

BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th April 2016

AT THE PARISH HALL, TONBRIDGE ROAD

PRESENT: Cllr Greenwood in Chair, Cllr Manser, Cllr Hyndman, Cllr Doe and Clerk Mrs N Attwood.

IN ATTENDANCE: None

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Gooch and Cllr Vizzard
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)
4. **MINUTES of the Meeting held on 9th March 2016**
The minutes were Agreed as an accurate record and the Chairman signed off the official copies.
The minutes were signed by Cllr Manser who was acting Chairman until Vice Chairman Cllr Greenwood arrived at 7.40pm.
5. **POLICE MATTERS**
No PCSO's present
6. **RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

6.1 Pavilion

Cllr Manser had requested that the purchase of tables be revisited as she has received a large party booking. Cllr Manser had previously found the tables online at GO-PAK. Five tables are required at a cost of £74 each and they would be the same as the tables at the parish hall. Cllr Doe proposed the purchase of five new tables, seconded by Cllr Hyndman with all in favour. The Clerk will order the tables and liaise with Cllr Manser.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Manser reminded members that the water heater at the pavilion is broken and either needs replacing or removing; although there is a sign telling hirers not to use it, people are still turning it on. Cllr Manser will speak to the plumber and find out definite costings for both options. Cllr Greenwood will research the prices of water heaters with cut-off switches to ensure that if members do decide to replace the unit the water cannot be left on for long periods of time. The Clerk will place this item on next month's agenda.

ACTION: Cllr Manser, Cllr Greenwood, Clerk

6.2 Kent County Playing Fields Association

It was agreed, with all in favour, that BPC would not make a donation towards the 90th Anniversary Appeal.

6.3 Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk reported that Cllr Gooch had offered to bring various refreshments along to the meeting but had asked for crockery to be available. It was agreed that Cllr Hyndman and Cllr Greenwood will also provide a selection of food. Members will meet at the parish hall on the 27th April at 7pm to set up and the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

The Clerk has already received some reports from local groups and will put them in a folder to be viewed on the night and Cllr Manser has organised the suggestion box for the WW1 2018 celebrations.

ACTION: Cllr Gooch, Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Hyndman, Clerk

6.4 KALC Subscription Renewal

Cllr Hyndman proposed the continuation of membership which was seconded by Cllr Manser, with all in favour. The cheque was then written and signed.

6.5 LCR Subscription Renewal

Cllr Greenwood proposed the continuation of membership which was seconded by Cllr Doe, with all in favour. The cheque was then written and signed.

7 PLANNING.

7.1 16/503001/FULL – 59 Maryland Drive ME16 9EA – Erection of a single storey rear extension
Barming Parish Council raises no objections to this planning application.

8 FINANCE

8.1 Budget Monitoring

The Clerk circulated the monitoring sheet to all members prior to the meeting.

8.2 Income received

The following payments received since the last meeting were noted:

Parish Hall Rent – March	£ 878.50
Pavilion Rent – March	£ 763.00
Barming News Adverts	£ 47.00
Natwest Interest	£ 2.46

Confirmation of payments made

The following payments were agreed

DD - South East Water – Pavilion	£15.00
DD - South East Water – Allotments	£ 1.00
DD - South East Water – Parish Hall	£ 2.00
DD – EDF Electric Pavilion	£ 43.00
DD – EDF Electric Parish Hall	£ 64.00

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

2785 – Mrs E Whitehouse – Gate Duties	£ 60.00
2786 – Mrs N Attwood – Salary & Office Allowance	£ 1021.84
2787 – Kent County Council – Consumables	£ 46.76
2788 – Kent County Council – Filing Cabinet	£ 147.60
2789 – Dusters – Cleaning Services	£ 144.00
2790 – Maidstone Borough Council – Hall Rates	£ 605.00
2791 – S Manser – Expenses	£ 61.20
2792 – N Attwood – Expenses	£ 76.24
2793 – Hadlums – Barming News Printing	£ 254.00
2794 – KALC – Membership Renewal	£ 578.09
2795 – NALC – LCR Membership Renewal	£ 17.00

8.4 Signing of the end of year accounts

The balance of the end of year accounts were checked and all were in favour for the Chairman to sign them off in preparation for the audit.

9 MATTERS OF REPORT

9.1 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Stockell was not present.

9.2 Borough Councillors/Chairman's Report

On behalf of Cllr Gooch, Cllr Manser reported on a recent planning meeting that she had attended with Cllr Gooch. The meeting was regarding development control and enforcement and gave attendees the opportunity to ask questions. There will now be training sessions available for parishes during the year and all concerns raised will be looked into and incorporated in this training.

9.3 Individual Councillors Report

Cllr Hyndman reported a faulty light at the parish hall; the Clerk will contact Austin Electricals.

ACTION: Clerk

Cllr Manser has received information from a local resident who has recently found a dead sparrow hawk on the parish field with no evidence of injury. Two weeks later another sparrow hawk was found in a similar location, again with no visible injuries so the resident has sent the bird off to a laboratory for poison testing. Cllr Hyndman had recently watched a TV programme about buzzards driving down sparrow hawks to defend territory so this could be a possible answer to the situation. Cllr Manser has displayed a poster asking residents for any possible information and hopefully we will get to hear the results from the laboratory findings.

9.4 Clerk's Reports

The Clerk informed members of a recent complaint that she had received regarding the mud and drainage issue at the bottom of South Street; this was logged on the KCC Highways website and put on their scheduled works list. The same resident has been in contact again to chase up the progress of the South Street as the St Helen's side has now been cleared and to also report fly tipping in South Street. The Clerk has chased up KCC regarding the drainage which is still on their works list, reported the fly tipping to MBC, who promptly cleared the area and has requested that the local PCSO's patrol South Street at various times. Cllr Gooch has also requested that MBC replace the bin that has been recently vandalised.

The Clerk reminded members that the Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on the 11th May for the election of officers, which will then be followed by the Ordinary Full Council Meeting.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

KALC – Minutes of Meeting 24th February 2016
Oast to Coast – Spring 2016
LCR – Spring 2016
Kent Voice – Spring/Summer 2016
CPRE Field Work – Spring 2016
Countryside Voice – Spring 2016

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on **Wednesday 11th May 2016** at **7.00pm** for the election of officers followed by the Ordinary Full Council Meeting at **7.30pm** in the Parish Hall, Tonbridge Road.

With nothing further to be discussed, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm