

Barton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 November 2022

Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm

In attendance

Cllr Hacking, Cllr Parker, Cllr Lees, Cllr Sharples, Cllr Smith, Cllr Thompson (PCC), Melissa Thorpe (Clerk)

Parishioners – as per attendance book

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr S Whittam (PCC)

2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

A correction was requested to the previous meeting minutes as it incorrectly stated that Cllr Hacking was present.

Following this correction, the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests - Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter.

Cllr Lees declared an interest in any discussions around the repair of the Church Clock.

4. Financial Matters including:

- ***Agreement of 2023/24 Precept (proposed budget to be presented)***

The balance of the Parish Councils accounts as @ 28 October was £38,002, which includes £11,336.21 CIL.

The clerk presented the proposed budget for 23/24 and Parish Councillors agreed to set the 2023/2024 Parish Precept at **£26,000**. This information would now be sent to Preston City Council.

A request had been made by the Village Hall Trustees for funding towards a new defibrillator to replace the old one which had previously been purchased by the Village Hall Trustees.

Parish Councillors present agreed to 100% fund a new defibrillator for the village to be positioned in the place of the current defibrillator on the village hall wall. The total cost of the new defibrillator to be covered by the parish council is **£855 + vat**.

- ***Request from Clerk to purchase Microsoft 365 for online cloud storage of all Parish Council documents.***

It was agreed to allow the clerk to purchase a Microsoft 365 software package to enable safe storage of the Parish Councils files and sharing of documents.

- ***A list of Payments made since the September meeting was shared:***

Number	Date	Description	Type	OUT	Vat	IN
31	01/09/2022	Clerks additional salary	CHQ	392.7	0	
32	06/09/2022	Insurance	CHQ	357.33	0	
33	16/09/2022	Clerks Salary	SO	312.5	0	
34	16/09/2022	Barton Grange	CHQ	1690	338	
35	28/09/2022	Parish Lengthsman	SO	520	0	
36	01/10/2022	Easywebsites	DD	33.6	0	
37	28/10/2022	Preston Council CIL				7592.01
38	28/10/2022	Parish lengthsman	SO	520	0	
				15774.08	624.33	33592.01

- ***Review of Clerks Salary following National Joint Councils pay review 2022/23 (circulated in advance of the meeting)***

The NJC pay scales, which are local government pay scales resulting from negotiations between the employer and trade union sides of the National Joint Council, have been agreed for the 2022/23 year.

In line with the National Joint Council, Barton Parish Councillors agreed the increase on the Clerks Salary on scp 10 to £12.28 per hour. This would be an immediate change.

- ***Proposed charitable donation for 2022***

It was agreed to make a donation of £200 to the Salvation Army in Preston. The increase in this year's donation reflects the Parish Council's wish to support more people during the current cost of living and energy crisis.

5. Planning applications

- ***Telephone mast at Village Hall***

At the time of the meeting a planning application lodged for an EE phone mast at the Village Hall was awaiting a decision.

A discussion took place over the contribution to be made from the company installing the mast and where this payment would be made to. This would be confirmed.

- ***Cardwell Farm Phase 2 and proposed Sports Pitches/MUGA***

Cllr Parker and Cllr Hacking have had several meetings with Wainhomes regarding Phase 1 & 2 of the Cardwell Farm Development. Several changes have been requested to layout and design and these have been taken on board and the latest reserved matters application reflects most of the changes requested by the Parish Council of the developer.

A further meeting is due to be arranged with Wainhomes and the Parish Council to discuss Phase 2 of the development and an update on this will be provided at the next meeting.

6. Forest Grove Playground – future maintenance

The Clerk was seeking further information from the management company in charge of the Forest Grove playground to assess the future maintenance costs required to bring the playground back up to its original state. An approach will be made to Preston City Council about the potential for the City Council supporting the maintenance of the playground going forward.

7. Neighbourhood Plan update

The neighbourhood plan has been submitted to Preston City Council and Wyre Council and will now be prepared for a regulation 16 consultation in January 2023.

8. Village Projects Update

- ***Raised Beds replanting***

The raised beds have been replanted by the parish lengthsman and will be replanted again in the spring.

- ***Boars Head footpath & Interpretation Board***

Cllr Hacking is continuing to hold discussions with Conlon homes about the proposed footpath through the Boars head and an interpretation board.

- ***Tree planting at Station lane***

The Parish Council continue to work with Preston City Council to try and achieve additional tree planting at Station Lane Playing fields which are owned by Preston City Council.

Action: MT to chase PCC regarding the drawings/plans for proposed tree planting submitted by Wyre River Trust.

- ***Christmas light switch on – Barton Village Hall***

The Christmas light switch on will take place Friday 2 December and will be for the whole village. For the first year the event will be advertised on social media and if it is a success more widespread communications will be carried out for 2023.

The Broughton Choir will be singing and a donation of £50 was agreed. There will also be free mince pies, cakes, mulled wine, tea, coffee and soft drinks and sweets served on the night. Arrival will be from 5.45 for a 6pm/6.15pm switch on followed by carols and refreshments.

9. Feedback from Parish Council conference (Chair)

Cllr Hacking, Chair of Barton Parish Council, had attended the annual LCC Parish Council conference on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Hacking reported that the event was very well attended with a good agenda and lots of speakers.

Cllr Hacking had approached the LCC highways team at the conference to enquire further about the possibility of a roundabout being installed at the entrance to the Cardwell Farm Development. At the time of the meeting Cllr Hacking was still in dialogue with LCC over the issue. Further reports would be supplied at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

10. Public participation

Prior to the meeting the Parish Council had received a request for funding towards the cost of repairing the Barton St Lawrence Church bell to try and allow it to ring once again.

Tim Peake presented the details of the project and answered questions. It was agreed by all councillors present that a donation of 50% would be made to the cause which amounted to £2330. The rest of the funding would be sought from various other funders including the possibility of setting up a crowd funding page through the recent crowd funding Lancashire campaign.

Action: MT to look further into the possibility of crowd funding.

Cllr Thompson updated on a number of issues he was involved in in the Parish including some enforcement issues on Station Lane, meetings with United Utilities regarding sewerage issues in the parish and Preston Rural North and policing issues.

11 .Date of next meeting

Wednesday 25 January 2023

Wednesday 15 March 2023

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Wednesday 20 September 2023

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