

Minutes of the meeting of Barton Stacey Parish Council held at 19.30 pm on Tuesday 17th September, 2024 at Barton Stacey Village Hall.

Meeting opened at 19.30pm. Cllr Akroyd opened the meeting. **Present:** Cllr C Coates, Cllr C Sherwood, Cllr S Akroyd, Cllr D Clark, Cllr K Bennett, Cllr **Also present:** Clerk – Jo Gadney, Cllr David Drew **Members of Public** 5

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.

A Bullington Lane resident – I live on Bullington Lane, opposite this proposal. I am the Principal of Alexander Design. We are Chartered Architects. We represent both Developers and Communities in the delivery of community buildings, including S106 buildings, community centres, sports pavilions, village halls, schools, surgeries and a church. Working for both parties, we see both sides of the coin. As an affected neighbour and architect I offer the following observations:-

I have heard some of the concerns about this proposal and in my opinion, they don't pose a realist platform to frustrate the development. That however assumes this becomes a genuine Community Led project. At present it appears to be a developer led proposal, with a financial offering to buy that status. Without the community led tag, this proposal has minimal potential to be approved. If the Parish Council agree on that title; how a legitimate mandate is established is the important issue.

One of my concerns is, if the Developer's suggestion of consultation, questionnaires and workshops are adopted that will drag the community in, without an independent decision to do so.

As soon as the community engage with that process, the principle is effectively established. I would suggest a more robust initial test is required. The trouble with that is, for a community to decide, they will inevitable want to know what is on offer. My concern is the perception of the offer, is far great than the reality. In the document presented so far, almost all the offerings are a minimum requirement of any application, even if the land were within the village envelope. The offers of social housing, TROs, SUDs, Nutrient credits, TPOs, landscape amenity, biodiversity are the basics of any planning application. In my experience what is finally negotiated in planning gain, falls a long way short of what is required or what could be secured. Additionally, we have never seen an offer increase as the process unfolds. These offerings are presented as something special, but they are in fact the bare minimum. I am not seeing much to warrant taking the King's Shilling just yet. There is a need for a community hall and sports pavilion. To establish and demonstrate that need, viability and find the right location, takes a long time. The PC needs to be ready when these opportunities arise. To do that a community needs a vision for what it might be. I can see getting community engagement for a PC is very difficult. Indifference and a notion of what some sections of a community don't want, make it very difficult for a PC to lead. Whilst it is probably too late for this proposal, I would implore the PC to have the confidence to develop an idea and vision for the village going forward, for the next time. In the meantime, if this becomes a community led project, my advice is to take advice from specialists, to achieve ambitious goals and not just the bare minimum. In my experience Local Authorities lack the hard-nosed commercial expertise to negotiate with developers, who do this day in day out.

26.93 To receive and accept apologies for absences –Apologies from Cllr D Oliver and Cllr A Sherwood. Proposed and accepted.

26.94 Declarations of Interest – To receive and record declaration of interest on the agenda

26.95 Minutes of the previous Meeting

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

26.96 Councillor reports

Cllr Akroyd announced the news that the clerk has handed her notice in. She will finish in early November and thanked her for the 8.5 years as her time as Clerk. An advert will be posted soon on the

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HALC website and in the West Dever News. The University of Southampton have approached the PC via TVBC for some research to be conducted alongside the Historic Town and Villages Forum to find out what the core values are of residents of our parish. Approx 12 people will be trained up from the parish and will ask their circle of friends their thoughts. There will be training and they will be paid for this work. More information will be given shortly but TVBC will probably pull people from various of the village groups. Cllr Akroyd spoke on behalf of the PC at the recent Church service held to thank all those who work to raise money for the church at the church fete.

Cllr Sherwood has had comments about the ice cream sign at the junction of Bullington Lane and The Street (by the church) She has also had more comments about the parking at school. To include in WDN and Cllr Akroyd/Sherwood to arrange another meeting at school. Cllr Bennett said she is now a Governor at the Primary School. Not only is the parking dangerous but it causes annoyance to the residents. A tree survey was conducted on Friday 13th September. There needs to be some work done. Clerk will get quotes for this work. Some of the work could be done by councillors/volunteers ie cutting off the ivy.

