

**MINUTES OF BARNTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE ON
MONDAY 24th JANUARY 2011**

PRESENT:- Messrs: Reading, Wills & Schott
Mesdames: Ashdown, Hughes, Robinson & Vickers.

In attendance: Cllr Ms D Gray, also Mr C Dymond and Mr J Wingrove for item 088/01/11 only

MINUTE P&RG 085/01/11 - DECLARATION OF RESERVES:

None declared

MINUTE P&RG 086/01/11 – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

None declared.

MINUTE P&RG 087/01/11 – URGENT PROVISION:

a). Parish Plan Implementation Group:

AGREED: That:

- i). the Report of the Group be received with thanks and that Lynn Gibbon be invited to the next meeting to discuss future activities.
- ii). the Barnton History Interpretation Board be sited, near to the gate from the towpath in agreement with Ms Gibbon, Cllr Reading and Cllr Ashdown
- iii) that the Hill referred to, be known as Barnton Hill and not Winnington Hill

Proposed: Ms V Vickers Seconded: Mrs J Hughes Unanimous

- iv). the village signs should incorporate relevant features, such as the canal and that the Group be invited to reconsider the design.

Proposed: Mr J Wills Seconded: Mr K Reading Unanimous

b). Runcorn Road Recreation Ground – Multi-Use Equipment

The Clerk had reported that the new site chosen for this equipment was not considered suitable by the Groundsman (J Hughes), on account of the boggy ground in that area and the proximity of the sewer pipe.

AGREED: That: Cllrs Reading, and Hughes arrange to visit the site at 10.30am on Tuesday 25th January to discuss the site again with John Hughes, in the expectation that he will still be on site at that time.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Ms V Vickers Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 088/01/11 - QUESTION TIME / OPEN SESSION:

Barnton Wanderers Football Club – Access through land off Townfield Lane:

Mr Dymond and Mr Wingrove addressed the meeting and explained the need for access to the football pitches to the North East of the newly proposed Car Park and Junior Cricket Pitches, off Townfield Lane. They assured the meeting that agreement had been reached with the Cricket Club for a 3m wide access on the Eastern edge of the new pitches which would also provide for emergency vehicles, if ever required. This would entail a gated access at both ends of the track. The Football Club was prepared to arrange all planning applications and meet all relevant costs.

AGREED: That

- i). the Football Club be permitted to proceed with this proposal, subject to securing formal agreement with the Cricket Club and subject to all appropriate planning applications and costs be met by the Football Club.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mr M Schott Unanimous

- ii). that, on account of the needs of the allotment holders, further consideration be given to the use of the car park and the gate access arrangements, at the next meeting.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 089/01/11 – MINUTES:

AGREED. i). That the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 2010 be approved and that the Clerk be requested to advise on progress with the British Legion.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Mr J Wills Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 090/01/11 – BUDGET FOR 2010/11:

i). Street Cleansing & Litter Collection:

AGREED: That the current arrangements with CW&C Streetscene be Maintained, subject to advice from the Clerk with regard to any options available to re-negotiate the days of the week when the Cleaning Team are in attendance.

Proposed: Mr J Wills Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

ii). Park Wardens' Hours:

AGREED: That the Finance & General Purposes Committee be requested to approve an adjustment to the working pattern of the Wardens, such that an additional two inspection days be included (Tuesday & Thursdays), and that the Warden, working at the weekend, should be requested to give attention to Jubilee Corner, as necessary.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Ms V Vickers Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 090/01/11 – BUDGET FOR 2010/11:

iii). Parish Handyman:

AGREED: That light repair duties will be undertaken by Messrs Reading, Schott and Wills, as required, and that, subject to his agreement John Hughes be called upon for more onerous tasks.

Proposed: Mr K Reading Seconded: Mrs A Robinson Unanimous

iv). Outstanding Repairs and Improvements:

Following agreements reached under Minute P&RG 078/11/10, the Clerk had selected the following items for Completion:

a). Nursery Road Recreation Ground:

Gate Repairs (£950) and Teenage Shelter Repairs £200)

b). Runcorn Road Recreation Ground:

Removal of old play equipment (£410)

c). Repairs to the Parish Council Notice Board (£335)

AGREED: That the Clerk arrange for these works to be undertaken.

Proposed: Mrs C Ashdown Seconded: Mr K Reading 6 For 0 Against 1 Abstention

MINUTE P&RG 091/01/11 – RECREATION GROUNDS:

i). Safety Inspection Reports:

The reports of the Safety Officer for November and December 2010 and January 2011 were received.

NOTED: that all relevant actions had been undertaken, some of which had been precluded, on account of the removal of play equipment from Runcorn Road Recreation Ground.

ii). Nursery Road Recreation Ground - Letter relating to Dog Control:

A resident from Hayes Drive had written relating to dog control and fouling of the pathway. It was noted that there was a bye law relating to these issues:

AGREED: That:

i). the Clerk contact the PCSO and request that she arranges to supervise this area, in conjunction with the dog warden, taking appropriate action under the bye law, as necessary.

ii). the Deputy Clerk acknowledges the resident's letter and requests that a note be included in the Tunnel Top magazine.

Proposed: Mrs A Robinson Seconded: Ms V Vickers Unanimous

MINUTE P&RG 092/01/11 – GUNNERSCLOUGH WOODS:

i). Public Works Loan Board:

The Clerk had circulated a written submission upon the loan acceptance (£15000), repayable over 10 years, and the schedule of repayments. The Parish Council was now registered as a customer of the Rural Payments Agency and, as such, qualified for Forestry Commission Grants.

AGREED:

Proposed: Mr K Reading Seconded: Mrs C Ashdown Unanimous

ii). Friends of Gunnersclough Woodlands: _

DEFERRED: Pending an article to be included in the Tunnel Top Magazine, designed to generate interest in the Project:

MINUTE P&RG 093/01/11 - CHESHIRE WEST & CHESTER – Draft Rights Of Way:

The numerous spelling mistakes were noted and it was:

AGREED: That members would read the document on-line and that the Deputy Clerk advise Members of the website address.

Proposed: Mr J Wills Seconded: Mr K Reading Unanimous

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22 pm

Chairman:.....Date: 28th March 2011

