

# BARROW GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the village hall, Barrow Gurney, at 7:30pm on 10 September 2018.

**Present:** Claire Arbery (Chairperson), Geoff Coombs, Joanna Critchett, Eric Gates, Andy Robbins, Andrew Sheridan (late arrival) and Joanna van Tonder (Clerk)

**Distribution:** The Parish Councillors plus Nick Wilton

## 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Phil Carnell.

## 2 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

### a) Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

### b) Receive requests for dispensation

No requests for dispensation were received.

### c) Grant requests for dispensations

No requests for dispensation were granted.

## 3 Minutes of the previous meeting – 9 July 2018

Andy Robbins proposed and it was agreed to make the following amendment to the minutes of the last meeting:

Minute 13 - "Members received the final report of the Village Green Committee ..."

### SHOULD READ

"Members received the final report of the Village **Walkways** Committee ..."

## 4 Co-option to fill vacancy and Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chair invited Joanna Critchett to join the members at the meeting table; the decision to co-opt her to the Parish Council having been taken at the previous meeting (subject to a poll not being claimed).

Joanna Critchett duly co-opted, completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form in the presence of the Clerk.

## 5 Commemoration of the end of WWI

Claire Arbery advised that a requirement of the PC's successful application for two silhouettes was to hold a public event to commemorate the anniversary.

Members discussed various options and it was agreed the bonfire that Bob Coombs had agreed to hold on his land was preferable.

It was suggested Phil Carnell be asked to provide wood as well as hay bales that could be used for seating on the Village Green. Claire offered to liaise with the pub.

**Action:** Clerk to seek permission for the consumption of alcohol on the Village Green from the landowner for the event

**Cllr Andrew Sheridan joined the meeting at 7:50pm.**

## 6 Police Report

There were no incidents of crime reported during June 2018 and July's figures were unavailable on the constabulary's website.

The Clerk reported it was possible PC Martin Faithfull was no longer Beat Manager for the Redwood Beat as she was aware of his recent transfer to the Backwell & Wrington Beat.

**Action:** Clerk to make enquiries as to the identity of the new Beat Manager

## 7 Public Questions

Ed Bradley raised concerns that Airport expansion plans would result in a significant increase in traffic along the A38. He suggested a lowering of the speed limit would be beneficial to residents of the lanes exiting off the A38. Andy Robbins advised the PC was opposing the plans on the grounds that the proposed infrastructure was insufficient.

**Clerk's note:** In a note circulated to members, Claire Arbery confirmed that the speed limit along the A38 had already been reduced to 50mph.

## 8 Actions Arising

There were no actions arising from the meeting of 9 July 2018 still outstanding or not addressed elsewhere.

## 9 Planning

### a) Planning applications since the last meeting

The following **planning applications** have been **received**:

1	18/P/3689/LDP	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed installation of ground floor mounted solar PV panels at <b>Barrow Treatment Works, Hern Lane, Barrow Gurney</b>
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**Action:** Councillors to review application and circulate comments

### b) Consents, refusals and enforcement cases since the last meeting

The following **planning applications** have been granted **consent**:

<b>17/P/5543/FUL:</b> Variation of conditions 28 & 29 on application 13/P/0473/F4 to amend the approved water drainage scheme at <i>Barrow Hospital, Wild Country Lane</i>	CONSENT GRANTED 23/07/2018
<b>18/P/3555/FUL:</b> Application to vary condition 4 on application 18/P/2140/FUL to allow 24 hour use of the site at <i>Former Barrow Gurney Filling Station, Bridgwater Road</i>	<b>PERMISSION REFUSED</b> 20/08/2018

The following **enforcement cases** are still **pending**:

<b>Naish Lane bonfires:</b> Reports of industrial waste being burned in the front garden of a property in Naish Lane; possible risk of fire spreading when left unattended; alleged aggressive behaviour towards neighbours	<b>Action:</b> Clerk to monitor
It was suggested by a member of the public the frequency of incidents has diminished of late.	

### c) Barrow Hospital – update

Andrew Sheridan advised there had been a volume of correspondence between NSC and the developer regarding the works required to the Wild Country Lane bridge but it appeared progress was being made.

Joanna Critchett reported hessian attached to the railings on the WCL bridge over the A370 had come loose and was blowing about posing a danger to motorists. Andy Robbins similarly reported that barriers put up around the drains on Hospital Road had also been left after completion of works.

**Action:** Clerk to request NSC remove hessian and barriers no longer in use

**d) Other Planning matters**

o **Ashton Vale / Taylor Wimpey development**

Members heard that Long Ashton PC wished to use extracts from the *Summary of Counter Arguments against TW proposals for "The Vale"* document that had been drawn up in conjunction with Dundry and Barrow Gurney Parish Council representatives. LAPC were requesting permission to do so.

**Action:** Clerk to circulate document for members to consult and agree the granting of permission

o **Bristol Airport / Parish Councils Airport Association**

It was agreed to support the PCAA's draft response (as previously circulated) to Bristol Airport's *Draft Noise Action Plan 2019 – 2024* consultation.

Claire Arbery, Phil Carnell and Joanna van Tonder would be attending the Airport's Parish Council Summer Review on 13 September.

