

BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER 2018 at 7.30pm

AT THE PARISH HALL, TONBRIDGE ROAD.

PRESENT: Cllr Gooch in Chair, Cllr Manser, Cllr Vizzard, Cllr Doe, Cllr Willson and Clerk Mrs N Attwood.

IN ATTENDANCE: None.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None.

2. **NOTIFICATION TO BE RECEIVED FOR INTENT TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH OR RECORD ANY ITEMS.**
No intent to record any items.

3. **COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS**

Cllr Manser declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.3 (cheques to be signed)

Cllr Gooch declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.3 (cheques to be signed)

4. **MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12th September 2018**

The minutes were **Agreed** as an accurate record and the Vice Chairman signed off the official copy

5. **RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

5.1 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Gooch proposed a donation of £25.00 to be sent to St Margaret's Church to go towards the cost of printing service sheets; this was seconded by Cllr Vizzard with all in favour.

Cllr Doe proposed to accept the quotation from Mr Gooch for the hire of the signage equipment for the road closure; this was seconded by Cllr Vizzard with all in favour.

Cllr Gooch proposed two small poppy sprays are purchased from the Royal British Legion, one to be attached to the Wayside Cross and one for the Roll of Honour in the parish hall; this was seconded by Cllr Vizzard with all in favour.

The service sheets will be handed out by members; Cllr Manser will cover Bull Orchard, Cllr Willson and her family member will cover both sides of North Street. The Clerk will confirm her attendance as soon as possible and if available will cover the Tonbridge Road.

5.2 Remembrance Sunday Suggestion: Commemorative Badges

Cllr Gooch had received a suggestion from a local resident for the parish council to consider handing out commemorative badges to all of the scouts, guides and key people involved in the Remembrance Service. Members thought it was a very nice idea and were thankful for the suggestion but once the purchase price had been calculated to nearly £370, it was decided to decline the suggestion due to cost implications.

5.3 Internet Connection: Parish Hall

Following on from last month's meeting Cllr Gooch has spoken to Plusnet and BT regarding installation prices and line rental charges. Members felt that having two separate suppliers for the phone line and Wifi could cause issues in the future so were keen to keep both services to one supplier; with this in mind Cllr Gooch proposed to proceed with BT and this was seconded by Cllr Doe with all in favour. As suppliers are constantly changing their prices with various introduction deals, Cllr Gooch will call them several times until she can obtain the best deal. At present we have been quoted £59.99 for installation and £29.99 per month for the service.

ACTION: Cllr Gooch

5.4 Parish Field Play Equipment Upgrade

Cllr Gooch was pleased to inform members that she has successfully managed to secure the £10,000 matched funding from the Borough Council and will continue to look for further grants. It has been rather disappointing that one of the companies who completed a site visit and measured up to produce plans, has not got back to the council even after being chased. Cllr Gooch has now sent details of a different company for the Clerk to approach. Once we have received three plans members feel that an informal meeting, to look through the options and discuss what is available, would be the best idea so that the voting process is quicker at the following meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Gooch, Clerk

5.5 KALC Community Awards Scheme 2019

Cllr Vizzard proposed to adopt the scheme and discuss any possible nominations at the January meeting; this was seconded by Cllr Doe with all in favour.

5.6 Kent County Playing Fields Association: Annual Subscription

Cllr Manser proposed to continue with the annual subscription of £25.00 which was seconded by Cllr Willson with all in favour.

5.7 Future BPC Full Council Meeting Dates

Cllr Gooch cannot attend some of the future BPC scheduled meetings; this is due to them clashing with MBC meetings. Members agreed that from January to April 2019 the meetings can be held on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the second. Unfortunately the Clerk could not make the revised date for the November or possibly the December meeting; with this in mind it was decided that the November meeting will remain the same, to which Cllr Gooch gave her apologies and the Clerk will confirm the December meeting date.

ACTION: Clerk

5.8 Kent County Council Household Waste Recycling Centre Consultation

Members are against the proposals in this consultation as they believe that it would make a bad situation worse, encourage fly tipping resulting in the borough council picking up costs and feel that any money saved would be used up in administration costs including security for money collected at recycling centres. The Clerk will complete the survey on behalf of members.

ACTION: Clerk

5.9 Information Board: Barming Bridge

Cllr Manser proposed for the information board to be replaced with a new plastic surround and appropriate posts as it is now rather rotten; this was seconded by Cllr Willson with all in favour. The Clerk had requested some brochures from the company that we previously purchased notice boards from; unfortunately the brochure was quite confusing so Cllr Gooch and the Clerk will take photos for quotes to be obtained. Members expect the cost to be around £360-£400.

