

# BARROW GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council  
held remotely, at 7:00pm on 10 February 2021

**Present:** Cllrs. Eric Gates (Chair), Andy Robbins, Nick Tyrrell, Sandra Gibson, Andrew Sheridan, Phil Carnell and Olga Shepherd (Clerk)  
1 member of the public

**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 via Zoom, which members of the press and public have the right to attend**

## **1.2.21 Apologies for absence**

No apologies received

## **2.2.21 Declarations of Interest and dispensations**

The interest was declared by Phil Carnell in relation to applications 21/P/0125/AGA

## **3.2.21 Minutes of the previous meeting – 13 January 2021**

The Minutes of Barrow Gurney Parish Council meeting held online on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were APPROVED and signed as a correct record. The signed copy would be returned to the Clerk.

## **4.2.21 Co-option Policy**

The Council has APPROVED and ADOPTED the Co-option Policy for Barrow Gurney PC

## **5.2.21 Casual Vacancy**

Two applications were received for consideration for co-option. Members voted for each candidate and as a result of this process, the decision was made to appoint Graham Spooner. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests will be emailed to Graham Spooner to be signed and witnessed by the Chairman at a later date. Signed copies to be returned to the Clerk asap.

## **6.2.21 Public Questions**

There were no questions from the public

## **7.2.21 Covid-19 Response: update and contingency planning**

No changes to report.

## **8.2.21 Police Report**

The police report for December 2020 was circulated to all Members – there were 3 registered incidents for Barrow Gurney area:

1 x Public order; 1 x Vehicle crime; 1 x violence and sexual offence. No data is available for January 2021.

## 9.2.21 Finance and Governance

a) The Clerk recommended the Parish Council's accounts move to Unity Trust Bank which can offer a banking solution in line with local councils financial regulations, where the Clerk can be set up as a service administrator and two signatories can release payments once they are approved by the Council.

The Council RESOLVED to switch to Unity Trust Bank and set up online banking.

b) Members reviewed the schedule of payments and authorised the following payments:

	Net	VAT	Total
Ellis&Co, Invoice 8130	£2,465.00	£493.00	£2,958.00
Clerks salary			At meeting
Clerks mileage expense (visit to collect the pc and files)			£15.95
Clerks training -Audit and Accounts			£15.00
Clerks home office allowance			£12.00
Clerks expenses (postage and envelopes)			£8.07

## 10.2.21 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

The following issues have been reported to the Highways Manager of NSC:

a) 1. The bollard on the corner of Springhead Barn needs replacing. It was damaged some considerable time ago and a replacement was requested at the time.

2.The manhole cover in the vicinity of the Village Tap was damaged by a lorry mounting the pavement some considerable time ago. Skanska has installed barriers but there is an obstruction of the footway that should be cleared a.s.a.p.

b) The Council resolved to request NSC to review the effectiveness of the drainage system in Barrow Street as it is not functioning in a number of locations since the road had been resurfaced. The flooding at the top of Lower Mill Farm drive for the last few years has become a regular occurrence. Recent exploration by NSC personnel clearly demonstrated that the outfall pipe from the drain to the Land Yeo below has been compromised by a blockage of the usual flow capacity. There had been a complaint by the resident at Barrow Mill about water flowing off the road and

onto the drive and the bends at School Farm had water crossing the road three times. Action Andy

c) A resident had asked whether it was possible to create a path or walkway along the Barrow Street, which will lead to the A38 and the nearest bus stop. Safety is a major issue. Action Eric, Andy and Nick to take a closer look at this problem and investigate a feasible solution.

### 11.2.21 Barrow Hospital site – flooding of Hospital Road

A correspondence was sent to NSC with regard to the problem of flooding and lack of lighting at Barrow hospital site. This issue had previously been fixed temporarily, but there was no update from NSC as yet on when the long term solution to the problem will be addressed.

### 12.2.21 Village Green Committee

A problem with a water source on the village green was reported. The stream that emerges onto the green is running strongly and the retaining wall, from which the flow emerges, is leaning and started to collapse. Concerns were raised by a resident that water might back up to Spring Head Farm with the danger that it will flood into the basement. Action: Nick to confirm the Lease for the Village Green and to contact the Estate.

### 13.3.21 Village enhancements

The village tap - Bristol Water had been contacted with regard to water testing and supply. A Bottle filler will be ordered as soon as the water supply is approved. Outstanding jobs are: a metal stand will need to be installed to create an access to the tap and the drain will also need to be cut. The local resident Mr Andy Norris has agreed to do this job for the village free of charge. The cost of the metal grate (£32.09) was approved by the Council. The Council would like to thank Mr. Andy Norris for his kind help.

### 14.2.21 Planning Applications

21/P/0125/AGA Hill Farm Naish Lane Barrow Gurney	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural building for the storage of agricultural produce (straw/machinery) and stock.	SUPPORT building for agricultural purposes only, OBJECT other commercial activities at the site. Note: Phil Carnell declared an interest in this matter and did not participate in discussions.
21/P/0148/AOC Former Barrow Hospital Wild Country Lane	Request to discharge conditions Nos20 and 23 on application 15/P/2302/F	The Council will construct and submit comments before 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
21/P/0147/AOC Former Barrow Hospital Wild Country Lane	Request to discharge condition Nos. 22 and 25 on application 15/P/2301/F	The Council will construct and submit comments before 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021

**15.2.21 Parish Area reports:**

- a) Barrow Court – Graham Spooner reported that walkers, parking cars on Barrow Court Lane remained a nuisance. Flooding on the lane was also a problem.
- b) Barrow Hospital site – no further update
- c) Naish Lane – bad state of the lane and speeding were reported.
- d) Village – it was noted that some individual villagers had done an excellent job litter picking. The PC will also organise the litter picking when government guidelines allow.

Meeting concluded at 9.05pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_