

BARROW GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely,
at 6:30pm on 11 May 2020

Present: Eric Gates (Chair), Andrew Sheridan, Andy Robbins, Joanna Critchett, Nick Tyrrell, Sandra Gibson (late) and Joanna van Tonder (Clerk)

3 x Residents

Absent: Phil Carnell

Distribution: The Parish Councillors plus District Councillor Hugh Gregor

In line with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting was held remotely using the Zoom platform enabling both Council members and the public to hear and be heard.

1 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

2 Adopt Supplementary Standing Orders

Eric Gates proposed, Andy Robbins seconded and it was resolved to adopt the [Supplementary Standing Orders](#), previously circulated and attached, that would allow for the Parish Council to meet the statutory requirements for the holding of remote meetings.

3 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting – 9 March 2020

Nick Tyrrell proposed, Andrew Sheridan seconded and it was agreed the [minutes](#) of the last meeting having been circulated previously be taken as a true and accurate record. It was noted Eric Gates would sign a copy of the minutes and return signed copy to the Clerk.

5 Public Questions

Resident CC shared an update he had received from Truespeed regarding the roll-out of fibre broadband through the village. Members heard BT had been unable to clear the ducting during their one day road closure thus preventing Truespeed from being in a position to progress with their works. Andy Robbins added there had initially been talk of Truespeed making use of the overhead lines ~~along that stretch~~ over an alternative route.

In response to a question from Sandra Gibson regarding roll-out at the Naish Lane end of the parish, CC advised he would attempt to find out what the status was from Andy Moore of Truespeed.

6 Covid-19 Response

Nick Tyrrell reported a leaflet had been distributed to every household at the onset of the crisis but there had been little demand for the support on offer. The Princes Motto had been providing a well-supported food and essentials service with a separate shop due to open from their garage later in the week.

With regard to the Village Green, it was agreed the current signage advising users to adhere to government guidelines regarding social distancing be retained. The playground would remain closed to the public until government guidance was given to the contrary.

As part of the next phase of support the Parish Council could offer the community, the Clerk presented a [Crisis Contacts leaflet](#) that could be distributed to every household. Members discussed the various aspects of the leaflet and agreed to have sufficient quantity printed in A5 in black & white.

Action: Clerk to arrange printing and break up parish into routes

Action: Councillors (non-self isolating) to assist with distribution of leaflets

7 Finance and Governance

a) Insurance Renewal

Nick Tyrrell proposed, Joanna Critchett seconded and it was agreed to accept the renewal quotation that had been received from Came & Company in the amount of £367.40 to cover the period 01/06/2020 to 31/05/2021.

The Clerk advised the policy included an extensive clause excluding any claim directly or indirectly related to Covid-19. Members discussed the implications of this across the sector and it was hoped NALC would be in a position to offer guidance in the near future.

b) [Website Accessibility report](#)

The Clerk reported checking of the sample pages was ongoing and that the greatest obstacle she was facing was her own lack of expertise. Despite this, good progress was being made towards the ultimate publication of the required Website Accessibility Statement in September 2020. The Clerk's report, having been previously circulated, was noted.

c) Receipts and Payments

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

£18.77	Co-Operative Bank	Interest on Deposit account
£5,100.00	North Somerset Council	1 st Precept payment (FYE 2021)

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

£444.19	Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC	Clerk's salary (March 2020)
£461.89	Ms Joanna van Tonder / HMRC	Clerk's salary (April 2020)

It was resolved to authorise the following **payments** to be made:-

£270.00	Little Apple Gardening Service	Village Green maintenance
£75.00	Parish Councils Airport Association	Annual subscription
£367.40	Came & Company	Insurance premium (FYE 2021)

The Clerk's [financial report](#) was noted.

8 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

Members were advised that NSC had jetted the St Katherine's Farm drain. There was a significant amount of deterioration to the road surface as a result of the overflowing water but those works would inevitably have to wait.

Andy Robbins reported the footpaths were in a good state, probably as a result of an increase in number of people making use of them during permitted exercising during lock-down.

It was agreed to send letters of thanks to both the Coombes and Patch farmers who, together, had cleared Hobbs Lane, ensuring accessibility once more. Joanna Critchett advised she would be thanking the Patches for not ploughing up the neighbouring fields.

