

Minutes of Barston Parish Council

Barston Institute

10th May 2017 - 8pm

Chair Robert Cookes opened the meeting at 8pm.

Present: Cllrs. Emmett, Lyon, Hadley and clerk Ken Flood.

NB. Traditionally during BPC May meetings, the AGM meeting precedes the bi-monthly meeting; however, the Chair had invited Richard Cobb and two visitors from Chadwick End parish to speak before moving forward with the published agenda. The AGM was conducted after Richard Cobb and the two Chadwick End visitors departed.

As a result, Cllr Cookes welcomed our visitors; however, having stood down as Chair at the AGM, his successor as Chair, Cllr Emmett took over this agenda from Apologies:

The Chair Cllr Cookes welcomed Richard Cobb and two visitors from Chadwick End. The Chair asked Richard Cobb to address the meeting.

Eastcote Garden Centre

Richard Cobb gave his feedback following SMBC adoption of planning officers recommendations in relation to the above. He set out three follow-up options:

1. Do nothing
2. Judicial Review
3. Write to Caroline Spellman and Secretary of State asking for a review of the decision.

The meeting felt that the decision flies in the face of BPC's local planning and stated wishes; therefore they approved Option 3. Richard Cobb would be funded to write the appropriate letters.

Chadwick End

The clerk brought our visitors from Chadwick End up to speed with Airport items discussed further under that agenda item. Some debate took place in relation to the exact routing of Option 6; however, the vice Chair Cllr Emmett asked our visitors to make their case in writing to us and we would put it before our QC before getting back to them.

With all visitors departed from the meeting, Cllr Cookes convened the AGM and following that Cllr Emmett chaired the bi-monthly meeting:

Apologies

Apologies were given for Cllr Bates.

Minutes

The minutes of March's meeting were approved and duly signed.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Planning Matters

Planning requests in relation to Severn Trent and Firs Farm were discussed. There were no objections.

Financial Report

As we appear to be limited to contributing £7.42 per parishioner from Parish funds to some initiatives, Cllrs. asked the clerk to clarify the rules in relation to this constraint. Cheques were signed for Insurance, CPRE, HMRC, WALC and the clerks' costs.

Development Plan

The meeting discussed earlier comments by Richard Cobb about the importance of Neighbourhood Plans to levels of contribution to parishes as a result of building (25% to those parishes with a plan, 15% to those without), the meeting voted that the clerk should progress the plan or Parish Design Statement.

We will not be going ahead with the Phone Box refurbishments for the time being as we have other competing demands on funding.

In relation to the defibrillator, Cllr. Hadley undertook to check it was operating as expected.

Highway Matters

Cllr Emmett reported that there had been no developments since March's report.

Airport Matters

Given Nick Hartlands' offer to contribute £7,000 to fund judicial review, Cllr Lyon has been in consultation with John Steel and has written to CAA to clarify the opportunity of getting change by tabling our new evidence by using Post Implementation Review (PIR) due now. CAA acknowledged receipt.

Chair Jez Emmett asked Cllr Lyon to update Nick Hartland who agreed to do that.

AOB

The Parish Council extended a vote of thanks to Robert Cookes to officially recognise his hard work as Chair over the past 25 years

Also Jez Emmett asked for recognition and thanks to Jenny Wilcox for sorting out the waste bin at the ford.

Some discussion took place in relation to placing ANPR and CCTV cameras at key points in the community. The Chair asked Cllr Hadley to look into costing in order to discuss at July's meeting.

The clerk relayed that Hampton and Berkswell have asked Barston to join them in traffic calming initiatives. The meeting believes we should be involved.

There being no other business, Cllr Emmett adjourned at 10.10pm stating that the next meeting date would be 12th July 2017.

Ken Flood Clerk 14th May 2017