

BARROW GURNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Meeting of the Parish Council
held remotely, at 7:00pm on 17 March 2021

Present: Cllrs. Eric Gates (Chair), Andy Robbins, Nick Tyrrell, Sandra Gibson, Andrew Sheridan, Graham Spooner and Olga Shepherd (Clerk)

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

1.3.21 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Phil Carnell.

2.3.21 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

No declarations of interest were made

3.3.21 Minutes of the previous meeting – 10 February 2021

The Minutes of Barrow Gurney Parish Council meeting held online on 10th February 2021 were APPROVED and signed as a correct record. The signed copy would be returned to the Clerk.

4.3.21 Public Questions

There were no questions from the public

5.3.21 Covid-19 Response: update and contingency planning

No developments.

6.3.21 Police Report

Members NOTED the police report for January 2021 – there were 4 registered incidents on or near Bridgewater Road:

2 x Public order; 1 x Vehicle crime; 1 x violence and sexual offence.

7.3.21 Finance and Governance

a) Members AGREED dates for the Annual Assembly of residents and the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held online on the following dates:

1. Annual Assembly of Residents - 28th April 2021
2. Annual Parish Council meeting – 5 May 2021

b) Clerk updated the Council that the Unity Trust Bank accounts are opened successfully and it was confirmed that the request form received by the Cooperative Bank to close both current and deposit

accounts and to transfer the funds to the Unity Trust Bank. The transfer is expected to be completed in the next week or so.

c) Members NOTED that the co-option process is complete. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by Cllr Graham Spooner and returned to the Clerk.

e) The following payments APPROVED. Invoices circulated to all Members:

	Net	VAT	Total
ALCA subscription 21Jan 2021-21 Jan 2022			£99.44
ALCA training (Chairman's skills)			£35.00
DropBox subscription 2021-2022	£79.90	£15.98	£95.88
Website hosting upgrade (agreed 10 th Aug meeting, Item 7)	£82.40	£20.60	£103.00
Gallup weed killer 2L	£22.49	£4.50	£26.99
Pressure sprayer	£31.96	£7.98	£39.94
Goggles x1; glovex3; respirator mask x1	£33.31	£6.67	£39.98
Bench agreed 10 th Aug, Item 11b			£100.00
Clerks salary Feb			At meeting
Clerks Home office allowance			£24.00

8.3.21 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths

a) An email was sent to NSC Highways and Roads Department on 5th February 2021 to ask for assistance in resolving the following issues: replacing the bollard at the corner of Springhead Farm and to replace the manhole cover and the barriers, causing an obstruction of the footway in the vicinity of the Village Tap. No response was received from the Highways and Roads Department so far. The Clerk will follow it up.

b) The drainage issues on Barrow street are still outstanding. Andy Robbins is to follow it up.

c) The feasibility of a path along Barrow Street to the A38 was investigated and concluded that it would be possible to construct a pathway. The most difficult section was just above the chicane where there is a high bank on one side of the road and a drop on the other. The ways to raise money and to source the necessary materials were discussed. A working party will need to be set up for this project. Andy Robbins will circulate estimated cost of this project to the Members for consideration.

e) Update on litter picking: The community litter clearing is to be organised after 12th April , if government guidelines permit at that time.

9.3.21 Barrow Hospital site – flooding of Hospital Road

a) A response to the letter sent to NSC about flooding issues, was still awaited.

10.3.21 Village Green Committee

Nick Tyrrell reported that the leaning wall above the outlet to the stream will be investigated shortly and he will provide an update at the next meeting.

11.3.21 Village enhancements

Bristol Water has tested and flushed the Village Tap system and permission to use the water is expected to be issued. As soon as Bristol Water's permission is received, the water bottle filler will be ordered and the grating and piping apertures installed.

12.3.21 Planning Applications

a) Members expressed concerns about trees being cleared behind hospital cottages and a lengthy discussion took place regarding the status of the woodland management plans. Nick Tyrrell and Andrew Sheridan will investigate whether there is any further scope to challenge the implementation of the plans.

b) PCAA meeting will take place on 25th March. Nick Tyrrell will draft a response to the planning application for 3000 airport parking spaces at Hewish, just off the M5. It is possible that the Planning Inspector will visit Barrow Gurney to look at the potential impact of an increase in traffic through the village.

c) The following application was considered:

21/P/0321/FUH Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension.	4 Winstones Road Barrow Gurney	NO OBJECTION
---	--------------------------------	--------------

13.3.21 Open Forum:

a) Concerns were raised about increased traffic of HGVs on Naish Lane to Hill Farm and its impact on local residents. This traffic causes damage to the lane and the speed is a problem too.

b) Barrow Hospital site- no further update

c) Barrow Court – there has been further fly tipping. Graham Spooner will record the evidence and report to NSC.

d) Village – no update

Andy Robbins attended the seminar on Green infrastructure and reported to the Council about initiatives discussed at the meeting such as forestation, countryside and agriculture.

For the Annual Assembly of Residents on 28th April, it was suggested that local groups might like to outline their plans for "Life after Lockdown". Sandra Gibson

agreed to contact a range of groups in the Parish about future activities to be organised in Barrow Gurney.

The plans for Bristol City Council's Clean Air Zone were discussed and the potential impact of making the Cumberland Basin complex a part of the zone were considered. It was agreed to write both to Dr Liam Fox as the local MP and to Councillor Don Davies of North Somerset Council to express concern.

Action Eric Gates.

14.3.21 Dates of next meetings

Annual Assembly of Residents - 28th April 2021

Annual Parish Council meeting – 5 May 2021

Meeting concluded at 9.12pm

Signed _____

Date _____