26.97 The Borough and County Councillor's reports

a) Borough Councillor report – Cllr Drew sad to hear the news that the clerk has handed her notice in. Foodie event taking place on 29th September on Andover High Street. Reminding residents that TVBC have a council tax support scheme for working age households on lower incomes. Bat walks taking place 20/21 September at Rooksbury Mill Local Nature reserve at 7pm – book via TVBC.

b) County Councillor report – Cllr Drew will report the sign at Autobarn junction which is blocking site lines. Clerk to also report. Outstanding rating continues for HCC's Children's Services. Children continue to benefit from strong and effective services that make a positive difference to their lives. This is one of the key headline findings from Hampshire County Council's latest full Ofsted inspection, which has rated its Children's Services outstanding for the second consecutive time since 2019. Hampshire's Country Parks win prestigious Green Flag Awards once again. Visitors to HCC's five country parks are guaranteed a top-quality day out thanks to the parks being once again awarded Green Flag awards for 2024 Lepe, River Hamble, Royal Victoria, Queen Elizabeth, and Staunton Country Parks have all once again regained Green Flag status for their excellent facilities and amazing outdoor spaces. Staunton Country Park and Royal Victoria Country Park have also once again won Green Heritage Accreditation for the management of the sites' unique historic features - Lepe Country Park has also secured the heritage accolade this year for the first time. An unprecedented number of potholes and road defects have been fixed across a 12-month period, according to the latest figures from HCC. From April 23 to April 24, 180,909 repairs were delivered, marking a 37 per cent increase. Next step for Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Plans to ensure Hampshire can provide its share of materials, such as sand and gravel, for building homes, schools and roads in the future have taken another step forward. HCC's Cabinet has recommended that the full County Council (at its meeting on 18 July) approves the submission of Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan's Partial Update to the Government Planning Inspectorate for scrutiny. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240708MineralsandWastePlan>

An opportunity for Hampshire residents to benefit from competitively priced, high-quality solar panel installation and save on future energy bills is once again available through the 2024 Solar Together scheme. The solar energy group-buying scheme, offered by independent experts iChoosr and promoted by HCC, enables residents to invest in solar panels for their homes, fitted by pre-vetted installers, to reduce reliance on the national grid and lower their energy bills, as well as boost local renewable energy generation. Through Solar Together, over 28,400 solar panels have already been installed in Hampshire – it is estimated that these installations alone will reduce carbon emissions by 59,205 tonnes over 25 years – equivalent to taking over 32,600 cars off the road during the same period. Those interested need to register online at www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether by 18 October for a free and without obligation quote. HCC is renewing its call for parents and carers to prioritise regular school attendance in the new academic year. Rates of school attendance have continued to improve in Hampshire but as with other local authority areas across the country, they remain below the levels typically seen before the Covid19 pandemic. Lower energy bills could be enjoyed by more people in the future as more communities are given the ability to lead the charge on climate change through greener, more efficient energy initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions and, in turn, lower costs. Thanks to £1.5 million National Lottery funding, Community Energy South, supported by HCC, is set to

expand its staff and volunteer numbers so that it can train and mentor a larger number of community groups, including providing expertise in human resources (HR) and marketing, so that community projects can get up and running more quickly.

26.98 Feedback on JPP meeting – Tuesday 10th September, 2024 – and discuss next steps

It will be interesting to get the answers to the questions asked at the meeting especially regarding the financial transparency. Clerk to chase in a week if not heard anything. It is obvious that the PC need to do some thorough consultation with the parishioners. The current VDS is out of date and will need a revamp and it seems a good time in tandem with this possible development. Due to the small precept of BSPC it wouldn't be possible to pay for consultants so PC to go out to parishioners to ask for those with relevant skills to join a working party to advise the council. Clerk to send out email via PC system and put into WDN. Clerk to ask TVBC whether they have any planning training. Cllr Akryod happy to head up the working party. Terms of reference to be set up. This process isn't going to be rushed and will take time. Need to consider carefully what the community benefit will be. It was interesting to hear that the MOD have a 50% override. Cllr Clark mentioned that Chilbolton PC have set up a Community Land Trust which - it is then up to the Trust as to who can rent there.

20.18 Cllr Drew leaves the meeting

26.99 Pavilion working party - Update on progress. It was agreed that the working party needs a revamp now that planning permission has been sought. New people with new skills will be needed, Clerk to also send out an email to parishioners to ask for expertise here. Cllr Bennett has project manager skills. Clerk to ask John Trouw to come along to the October meeting as a handover from the previous working party.

