

Minutes of Barston Parish Council

Meeting: 8pm 11th September 2019

Barston Institute

Present: Jeremy Emmett (Chair); Robert Cookes; Kay Sumner and Ken Flood (Clerk).

Apologies for Absence

Paul Hadley (Vice Chair); Cllr. Lee Bould; David Elliott & Chris Wild.

Minutes of July 2019's Meeting

The Chair duly signed the minutes of July '19's meeting.

Matters Arising

1. Cllr. Emmett reported that quotations to repair the Pound had come in at £2,500 and £5,349 respectively. Clearly, we could not proceed with quotes for work at that level. Other quotes would be sought.
2. Cllr. Cookes requested that the clerk seek information from SMBC Planning as to whether we require planning permission for the Pound repairs. The clerk undertook to do that.
3. Uncertainty persists about the future of the nursery on Hampton Lane with regard to placement of an ANPR at that location.
4. Stepnall (developers of the Wyevale Garden Centre project) have agreed to sponsor an ANPR camera on Knowle Road to supplement our placement at Dalesford.
5. Stepnall had also confirmed in writing via email that they were confident that they would prevent all on-the-road parking once the new facility becomes operational.

Public Forum

- David Read raised the issue of very large tractors on our narrow lanes.
- Ivan Eley asked that the willow tree at Barston bridge be trimmed back because it currently obscures road user's views of oncoming traffic in both directions.
- Simon Pile raised the subject of road sweeping was raised and The Chair undertook to liaise with Alan Brown of SMBC before making a decision about appointing a private contractor.

Planning

Planning applications had been dealt with for the following properties:

- The Holte
- Oak Tree Cottage
- Cherrytrees
- The Pines
- West Midlands Golf Club
- Old Timbers

The above applications had all been approved by members if not by SMBC; however, the application for Arbour Farm, alone attracted objection, based on the judgement that the size of the extension was out of proportion to the size of the property.

Airport

David Elliott (apologies) had advised the clerk that CAA have now published the long awaited report on their website. A link had been provided for BPC's website. David Elliott had been in touch with CAA to insist that the evidence documents that Barston had provided to the review, are included in the report.

Highways & Environment

Cllr. Cookes extended his thanks to Simon Pile who had worked to trim back some hedges. Full appreciation was extended to Simon.

Security & GDPR

The Chair reported that Pete Barker had provided updates in respect of the two prosecutions for fly tipping.

Discussion ensued in relation to ANPR coverage for Henwood Lane and the Chair asked the clerk to liaise with his counterpart at Hampton parish council to establish whether they would sponsor an ANPR at their end of Henwood Lane.

There were no GDPR issues.

Finance

The clerk stated that following receipt of September's Precept, the bank balance stood at £11,906. The Chair would discuss further ANPR deployment with Cllr. Hadley.

The decision to purchase two mobile wildlife cameras was approved.

A.O.B.

The chair passed over to Cllr Kay Sumner, a copy of Berkswell's recently approved Neighbourhood Plan.

- Cllr Cookes reported that posts defining the road edges (guide for cars etc.) at Barston Ford was missing and needed to be replaced.
- Repeater 'miles per hour' signs, especially those at Waterfield Hill and towards Ryton End are missing and need to be replaced.
- The 'Give Way' markings/sign at Hob Lane/Elvers Green Lane require attention.
- Tree foliage is obscuring road signs at John Gerries property.
- Drainage problems at Oak Lane had been reported by Cllr Emmett.
- The post box on Barston lane is not secured to its plinth correctly. Cllr Cookes asked the clear to speak to the Post Office.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm with the Chair advising that the next meeting will be on 13th November 2019.

Ken Flood 15th September 2019