

## BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016

AT THE PARISH HALL, TONBRIDGE ROAD

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No members of the public were present

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Greenwood and Cllr Hyndman

2. **NOTIFICATION TO BE RECEIVED FOR INTENT TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH OR RECORD ANY ITEMS.**  
No intent declared

3. **COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS**

Cllr Manser declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.3 (cheques to be signed)

Cllr Gooch declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.3 (cheques to be signed)

Cllr Doe declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.3 (cheques to be signed)

4. **MINUTES of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

The minutes were Agreed as an accurate record and the Chairman signed off the official copies.

5. **POLICE MATTERS**

No PCSO's were present but the Clerk had been informed of two reports of criminal damage and one attempted burglary within the parish; residents are reminded to secure their properties appropriately at all times.

6. **RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

#### 6.1 Pavilion: New Kitchen

Cllr Gooch recommended the kitchen choice, which had previously been emailed to members, Cllr Doe seconded with all in favour. The Clerk will contact Gavin Lawrence so that the order can be placed. Cllr Manser confirmed that the first week of the New Year is the preferred shut down week for the hirer who will be affected therefore Gavin will be asked to proceed with the work on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 6.2 Pavilion: Exterior maintenance of weatherboarding

Cllr Gooch proposed a yearly clean to be done on the exterior of the pavilion which will include the windows, weatherboarding, fascia and gutters; this was seconded by Cllr Vizzard with all in favour. Cllr Doe added that as we are making the effort to maintain the grounds we should also keep the building looking nice and offered to get details of another company. The Clerk will contact various companies after Christmas and arrange the work to be completed early springtime 2017, subject to quotes.

**ACTION: Cllr Doe, Clerk**

#### 6.3 Relocation of Riverside Bench

Cllr Gooch contacted Colin Finch (Senior Public Rights of Way Project Officer) who has been extremely helpful regarding this matter. The bench will still remain; the intention is to set it back slightly to make way for the new towpath which is rag stone not chalk and will perform as a base for the shared surface for pedestrians, cyclists and pram users. Motorbike inhibitors are to be installed at both ends but it is thought that the increased usage of the area will make it less attractive for motorbikes anyway. It was also noted that 'What's Happening' signs have been displayed in South Street to keep residents informed.

#### 6.4 Maintenance of Riverside Information Board

Cllr Gooch proposed to wait until the work on the towpath is completed and then approach Gavin Lawrence for a quote to repair and re-install, this was seconded by Cllr Vizzard with all in favour. Previously we have been lucky to have volunteers to repair and maintain the board but it now needs more attention and re-locating.

#### 6.5 Super Goal and Rebound Fence

Cllr Gooch reported on the recent meeting that she and the Clerk attended with Playinnovation. The new 3D plans were given to members to view which now show plenty of width between the fire escape and rebound fence and also room for the mowers to complete their work without making contact with the fence; the revised price is yet to be confirmed. The fence and goal will be fixed to the ground and will withhold people leaning against them; Playinnovation will excavate the area and fix with posts in concrete foundations.

Cllr Gooch expressed her disappointment regarding the funding as the Playinnovation Director had previously promised that his company would deal with all of the funding, which is now not the case. Members have agreed that if Playinnovation cannot provide any funding the whole project will have to be rethought.

#### **6.6 Weed and Bramble Removal on Parish Owned Land**

Cllr Doe had not received any of the written quotes but was able to provide verbal quotes that had been received. Cllr Vizzard proposed to accept the written quote from W.A King, which was seconded by Cllr Gooch with all in favour. The Clerk will formally write to Mr King and Cllr Doe will also instruct him to proceed with the work as soon as possible. Cllr Doe will go through which shrubs he would like to remain with Mr King.

**ACTION: Cllr Doe, Clerk**

#### **6.7 KALC 2017 Community Awards Scheme**

Cllr Vizzard proposed to adopt the scheme which was seconded by Cllr Manser with all in favour; members then discussed possible recipients. It was agreed that members would bring their suggestions to the next full council meeting for everyone to consider.

**ACTION: All**

#### **6.8 Joint Parishes Flood Group Constitution**

David Goff of the Joint Parishes Flood Group had written to inform BPC of its work and to invite BPC to join. After careful consideration, all members decided to decline the offer to join. The Clerk was requested to thank Mr Goff and to advise him accordingly.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **7 PLANNING.**

#### **7.1 Planning applications received prior to the meeting**

No other applications received.

#### **7.2 16/507596/FULL – 54 South Street ME16 9EY – Two storey rear extension – No objections.**

**7.3 16/505427/FULL – Bell Farm MBC Planning Committee Feedback** – Cllr Gooch informed members that the application has been approved even though there were many residents against it due to concerns regarding infrastructure. The developers have met all the requirements with ecology and landscape in their revised application and although it is not perfect, it is acceptable to MBC and BPC. The developers will be making contributions to various infrastructure provisions and for highways improvements via section 106.

