

# **Minutes of the Meeting of Barston Parish Council (BPC)**

**8 pm Wednesday 9th November 2016**

## **Barston Memorial Institute**

Present: Cllrs. Cookes (Chair); Bates; Lyon; Emmet, Hadley and Parish Clerk Ken Flood

### **Apologies**

None

### **Minutes of last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2016 were duly approved and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **Public Forum**

David Read (parishioner) asked about minutes of the special village meeting held on 20th April 2016. The clerk had not done minutes and following discussion the Chair asked him to produce them for the record.

### **Planning Matters**

The application for a conservatory at Manor Cottage was tabled, discussed and approved unanimously. Cllr Lyon has spoken to SMBC planning officer Nigel Reeves who had advised her that in his view, SMBC would be offering the same advice to the proposers Wyvale as given to Cala Homes earlier submission and stated that he would be recommending refusal. Some discussion ensued and a parishioner asked the Chair about the beneficiary of the £24,000 application fee.

### **Highways Matters**

Cllr Emmet had met with Phil Farrington Lloyd (PFL) who reported that Ryton End resurfacing had been completed. This led to a discussion on fly tipping in that location. A white 8-wheeled polished aluminium sided lorry had been spotted using trade plates. The councillors asked for that information to be shared in December's Newsletter.

Cllr. Emmet raised repairs to Elvers Green Lane as priority with PFL.

Cllr Emmet also asked for the Contact Centre number to be put in the edition in relation to street lighting issues etc. The number is 0121 704 8000.

The parish would be in receipt of some spring flower bulbs, which could be planted appropriately.

The Chair asked Cllr Emmet to deal with the issues raised by Severn Trent's lack of action in relation to cutting their hedges, which were now causing a nuisance to vehicles.

## **Airport Matters**

Cllr Lyon reported that she had received pledges of £8,250 and contributions to the Airport Fund that brought the current balance to £3,304.20.

Cllr Lyon reported that CAA had missed a set deadline- of the end of October to bring BAL to the negotiation table. She had since written to CAA expressing our disappointment and threatening to make our application to the Court if the meeting was not arranged before 14th November.

The meeting re-emphasised the importance of a timely conclusion to the matter and asked Cllr Lyon to expedite matters. Cllr. Lyon said she would contact CAA and perhaps BAL on the 10th November.

Some discussion ensued in relation to whether the pledges received were sufficient to carry forward the negotiation and any legal costs. The clerk confirmed that we were fully covered in respect of pledges. Cllr Lyon expressed some concern that we still had insufficient Airport Funds. They is sufficient to proceed with the Application; however, in the face of intransigence on CAA/ BAL part, John Steel's costs would be much greater than the resources currently in hand.

## **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Bates said that she now had a team comprising Ian Sharpe, Faisal Janjua, Paul Ferrera, Roger Derwent and John Oswald. Initial meeting have been held with a second scheduled for 15th November. The team has organised a meeting with SMBC's Maurice Barlow to discuss funding.

Cllr Bates said that the sub committee would schedule its own meetings and report bi monthly.

The clerk asked about interim funding and Cllr. Bates said she would advise about that following the coming meetings.

## **Finance**

The clerk advised that our accounts had been signed off. The Chair presented an invoice in relation to refurbishment of the bus shelter which was duly paid. The clerk's salary and expenses were signed off and settled together with a cheque for HMRC and finally payment was signed off for the Newsletter.

The clerk confirmed that we have now received our £824 vat rebate on legal costs. With the exception of £300, which would be allocated back to the PC to take account of its contribution to the Airport Fund, the balance would go to that fund.

Cllr Lyon said that there would be additional vat to reclaim for the independent noise monitoring,

The Chair asked about our bank balance, which prior to this meeting and including the rebate stood at £4,984.83. The clerk said that approvals of payments during the meeting totalled about £2,000 and therefore we had working capital of circa £3,000 to take us to April 17. Given the uncertainty about whether we would need to support the Neighbourhood Plan, the clerk recommended that a decision about the scheduled work on the telephone box be deferred until January's meeting and the Chair agreed.

## **AOB**

Cllr Lyon raised the matter of fundraising for the Airport Fund and Cllr Bates suggested that we establish a Bottery (Barston Lottery). The clerk was asked to check into licensing requirements. Finally, Cllr Lyon asked for some assistance in regard to checking the number of residences in Barston and Balsall Street East and parishioner David Elliott agreed to support. Cllr. Lyon said that

she has been promised and therefore expects data in relation to this from BAL by the 11th November.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.35pm stating that the next Meeting would be on: 9th January 2017.

Ken Flood 10/11/16 Parish Clerk