council were to carry to fruition the number of projects which had already been discussed. Some of these projects were discussed at length and it was agreed that these should be forwarded to the next Full Council with a recommendation that they be included in the 2011/2012 Budget

- (i). Possible Purchase of 207 Runcorn Road - £10,000
- (ii) Gunnersclough Woodlands (Repayment of Loan) - £2,000
- (iii). Purchase of Land For Allotments off Townfield Lane - £5,000
- (iv). Employment of a Full Time Clerk and a Maintenance Man - £13,000

The Clerk was to ascertain the actual Rate of Pay for Full Time Clerk and RFO
It was also agreed that the Runcorn Road Boundary Fence Extension and Daily Maintenance of Jubilee Corner be held in abeyance

Proposed Ms H. Kirsopp Seconded Mrs A. Robinson 5 For 1 Against

MINUTE F&GP 113/11/10 – GUNNERSCLOUGH WOODS

The Clerk reported that the Parks and Recreation Ground had only recommended that a Tree Survey be carried out and that the Management Scheme for the Woodlands be left in abeyance. The total so far spent on the purchase of the Woodlands including the estimate accepted for the Tree Survey was £11,633. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Council should include the cost of the highest estimate to carry out a Woodland Management Plan which was £395 and an additional sum to carry out urgent Tree Works for which grants may not be available to make the total borrowing request of £15,000

It was Proposed that the Parish Council apply to the Public Works Loan Board for a Loan of £15,000 over a Ten Year period

Proposed Ms H. Kirsopp Seconded Mrs A. Robinson Unanimous

Chairman 10th January 2011