ACTION: Cllr Gooch, Clerk

6. PLANNING

6.1 Applications received prior to the meeting

No planning applications had been received.

6.2 18/504550/FULL – Conversion of office space to dwelling – The Works Farleigh Bridge, East Farleigh.

Members ratified the comment of no objection previously submitted.

6.3 18/504819/FULL – Barned Court, ME16 9EL - Members ratified the comment of no objection previously submitted.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Budget Monitoring

The Clerk circulated prior to the meeting.

7.2 Income received

Payments received since the last meeting are as follows:

Parish Hall Rent	£ 745.55
Pavilion Rent	£ 832.47
Natwest Interest	£ 3.49
Donation towards water heater	£ 50.00
Barming New Adverts	£ 94.00
MBC Business Rates Refund 2012-18	£4234.50

Confirmation of payments made

To authorise the following payments, made since the last Meeting:

DD – Castle Water – Parish Hall	£10.89
DD – Castle Water – Allotments	£30.53
DD – EDF Electric Pavilion	£ 58.00
DD – EDF Electric Parish Hall	£ 64.00
DD – NEST Pension Payment	£ 33.46
DD – MBC Parish Field Bin	£ 19.50
DD – Castle Water – Parish Hall	£ 10.89
DD – Castle Water – Allotments	£ 30.53
DD – Business Stream – Parish Hall Waste	£ 86.99

7.3 Cheques for signature

To resolve that the following cheques in respect of payments due can be signed:

3089 – 3090 Wages October	£1151.83
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3091 – Dusters – cleaning services	£ 168.00
3092 – Kent County Council – Consumables	£ 52.74
3093 – S Manser – expenses	£ 14.86
3094 – David J Hadlums – Barming News Print	£ 256.00
3095 – Mrs F Gooch – Expenses	£ 5.99
3096 – Lexis Nexis – Local Administration 11 th Edition	£ 110.99
3097 – Mrs N Attwood – Expenses	£ 28.80
3098 – 3099 – Post Dated Wages for November	£1151.83
3100 – St Margaret's Church – Service Sheet Print Donation	£ 25.00
3101 – Mr P Gooch – Road Equipment Hire	£ 170.00
3102 – Kent County Playing Fields – Annual Subscription	£ 25.00
3103 – Mr A Doe – Tree Work at Parish Field	£ 370.00

8 MATTERS OF REPORT

8.1 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Stockell was not present.

8.2 Borough Councillors/Chairman's Report

Cllr Gooch reported that the planning application in Belmont Close had been refused.

Cllr Gooch reminded members that comments on the Taylor Wimpey proposal for the stable land (adj to the pea field) need to be submitted by 19th October; Taylor Wimpey had hoped to attend the meeting to discuss their proposals but the Chairman or Clerk had not heard back from their representative which was rather disappointing.

Cllr Vizzard withdrew from the meeting due to being a member of the planning committee, therefore did not want to take part in any of the discussions.

Cllr Gooch hoped that the low density would be at the Broomshaw Road end of the development. When the planning application is submitted it is suggested that we reiterate that access at the bottom (Lane 01) is strictly emergency vehicles only; the parish council would not want day to day vehicular access as this would create a rat run in our narrow residential streets. Cllr Gooch was disappointed that there does not seem to be low density building at the lowest part of the boundary and felt that there was insufficient green boundary where the development backs on to Broomshaw Road.

Cllr Vizzard returned to the meeting.

8.3 Individual Councillors Report

Cllr Doe reported that the puffin crossing has now been completed; Cllr Gooch and Cllr Manser feel that the crossing is working well.

Cllr Manser asked members if they knew where the people who live on the boats dispose of their rubbish; Cllr Gooch confirmed that they do not pay council tax so therefore no wheelie bins are emptied by MBC.

Cllr Manser reported that the football club had burnt the grass on the field to paint the pitch lines and have had to revisit to repaint as they have worn off. The football club have not informed us of their plans for the extra container and Cllr Manser feels that this is unfair to the other hirer who is waiting to arrange her storage; Cllr Gooch will email the football club.

ACTION: Cllr Gooch

8.4 Clerk's Report

The Clerk confirmed that she had accepted the quotation for the car park work and the contractor hopes to complete the heave and the car park together.

The wreath for the Remembrance Service has been ordered and will be delivered to Cllr Gooch.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

None

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Tonbridge Rd.

The meeting was closed at 20.55pm