

Minutes of the meeting held on Wenesday 1 September 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman Eric Gates, Andy Robbins, Sandra Gibson, Graham Spooner, Nick Tyrrell, Clerk and 2 Members of the public

Public Participation:

Ecological and environmental experts, who are involved in ecological projects in the neiboghring Councils was invited to the meeting by the PC. The expert advice and recommendations was given to the PC at item 4.9.21

1.9.21 Apology received from Andrew Sheridan and Phil Carnel

2.9.21 No interests declared

3.9.21 Minutes of the previous meeting – 23st June 2021 – APPROVED and signed by the Chairman as a correct record

4.9.21 Climate Emergency: The Members of the Council had an extensive discussion about declaring the Climate Emergency and the Actions, which can be undertaken to address Climate Change locally. It was decided that Barrow Gurney Environmental Committee should be formed. The communication will be published in the local newsletter to seek the local volunteers. It is hoped that younger people will take a lead. Discussions took place whether Barrow Gurney PC can be linked to Long Ashton PC and NCS, which are already actively developing environmental initiatives.

As most land in Barrow Gurney is owned privately, the PC will approach the landowners to seek their support in developing the Climate Change Action plan for Barrow Gurney.

The first step is, however, to play lip service – Declare a commitment to recognise and take whatever steps that can be taken to act, as a parish council to address climate change and the ecological (together environmental) crisis. Communicate this and engage parishioners in a series of debates and information programmes

- Next act upon this commitment – which means consider all parish council decisions/actions/policies in the light of best practice to consider, mitigate and adapt to climate change and the ecological emergency
- Positively look to initiate, engage, support and educate parishioners in climate change and environmental/ecological activities
- Seek funding and volunteer resource to plant trees, carry out biodiversity surveys, improve habitats in our neighbourhood
- Discourage carbon intensive development and practices – these for us might focus on transport, farming and building development
- Explore ideas around infrastructure and community scale projects – energy (community heat systems, biodigesters, community purchase of solar and insulation, community energy contract broking, community scale energy production – wind turbine solar farms), waste, pollution (air, light, noise, chemical), monitoring/measurement and management,
- Support behavioural change

- Rewilding, local food, social inequality and diversity issues (perhaps lower down our BG agenda)
- Liaise with the North Somerset and neighbouring parish councils to coordinate and collaborate on region scale initiatives including wildlife corridors and green infrastructure plans
- Response to climate and environment related change (Pandemic!?)

5.9.21 The following planning applications were NOTED:

- Airport Planning Appeal, submitted by Barrow Gurney PC were NOTED.

Planning Application number & address	Description of proposal	BGPC Comments submitted to NSC	Decisions status by NSC
21/P/1571/AOC Barrow Hospital Wild Country Lane	Discharge of Condition 28 Drainage on Planning application 13P/0473/F4 as amended by 13/P/0695/NMA	No Objection	Not available on NSC website
21/P/1811/FUH Haven, Naish Lane,	Demolition of existing detached garage, erection of a two storey rear extension and detached garage.	No Objection	Awating decision
21/P/1994/LDP Hillview, Naish Lane	Certificate of Lawful development for the proposed erection of a new detached garage	No Objection	Target decision 3 September 21
21/P/1949/TPO Barrow Court Barrow Court Lane Barrow Gurney North Somerset BS48 3RP	T1 - Golden Lawson Cypress - Fell due overcrowding of Katsura. Replant with Hornbeam	No objection	Target date 13 September 21

5.9.21 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths:

The response to A38 consultation, submitted to NSC was NOTED: The cyclepaths, walkways and existing paths are contsntly overgrown and not maintained properly.

The bus stop on A38 has been graffitied recently. Clerk to report to the Bus company.

6.9.21 Naish Lane- disruption caused by heavy vehicles:

Although the traffic for Hill Farm has quitened down recently, heavy articulated lorries are continue to deliver good to the farm, causing a destruction. Local pedetrains re now not using Naish Lane because of large lorries and traffic issues. The PC will communicate to NSC that pedestrian right of way is interfered with.

Hobbs Lane – There is a problem with verge creep – a carriageway is covered in mud and grass. . Hedges are a responsibility of landowners, the verges are responsibility of NSE Highways. The PC will communicate this to NSC.

7.9.21 Blasting at Stancombe Quarry: The recent blasting have been affecting local residents and the problem seem to increased recently. The Members will contact Stancombe Quarry to find out why has the vibration increased.

8.9.21 Climate Emergency: Consider declaration of the Climate Emergency and plan of actions.

9.9.21 Village Green Committee: Further repairs to fence posts have been done, 9 posts are still in need to repair in the near future. The base of the spinner on the playground has also been repaired. This spinner might need to be replaced in the future.

10.9.21 Extension of Broadband to Barrow Court and nearby properties by Truespeed: To the big disappointment to Barrow Court residents, Truespeed have informed that they are unable to install the broadband in this area of Barrow Gurney. Other viable solutions have been discussed.

11.9.21 Finance and Administration:

Review following documents and confirm fit for purpose:

- a) Asset Register 2021 - APPROVED
- b) Risk Management schedule 2021- APPROVED
- c) To consider subscription to The Countryside Charity (last year's contribution- £36)
- d) The Members NOTED that £562.15 VAT for 2019-2020 have been reclaimed and paid into account.
- e) The following payments schedule is APPROVED:

	Net	VAT	Total
Little Apple invoice 3908- June grass cutting x 3	£210.00	£42.00	£252.00
Little Apple invoice 3908- July grass cutting x 2	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
Online Playgrounds Inv: SIN042344	£60.00	£12.00	£72.00
Clerks travel expense			£15.95
The Countryside Charity subscription			£36.00

The payments made since last meeting were NOTED

	Net	VAT	Total
Softsurfaces invoice 21573 <i>(payment made under the delegation scheme to the Clerk)</i>	£49.50	£9.90	£59.40
Clerks salary – July and August 2021			Emailed to all cllrs
Clerks home office allowance – July and August 2021			£24.00/month

12.9.21 Open forum for the Parish Councillors - Councillors reports

13.9.21 Dates on next meetings: 3 November 2021 and 5 January 2022

