
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday, 23 June 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chairman Eric Gates, Andy Robbins, Sandra Gibson, Graham Spooner, Phil Carnell, Clerk and 1 Member of the public

1.6.21 Apologies received from Andrew Sheridan and Nick Tyrrell

2.6.21 No interests declared

3.6.21 Minutes of the meeting held 5th May 2021 - APPROVED

4.6.21 A new resident in Barrow Gurney attended, no questions were asked.

5.6.21 The following planning applications were considered:

21/P/1122/FUH Retrospective Spring House, Naish Lane	Council resolved to OBJECT
21/P/1488/MMA; Former Barrow Hospital, Wild Country Lane. Minor material amendment to permission 18/P/3209/MMA (Variation of conditions Nos. 2, 13 and 20 on application; 15/P/2301/F	On advice from Andrew Sheridan, it was agreed that the Council will SUPPORT the amendments provided that the revised footprint of the overall development continues to be contained within the footprint of the former hospital buildings.

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6.6.21 Highways, pavements, verges and footpaths:

Update on items reported to NSC:

- Hospital Road flooding – awaiting response from NSC within next couple of weeks; it is likely that this will be resolved by progress on the development of the former hospital site
- The manhole cover and the bollard by Springhead Farm have been replaced in Barrow Street
- the blocked gully in School Lane has been reported via NSC portal but the problem has not been addressed so far.

The Council noted that grass needed to be cut in some areas to improve visibility for road safety. If the grass is not cut in the next couple of weeks, the Clerk will request NSC specifying the areas.

7.6.21 Naish Lane- disruption caused by heavy vehicles:

Concerns are raised that heavy articulated vehicles are used for deliveries to the mushroom farm in Naish Lane, causing damage to hedges and walls of the narrow lane. Objections were raised to Highways Authority and a formal response is expected. It was suggested that the residents of Naish Lane may wish to raise a petition to highlight the issue.

8.6.21 Quarry Blasting

Concerns were raised that quarry blasting is causing nearby buildings to shake considerably. Discussions took place whether these blasts are within their agreed parameters and whether measurements of these blasts had been done recently. The Chairman will enquire.

The Council has appointed Councillor Graham Spooner to be a Barrow Gurney representative on the Stancombe Quarry Committee instead of Councillor Sandra Gibson . Councillor Andy Robbins will continue to serve. Stancombe Quarry to be notified about this by the Clerk.

9.6.21 Environmental initiatives:

The idea of making own communal garden compost in Barrow Gurney was discussed. Broadly, the arrangements adopted by Winford PC did not seem appropriate but further investigation is needed. The Clerk offered to provide details of the scheme that operates in Wellow. Action Clerk

10.6.21 New Residents Welcome Pack

Discussions took place about how Barrow Gurney information for new residents can be improved. It was decided that the Parish Council website can be revamped with more practical as well as interesting historical information. Councillors Andy Robbins and Sandra Gibson undertook to carry out the review.

11.6.21 Village Green Committee report

The annual playground inspection has been completed and the report provided for the Council.

12.6.21 Village enhancements update

The restoration of the Village Tap is complete. A formal opening of the historic village tap is to be organised together with the village walk. An official sign will be made. Historical information on the origins of the tap will also be researched in Bristol Water archives or other sources in order to engrave it on the plaque.

13.6.21 STAR Bereavement Peer Support Training Programm

The Council will enquire via an e-group if any volunteers are interested. Action Chairman.

14.6.21 Finance and Administration:

Members were asked to consider adoption of a Scheme of Delegation, which would facilitate the council's operation during the next few months.

RESOLVED: The Council delegates authority to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure to protect the interests of the community and ensure council business continuity, informed by consultation with the members of the council. The scheme of delegation will be reviewed at the end of September 2021.

The council reviewed the following governing documents and confirmed fit for purpose:

- a) Standing Orders - APPROVED
- b) Financial Regulations -APPROVED
- c) Asset Register – further updates are required, and the document will be further reviewed at the next meeting.
- d) Risk Managements – approval postponed until next meeting
- e) The following payments APPROVED. The Council agreed for the payments to be arranged by the Clerk and and countersigned by two Councillors electronically. Invoices had been emailed to all Members for scrutiny prior to the meeting.

	Net	VAT	Total
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Parish Councils Airport Association membership			£75.00
Little Apple grass cutting Inv: 3659 2 cuts in April	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
Little Apple grass cutting Inv: 3703 2 cuts in May	£140.00	£28.00	£168.00
ROSPA Annual Playground safety Inspection	£68.50	£13.70	£82.20
Nailsea fencing and gardens Inv: 1278	£430.00	£86.00	£516.00
Clerks salary June			Payslip to be circulated to all around 28 th June
Clerks home office allowance June			£24.00

Members noted the payments made since the last meeting:

BHIB Insurance 1 June 2021- 2022 paid 26 May 2021: <i>This payment had been authorised by the Clerk according to item 5.4 of Financial regulations, as it was essential to validate the insurance policy in time.</i>	£354.91
Clerks salary May 2021	Payslip circulated to all members
Clerks home office allowance May	£24.00

15.6.21 Open forum for the Parish Councillors - Councillors reports

Members noted the publicity for the consultation to improve the A38 including the section within the Parish. This reflected the discussions that had taken place with the NSC team some months ago. The consultation closes on 1 August.

The date of Queens Jubilee next year was noted .

16.6.21 Dates of next meetings.

The next meeting is planned provisionally for 8th September 2021; the date will be confirmed closer to the time and provided that government guidelines allow. Meanwhile, the delegation of powers scheme is in place to ensure smooth operation of the council business. If issues arose on which Councillors need to consult in the interim, it was agreed that Councillors might hold discussions on Zoom.

The meeting ended 21:00 pm