

## BARMING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30pm

AT THE PAVILION, CHURCH LANE.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Doe
2. **NOTIFICATION TO BE RECEIVED FOR INTENT TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH OR RECORD ANY ITEMS.**  
No intent to record any items.
3. **COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS**  
Cllr Gooch declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.3 (cheques to be signed)  
Cllr Willson declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.3 (cheques to be signed)
4. **MINUTES of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 Government Consultation: National Planning Policy Framework & Developer Contributions

Members do not wish to comment on this consultation.

##### 5.2 KALC Annual Subscription Renewal

Cllr Gooch proposed to authorise the annual renewal, this was seconded by Cllr Vizzard with all in favour.

##### 5.3 Insurance: Yearly Renewal

Cllr Vizzard proposed to authorise the annual renewal, this was seconded by Cllr Willson with two in favour and Cllr Manser abstained.

##### 5.4 Donation Request: Help a Maidstone Child

Members appreciate the hard work that this charity does but will not be authorising a donation at this time.

##### 5.5 Heave at the Pavilion Hardstanding Area

Members discussed possible dates for the meeting with the resident to discuss the heave. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am is suitable with two of the councillors and the clerk; Cllr Gooch will confirm the date with the resident.

##### 5.6 Parish Field Car Park Re-Surfacing

No updates had been received. Cllr Gooch will contact Maidstone Borough Council to seek advice. Cllr Manser asked whether BPC would consider leaving the re-surfacing for three years, Cllr Vizzard suggested that any quotes which are received should be considered and to wait to hear any advice that is offered. A final decision can then be made on all of the information.

##### 5.7 Tree branch removal: Request from resident

BPC agreed that if the branch is overhanging in to the garden, then they are entitled to remove it. The Clerk will write to the resident to inform them that members are happy for the offending branch to be cut back.

#### 6. PLANNING

##### 6.1 Applications received prior to the meeting

**18/500354/FULL – Scraces, Rectory Lane, Barming – No objections to the amendment.**

**18/501677/FULL - Land to the rear of 10-16 North Street, Barming** – Members were aware of concerns about a previous application some years ago to develop garden land rear of Bull Orchard. They felt that there is no need for additional development within the area as Maidstone Borough Council has met its housing needs and are concerned that the property could be extended to a two storey dwelling in the future. If the planning department are minded to approve this application, BPC would like the following conditions imposed:

- The application is to have permitted development rights removed.
- The application is to be confined to a single storey development as a second storey would overlook the neighbouring properties.

If the conditions are not put in place BPC would like this application taken to committee.

Cllr Vizzard as a member of MBC Planning Committee and Cllr Doe as an affected resident are excluded from commenting on this application.

## **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	£800.75
Pavilion Rent	£547.17
Natwest Interest	£2.78
Marmax refund of overcharge	£17.76
Barming News Advert	£31.50
N Attwood – Change from purchase of laptop	£18.08

### **Confirmation of payments made**

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

DD - South East Water – Allotments	£ 40.00
DD - South East Water – Parish Hall	£ 10.00
DD – EDF Electric Pavilion	£ 57.00
DD – EDF Electric Parish Hall	£ 64.00
DD – NEST Pension Payment	£ 11.67

### **7.3 Cheques for signature**

*To resolve that the following cheques in respect of payments due can be signed: Proposed by Cllr Vizzard and seconded by Cllr Manser.*

3031 – Mrs N Attwood – Salary & Office Allowance	£ 1076.28
3032 – Mrs E Whitehouse – Gate Duties	£ 60.00
3033 – Drain King Ltd – Pavilion drain block	£ 102.00
3034 – Dusters – Cleaning Services	£ 168.00
3035 – Kent Association of Local Councils – Encryption course	£ 60.00
3036 – David J Hadlum Printers	£ 256.00
3037 – N Attwood – Expenses	£ 66.29
3038 – F Gooch – Expenses	£ 13.83
3039 – F Willson – Expenses	£ 55.50

## **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 she had chased highways regarding the empty salt bins around the parish and has been advised that all bins will be refilled as part of the blanket order in advance of next winter.

### **8.3 Individual Councillors Report**

Cllr Manser informed members that she had drafted a response letter for the resent complaint that has been received regarding hirers driving up the parish field to the pavilion. Unfortunately due to the bad weather the field has suffered; Cllr Manser will forward the letter as she has given out keys for the hirers to use the vehicle gate.

### **8.4 Clerk's Reports**

A local school has contacted the clerk to ask if any jobs can be done around the parish, on a voluntarily basis by the students. The only tasks available would be litter picking and members felt that it would a good idea for the school to contact the borough council as they would be able to provide the appropriate personal protective equipment for the pupils. The Clerk will inform the headmaster.

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE**

LCR – Spring 2018

CPRE – Field Work Spring 2018

Countryside Voice – Spring 2018

Kent Voice – Spring/Summer 2018

## **10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Tonbridge Rd and will be followed by the regular Full Council Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 19.08pm