Cllr Manser informed BPC of the names of the old orchards which included: Carpenters, Front Orchard and Redstart; members will continue to think of possible street names for the new development.

**7.4 16/503786/OUT – Water Tower MBC Planning Committee Feedback** – Cllr Gooch informed members that the application has been approved with the increased greenery surrounding the area which is far more environmentally friendly. It also included gaps in the fencing for the hedgehogs to move through and a requirement to maintain the laurel to the narrow access.

Cllr Gooch also informed members that there has been no decision on 39 South Street as the conservation officer still has concerns and the landscape officer requires further details on tree preservation.

### **8 FINANCE**

#### **8.1 Budget Monitoring**

The Clerk circulated the monitoring sheet to all members prior to the meeting and informed members that she would be working on the draft budget which will be discussed at the next full council meeting.

#### **8.2 Income received**

The following payments received since the last meeting were noted:

Parish Hall Rent	£ 936.25
Pavilion Rent	£ 535.00
Barming News Income	£ 47.00
Natwest Interest	£ 3.26
EDF Refund of Charges	£ 149.66

**Confirmation of payments made**

The Clerk informed members that the charges for Southern Water will be increasing due to the account being reclassified as a non-household by the local water company.

The following payments were agreed

DD - South East Water – Pavilion	£ 35.00
DD - South East Water – Parish Hall	£ 11.00
DD – South East Water – Allotments	£ 30.00
DD – EDF Electric Pavilion	£ 53.00
DD – EDF Electric Parish Hall	£ 73.00
DD – NEST Payment Oct	£ 10.76
DD – NEST Payment Nov	£ 10.76

**8.3 Cheques for signature**

All Councillors were in favour “that the Council approve the following payments”. This was **Agreed** and the following cheques were signed.

2854 – Mrs N Attwood – salary & office allowance	£ 1025.30
2855 – Mrs E Whitehouse – gate duties	£ 60.00
2856 – Mr A Doe – tree work @ cedar drive open space	£ 60.00
2857 – Mr G Lawrence – fix to hall gate	£ 32.00
2858 – David J Hadlum – Barming news print	£ 257.00
2859 – Dusters – Cleaning Services	£ 210.00
2860 – S Manser – expenses	£ 56.10
2861 – N Attwood – expenses	£ 21.60
2862 – Mr P Gooch – Remembrance road sign hire	£ 170.00
2863 – Mr F Gooch – expenses	£ 4.20

**9 MATTERS OF REPORT****9.1 County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Stockell was not present.

**9.2 Borough Councillors/Chairman's Report**

Cllr Gooch asked Cllr Doe to collect the road closure signs for the Remembrance Service at 9am and all other members are to arrive at 10.30am.

**ACTION: All**

Cllr Gooch has been working with East Farleigh and Teston regarding CCTV on both of the bridges; local residents have been disturbed by an increase of heavy goods trains running 24/7 on the Medway Valley Line. The Rail Bridge at Lewisham is being strengthened, so they are currently being diverted on to this line. Cllr Gooch expressed her disappointment in the lack of information received especially when we a representative on Medway Valley Line who Network Rail could have contacted.

The Borough Council is having a huge review on how they can re-define their services to reduce costs and The Local Plan will receive any modifications needed in February; members will be kept informed of developments with both of these matters.

**9.3 Individual Councillors Report**

Cllr Vizzard informed members of a recent meeting that he attended regarding Hermitage Lane and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's call for sites; at present there are 8 possible sites which will equate to approximately 2730 homes. A new road linking the back of Quarry Woods to the Poppy Fields has been suggested which will also open up the land at the back of the industrial estate in the Coldharbour area. The sites will increase transport challenges which the MBC has expressed increased concerns about.

Cllr Vizzard asked that members go online and view the suggestions from Tonbridge and Malling Council and let the Clerk know of any comments they wish to make before the closing date of the 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The main concerns voiced by BPC is the impact on the infrastructure and air quality of all the residents on the already congested Hermitage Lane and also the potential knock on effect on the Fountain Lane junction. This large amount of

housing will also be taking more green space away from the area. The Clerk will collate all of the comments and submit them before the closing date.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Manser enquired about the trees on the eastern boundary of the parish field; Landscape Services cut the boundary back every 3 years but the tops have never been reduced. Cllr Doe offered to go down to the parish field with Cllr Manser to view the work that is needed and will report back at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Doe, Cllr Manser**

#### **9.4 Clerk's Reports**

The Clerk reminded members that she will be working on the budget for the next meeting and asked for any items that members wished for her to take into account be emailed over as soon as possible. Cllr Gooch asked for the annual clean for the pavilion to be taken into consideration.

Cllr Gooch asked the clerk to remind Landscape Services to mow over the cleared areas of the land at Cedar Drive once the work has been completed to prevent the weeds and brambles growing back.

**ACTION: Clerk**

### **10 CORRESPONDENCE**

Kent Voice – Autumn/Winter 2016

### **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Full Meeting of the Council will be held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Parish Hall, Tonbridge Road.

With nothing further to be discussed, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.