27.00 Finance

a) To receive and approve July and August 2024 monthly financial statement. Proposed and approved statement. Cllr Coates checked and signed the bank statements and schedule.

Treasurers A/c

Opening balance as at 1 July 2024			£19,343.79
Payments received July		£10.00	
Payments cleared July	£1852.16		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 July 2024			£17,501.63
Of which ring-fenced totals			£11665.45
Available funds			£5,836.18

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 1 July 2024			£54,963.93
Payments received July		£67.12	
Payments cleared July	£95		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 July 2024			£54,936.05

Treasurers A/c

Opening balance as at 1 August 2024			£17,501.63
Payments received August		£10.00	
Payments cleared August	£1825.40		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 Sept 2024			£15,676.23
Of which ring-fenced totals			£11665.45
Available funds			£4,010.78

BUSINESS INSTANT A/C

Opening balance as at 1 August 2024			£54,936.05
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Payments received August		£69.38	
Payments cleared August	£0		
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCE 1 September 2024			£55,005.43

Paid between meeting:-

Arborlogica (pavilion ring fenced)	£95
BDO (external audit)	£252.00
One Two Tree (burial ground)	£288.00
Village Hall 118, 121	£32
Greensmile 11231	£619.96
Clerk's salary	£828.39

Invoices yet to be paid

Greensmile 11269	£619.96
Ava Recreation maintenance	£1379.58
Ava Recreation broken post	£78.00
Ava Recreation shackles, brushes	£472.63
Clerk's salary	£808.40
HMRC august	£7.87
Insurance premium	£1058.31
HMRC September	£7.87
TCA Ltd tree survey	£240
Total	£4,672.62
Total estimated balance	£66,009.04

b)To discuss/approve quotes for maintenance work required at the allotments. Clerk received 2 quotes for levelling out the lead up to the bridge and to replace the rotten timbers on the bridge. Decision to be postponed to see if councillors can do the job.

c)To discuss/approve quotes for dragons teeth at the Green. Clerk had 2 quotes. Proposed and approved to go ahead with replacing 20 of the posts at a cost of £500 but the posts need to be pressure treated and bitumen covered.

d)To note – new insurance premium due 1 Oct – totalling £1058.31. The invoice is ready for sign off.

27.01 Parish Matters

a)Discuss/agree costs for new child defibrillator pads – Clerk had 3 quotes. Proposed and approved to purchase 3 sets at a cost of £85 plus VAT. Clerk will provide invoice at October meeting.

b)Discuss/agree jobs for volunteers around the parish. To provide a list at the next meeting.

c)Discuss tree survey. Lots of ivy removal needed and a few limbs need attention. Clerk to get quotes for the October meeting. Some wood chippings needed by the mature tree by the entrance to the rec.

d)To note – Winterbourne clear up Sunday 3 November 930-12

27.02 Playground

a)Discuss request from a resident about a pétanque court and a permanent ping pong table – proposed and approved that this could form part of the pavilion build so no for now. Clerk to confirm back to the resident.

b)Discuss/agree new equipment for toddler area in playground. Clerk showed some photos of ideas from a few of the play companies. The Clerk will get quotes for the 2 trains and also contact TVBC again re S106 monies which will pay for it.

27.03 Planning applications

Discuss/agree-

a)24/01949/FULLN – siting of two containers and amendments to permitted layout at Agenda Vehicles, workshops at Drayton Garages, Basingstoke Road

24/01926/ADVN – Display of 3 contra-vision office window signs, 1 x facia sign, 2 x banner signs, 1 x externally illuminated double sided pole mounted sign of agenda Vehicles, Workshops, Drayton

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Garages, Basingstoke Road – Cars parked at the front of the site are dangerous for those exiting the services. The containers should be moved as they are currently very close to residents at Drayton Park. These could impact residents and aren't in keeping with the rural location. Some screening should be placed for these very close residents. The signage also could detract from those driving along the A303. The original planning application said they would employ local people and that most of the sales would be online so cars sold would only be here for a very short time at handover. Proposed and approved to object to both applications. Clerk to file on TVBC portal.

27.04 Clerk's report

Clerk to give Cllr Tickner the Poppies ready for Remembrance. The gate at the playground is shutting too quickly. Clerk reported this to Vitaplay who installed it in 2022. All other playground works have now been completed.

Meeting Closed: 21.08 Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th October, 2024