

Minutes of the Meeting of Barston Parish Council (BPC)

9 pm Wednesday 11th May 2016

Barston Memorial Institute

Present: Cllrs. Cookes (Chair); Read; Bates; Lyon & Clerk: Ken Flood

Apologies

Roger Derwent.

Minutes of last Meeting

The minutes of 9th March 2016 were duly approved and signed.

Matters Arising

The clerk confirmed that Internet connectivity and landline telephone had been installed. Eastcote Nursery was now up for sale and would be discussed under Planning. In relation to Highways - OAK Lane had been attended to. he confirmed that pothole and gully blockage via online reporting details are on our website. Councillors requested minutes covering the special meeting regarding CAA/BAL. Cllr. Harman has stepped down from her role. The cost to BPC of the defibrillator is £350.00

No action on collecting in the silverware for Best kept Garden.

Standing Orders

Cllr Bates raised the subject of whether we had Standing Orders and was informed that we did not. Cllr Bates proposed that the clerk assemble some. The meeting agreed and the clerk undertook to have a draft for discussion at our next meeting.

Planning

There were no objections to the consultation in relation to Barston Nursery having a change of use.

Highways

The clerk confirmed a recent meeting with Tom Rodgers. Waterfield Hill gully was again prioritised. Barston Lane/Ryton End junction will be resurfaced in early June. Work is being carried out in Eastcote Lane on drainage and verge protection. Potholes and gully-blockages should be dealt with on the SMBC portal.

Ivan Eley would contact 'Andy' in respect of grass cutting.

The clerk reported that SMBC would be making bulbs available this year.

Development Plan

No action had been progressed. A short discussion ensued about rumours of plans for a care home at Barston Garden Centre. Important to make progress on the plan.

Airport

The Chair asked the clerk to produce a set of minutes for the special airport meeting held on April 20.

Cllr Lyon updated the meeting about discussions with John Steele QC's chambers. The cost of obtaining a legal opinion on CAA's decision would be £3,900 inclusive.

Cllr Lyon proposed that BPC fund that cost to a total of £1,800 inclusive. A detailed debate ensued during which Cllr Lyon told members that she believed that Chadwick End would contribute between £500 - £1,000 in support and the balance would come from parishioners.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bates and carried with one councillor voting against.

The Chair stressed that it had been a difficult decision and that the pledge offered to support any shortfall following collection activities up to a maximum of £1,500. Cllr Lyon offered to put in the £300 vat element until reclaim repaid her.

As Cllr Read had stepped down from the Airport brief at the earlier AGM, and having been replaced by Cllr Lyon, the latter asked Cllr Read for a formal handover of files and such. It is unclear about whether Cllr Read agreed to that request.

The proposal documentation was duly signed.

Finance

The clerk's salary and expenses were duly signed off and settled. A cheque to HMRC covering the current salary and the two underpayments discussed at the AGM was signed.

A formal proposal by Trixie Harman that BPC to support the installation of a defibrillator at a total cost of £350 was seconded by Cllr Read and voted through unanimously. The cheque was signed. Because of the overpayment to Mike Lynn, no payment was needed on this occasion. Finally, a cheque to CPRE was signed.

The clerk undertook to look at the query from Cllr Read in relation to the absence of any subscriptions in the annual statement.

Cllr Read asked for a more detailed breakdown of the basis of the Transparency Fund award. The clerk said that no such breakdown existed.

AOB

Ivan Eley raised the matter of the absence of attention to flowers, phone box, notice boards and so on. He was reassured that all items had been marked for attention; however, the earlier decision to support the airport legal clarification would mean that this would need to be deferred to autumn.

The clerk is to contact Mike Lynn in relation to inserting details of parishioner's deaths in the Newsletter.

There being no other business, the meeting was formally closed at 10.40pm.