**10 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths**

**a) Action taken by North Somerset Council since the previous meeting**

Location	Problem	NSC Action
A38 / Barrow Lane	Road sign overgrown	Still outstanding - Clerk to follow up
A38 / Dial Lane	Bottom half of road sign missing	Still outstanding - Clerk to follow up

**b) Condition of roads, pavements, verges and footpaths**

The following reports were noted and/or received:

- A38 – wheelbarrow on pavement between Barrow Lane and Reservoir Cottages
- Wild Country Lane (towards Long Ashton) – drain missing a face

**Action:** Clerk to report on Council Connect

Andy Robbins advised the Clerk he had a list of other highways issues compiled in conjunction with Phil Carnell that he would forward to her. With regard to the cutting of verges, it was considered it would be appropriate to know whether NSC was implementing a reduced schedule due to budget cuts or rather that contractors were not delivering the contracts adequately.

**Action:** Clerk to establish NSC's position on verge cutting

It was heard that the Yeo was not flowing past Reservoir Farm and that Bristol Water had an obligation to ensure a steady flow of water from its plant.

**Action:** Clerk to notify Bristol Water

Overgrown hedges were invading some of the parish's pavements and residents would need to be reminded to keep these trimmed back.

**Action:** Claire Arbery to submit a piece to the Parish Magazine

Members discussed the missing "Barrow Gurney" sign that had been located opposite Hillside Cottages on Barrow Street. It was agreed to request that the sign be replaced at a location towards the end of Barrow Street in the vicinity of the Barrow Court Lane junction, as this was felt to be more reflective of the start of the parish.

**Action:** Clerk to request NSC replaces the sign

**Action:** Clerk to write to Flax Bourton PC asking permission for the sign to be positioned within their parish boundary

**Temporary road closures / speed amendments**

- Bridgwater Road (Reservoir House for 340m in SW direction) – TEMPORARY 40 mph SPEED LIMIT

- effective from **5 August 2018** for one day (for a maximum of eighteen months)
- necessary to allow Wessex Water to replace a cover and frame

- Wild Country Lane / Hern Lane (Barrow Street to Weston Road) – 2 WAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT: STOP AND GO

- effective from **17 September 2018 to 21 September 2018**

**c) Footpaths**

Andy Robbins advised a cheque would be required to enable the purchase of the Stihl FS91 Brush-cutter at a cost of £425 and safety helmet at £25, as agreed at the previous meeting.

**12 Village Enhancements**

**a) Telephone Box**

The Clerk confirmed works to the box were progressing well and that the priming was scheduled for later in the week, weather permitting.

**b) Flower beds and tubs**

Andy Robbins advised that Cleeve Nursery would be delivering the plants for the gateway beds. He suggested, and it was agreed, that only six of the eight beds be planted out as cattle grazing on the other side of the fence from the other two beds would be able to access any plants within the confines of the beds. The integrity of the fence would need to be addressed before any planting could be considered there.

Members congratulated Andy Robbins on the excellent job of preparing the beds and thanked him for his extensive efforts.

The Clerk advised the flower tub that had been positioned alongside the War Memorial had disappeared.

**Action:** Clerk to make enquiries amongst residents

**c) Defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that fully automatic defibrillators (AEDs) that could be used by anyone, without prior training, cost between £900 and £1,500. There would be no requirement for an electricity supply as AEDs were battery powered.

The Clerk advised that the unit could be funded with a British Heart Foundation grant. An alternative consideration was a crowdfunding platform set up by NSC, Crowdfund North Somerset. It was agreed to apply for a grant in the first instance and consider crowdfunding in the event a grant was not forthcoming.

**Action:** Clerk to source and circulate three quotes for consideration

**Action:** Clerk to apply for BHF grant

Members considered who would be responsible for the ongoing fault checking of the unit that would be required and where the unit could be placed.

It was agreed to allow a space in the telephone box that could house the defibrillator.

**Action:** Clerk to advise contractor to construct shelves to accommodate unit

**12 Village Green Committee report**

No report had been received.

**13 Governance Review – Data Retention & Disposal Policy**

Andrew Sheridan proposed, Eric Gates seconded and it was resolved to adopt without amendment the draft **Data Retention Policy v2018** as previously circulated.

The Clerk reminded members that the policy applied to all documents and correspondence, both physical and electronic, including those held by councillors.

**14 Finance**

**Receipts and Payments**

The Clerk reported the following **receipts** had been received since the last meeting:-

£1,000.00	Bristol Airport Community Fund	Grant received for telephone box
£4,100.00	North Somerset Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Precept payment 2018/19

Claire Arbery proposed, Eric Gates seconded and it was resolved to ratify the following **payments** made since the last meeting:-

£424.06	Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC	Clerk's salary (Julv 2018)
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Claire Arbery proposed, Eric Gates seconded and it was resolved to authorise the following **payments** to be made:-

£727.00	Chris Lane	Village Green maintenance
£450.00	George Carr & Sons	Brush-cutter and safety helmet
£400.00	Cleeve Nursery	Plants for Gateway beds
£2,694.00	Concrete Sports	Table Tennis table
£175.44	Ms Joanna van Tonder	Clerk's expenses (Apr - Sept 2018)

## **15 Open Forum for the Parish Council**

### Transport Planning Awards

Claire Arbery reported the Walkways Project had been long-listed for a Transport Planning Award and that she would be attending the upcoming event where the short list would be announced.

### Broadband

Geoff Coombs advised there was very little information from Gigaclear. Andy Robbins suggested that Truespeed, offering commercial competition to Gigaclear's government subsidised provision, was only one house short of its 30% target that would trigger the roll-out of an installation program.

### Village Hall

Joanna Critchett was asked to pass on the PC's thanks to the Village Hall Committee for securing funding enabling the upgrading of the chairs in the hall.

## **16 Future meetings**

2018 meeting dates: 12 November 2018

2019 meeting dates: 14 January, 11 March, 13 May, 8 July, 9 September and 11 November 2019

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm.