

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 21st May, 2024 at Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Meeting opened at 19.30pm. Cllr Oliver opened the meeting. **Present:** Cllr C Coates, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr A Sherwood, Cllr D Oliver, Cllr D Tickner, Cllr S Akroyd **Also present:** Clerk – Jo Gadney., **Members of Public** 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION For ten minutes residents are invited to address the Parish Council, for a maximum time of three minutes, to make comment on items on the agenda or raise matters for consideration at a future meeting.

26.59 To receive and accept apologies for absences –Apologies from Cllr K Bennett and Cllr D Drew. Proposed and accepted.

26.60 Declarations of Interest – To receive and record declaration of interest on the agenda – none

26.61 Minutes of the previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the full council meeting dated 16th April, 2024. Proposed and resolved. Cllr Oliver signed the minutes.

26.62 Councillor reports

Cllr Sherwood has been approached about the state of school path and the vegetation growing in from both sides – it is especially bad after rain. Also there has been comments about the amount of dog faeces here and on the back field behind school. The dog faeces issue will be put in the July WDN article along with information about fines and reporting people to TVBC. Cllr Sherwood will call the dog warden at TVBC. Cllr Coates mentioned the hedge along Bullington Lane which is very overgrown (opposite the entrance to Kings Elms on the other side of the road) The clerk has reported this numerous times to be told it is on the schedule to do completed, but so far nothing has been done. Clerk will report this again on HCC portal. Cllr A Sherwood mentioned numerous plots at the allotment are overgrown again – Clerk and Chairman to conduct another visit after half term.

26.63 To receive a written or verbal report from:

a)County Councillor – Primary school place offers confirmed by HCC. More than 99 per cent of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred schools, with over 93 per cent allocated a place at their first preference school. Changes have been made to the Cabinet at HCC.

b)Borough Councillor – no report

26.64 Pavilion working party

Planning permission is still with TVBC for a decision to be made.

26.65 Finance

a) To receive and approve April 2024 monthly financial statement. Proposed and approved statement. Cllr A Sherwood checked and signed the bank statements and schedule.

Treasurers A/C

Opening balance as at 1 April 2024		£3927.16
Payments received April	£24,107.22	
Payments cleared April	£3,942.28	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 May 2024		£24,092.10

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 1 April 2024		£67,549.54
Payments received April	£83.63	

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Payments cleared April	£12,805.52	
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 May 2024		£54,827.70

Invoices yet to be paid

BS Village Hall 87,84	£32.00
Greensmile 11086	£619.96
Clerk's salary	£808.40
HMRC NI contribution	£7.87
Play Inspection	£229.30
Internal Audit	£320.00
Lighting HCC	£874.39
Total	£2,891.92
Total estimated balance	£76,027.88

b) Discuss/review internal audit report and agree action plan following recommendations – only a few very minor issues on the report. One that the reserves are slightly too low and one of the old declaration of interest forms from the May 23 election was on the TVBC not the most recent one. Otherwise the audit was good. A formal thank you to the clerk for getting through the audit with flying colours.

c) To receive for approval the Annual Governance and Accountability return year ending 31st March 2024

i) Annual Governance Statements in Section 1 – Cllr Oliver read out all the statements and answered Yes to all questions 1-8 and n/a to question 9. Proposed and approved to sign off Section 1. The chairman and Clerk signed their parts of Section 1 and the clerk will include the minute reference following the meeting.

ii) Accounting Statement in Section 2 – the clerk prior to the meeting had signed off her part of Section 2. The councillors confirmed the figures on section 2. Proposed and approved for the chairman to sign off section 2 and the clerk will confirm the minute reference following the meeting.

d) Confirmation of dates for the period of the exercise of public rights commencing Monday 3rd June, 2024 to Friday 12 July, 2024. Confirmed.

e) Discuss/agree quotes for a new laptop for clerk. Proposed and approved a Dell Inspiron direct from Dell costing £499.17 plus VAT. Clerk will pay for this on her credit card as Business Accounts are hard to come by and then get this money back.

f) Discuss/agree advertising in the reprint of the village map at a cost of £65 – proposed and approved to go ahead with this. Clerk will amend advert to have the new website address – all other details the same.

g) Discuss/agree quotes for works at the playground following the inspection - 3 quotes received – proposed and approved to go with the cheapest quote at a cost of £393.86 for shackles and brushes for one swing, new safety chains and shackles for the nest swing, a new steering wheel and adjusting the main gate.

26.66 Parish Matters

a) Discuss/agree locations for the remembrance poppies and how to go about sponsorship by residents or businesses – Cllr Tickner provided an excellent map for the 30 poppies and exact locations. He will happily put these all up on Fri 1 November which is the date of the RBL launch day and take down. Proposed and approved that there wouldn't be any sponsorship by residents/businesses.

b) Discuss/agree the purchase of a history board for the Green. Cllr Alec Sherwood found a board which would be perfect for the Green. A1 size costing £305 plus VAT made of recycled plastic. A location to be decided on at a later date. Proposed and approved for this sign but not to order yet. Cllr Coates to ask the History Group if they could put together the artwork – possibly the parish map in the middle and then items of interest around the edge.

26.67 Planning

Discuss/agree- No applications

26.68 Community bus

Update on progress – Cllr Akroyd update the councillors on the Open Forum that took place on Sat 18th

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May at the village hall. Approx 12 people attended to hear about the plans. Questionnaires are slowly coming back. It seems like most people think it is a brilliant idea but wouldn't necessarily use it and so far not many people have offered to drive the vehicle. It would probably need approx. 20 people in the pool of drivers. To discuss at the next full council meeting and from there if going ahead a working party to be set up.

26.69 Clerk's report

The football club decided against renting out our pitches for training and matches.

Meeting Closed: 21.23 Next Meeting: Tuesday 18th June, 2024