Action: Clerk to write letters of thanks

9 Village Green Committee Report

Members noted the report received from Rob McKenzie:

In response to the Covid-19 Crisis, the following actions have been carried out to encourage social distancing

- Closure of the children's play area
- Removal of the picnic table
- Signs have been put up instructing people of Social Distancing

Despite this there have been some instances of social distancing not being adhered too.

Village green hedge trimmed on the morning of 1st May. There are no current plans to run a village green tidy up in May.

10 Planning

a) Planning applications since the last meeting

The following planning application had been received since the last meeting:

1	20/P/0554/LBC	Listed building application for rooflight, lead facings to two dormer windows and lead facing to parapet wall on east elevation at South Archway Cottage, Barrow Court Lane <u>Council comment:</u> no objection (retrospective)
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b) Consents, refusals and enforcement cases since the last meeting

The following decisions have been made since the previous meeting:

- 19/P/1640/AGA: Prior approval in respect of development consisting of the carrying out of excavations or the deposit of waste material at <i>Land adjacent to the Former Barrow Hospital, Wild Country Lane</i>	WITHDRAWN 12/03/2020
- 20/P/0240/TPO: T1 – Birch – fell, T2 – Willow – crown lift branches overhanging boundary to give 2m clearance from ground at <i>Plot 2 Winstones Road, Oatley Park</i>	CONSENT GRANTED 09/03/2020
- 20/P/0241/FUH: Proposed ground floor balcony to north elevation; dormer extension to east roof elevation at <i>1 School Lane, Barrow Gurney</i>	CONSENT GRANTED 15/04/2020
- 20/P/0347/FUH: First floor raised extension to provide additional living accommodation at <i>4 Winstones Road, Oatley Park</i>	CONSENT GRANTED 09//04/2020

No new enforcement cases have been **opened, reported on** or are still **pending**.

c) Bristol Airport DoT application for year-round slot co-ordination

Members noted Bristol Airport's application to the Department of Transport for year-round slot co-ordination. With a consultation deadline of 26 June, members agreed it was vitally important for Barrow Gurney Parish Council to respond to highlight the impact this would have on traffic.

Nick Tyrrell advised the PCAA had been working with the Aviation Communities Forum culminating in the submission of a letter to the Secretary of State asking him to commission a review of the aviation industry.

11 Parish Area reports

a) Barrow Court / Barrow Court Lane

The Clerk advised complaints raised by Barrow Court residents of blast vibration damage to properties had been raised at the last Quarry Liaison meeting. Stancombe Quarry's site manager had agreed to visit the site during the next scheduled blast to experience the vibrations first-hand. The Clerk could not confirm if this had indeed happened as lock-down was implemented shortly after the Liaison meeting.

b) Barrow Hospital site / Wild Country Lane

Andrew Sheridan detailed problems that were being experienced at the Barrow Hospital site. Of primary concern were a number of trees on the site that appeared to be marked up for felling. While it was agreed that a number of trees throughout the site suffered with Ash Dieback, it was not certain that all the marked trees fell into that category.

Action: Clerk to discuss with James McCarthy (NSC)

Members went on to consider the alleged presence of asbestos still on the site and the suggestion that the site had not been cleared as thoroughly as it should have been pre-commencement of development.

Action: Clerk to confirm with Neil Underhay (NSC) what checks were undertaken by NSC to ensure that the asbestos was cleared as per planning conditions.

c) Naish Lane / A38

Sandra Gibson reported there had been no further problems with bonfires since the last meeting. Hedgerows had been cut back, much to the appreciation of the residents of Naish Lane.

d) Village centre / Barrow Street

Nick Tyrrell reported on the opening of the village shop at the Princes Motto pub that would bring a welcomed influx of people into the village in time.

Members were reminded that the stone tiles around the Village Tap appeared to be loose and that it was important to keep it on the Council's "to-do list".

Action: Andy Robbins to source an estimate for the required works

12 Open Forum for the Parish Council

Nick Tyrrell advised that he was continuing to perform the required checks on the defibrillator during the lock-down.

13 Date of next meeting

The next virtual meeting will be held on Monday, 8 June 2020 at the earlier time of 6:00 pm

Meeting concluded at 7:52pm.