

BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on January 20 2009

Present: Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Cooper, Day, Hardman, Reeder, Van de Weyer, Whybrow
District Councillor Bird (Items 1–7 incl)
Curator of the Green Brian Northrop

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

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| 1 | <u>Apologies for absence</u> : Cllr County Cllr Kindersley; Internal Auditor Mrs D Creek. | |
| 2 | <u>Declarations of interest</u> : Each Councillor has received a Dispensation from South Cambs District Council in respect of the Green Charity.
Cllr Van de Weyer in respect of Items 5.1 and 5.2.2 | ALL |
| 3 | <u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 16.12.08</u> had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were agreed as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Van de Weyer. | MG |
| 4 | <u>Co-option of Councillor</u>
On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Van de Weyer, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt David Whybrow to fill the current vacancy on the Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed David. The Bank Mandate and Acceptance of Office Forms were signed, together with the Register of Interests. | MG |
| 5 | <u>Financial matters</u> | |
| 5.1 | <u>Account balances</u> : HSBC Current Account at 06.01.09: £8,796.94
Unpresented cheques as at 06.01.09: 100618 + 100621, Total £431.60 | |
| 5.2 | <u>Cashbook Summary</u> for the period from 01.04.08 to 06.01.09 had been circulated with the Agenda. | |
| 5.3 | <u>Authorisation of cheques</u> :
On the proposal of Cllr Reeder, it was agreed to pay cheques totalling £1,202.25 :
100626: Mrs M R Goding: Reimbursement: Cost tel/fax/emails 03.09.08 – 03.12.08 £69.00
100627: JW Maintenance: 115.00
Remove and dispose of old bench, grounds maintenance, installation new bench
100628: Marmax Products Ltd: 2 child benches 208.15
100630: Mrs M R Goding: Reimbursement: 7.89
Postage costs: November 2008 £5.10 + December 08 £2.79
100631: Mrs M R Goding: 378.72
Clerk's Salary: w/beg 15.12.08-12.01.09: 5w x 8h x £9.468
100632: Barrington Village Hall Trustees: 84.00
Hire of Hall: Parish Council £24.00; Youth Club
£60.00
100633: Local Councils Update: 2009 Subscription 65.00
100634: JW Maintenance: Installation litter bin adjacent Village Stores 46.00
100635: Mrs M R Goding: Salary arrears: 67.49
W/beg 01.04.08 – 08.12.08: 8h x 37w x
£0.228 | MG |
| 5.4 | <u>Income received</u> : 07.12.08 to 06.01.09: £640.14
018: HSBC plc: Interest January £0.14
019: CEMEX UK Properties Ltd: Donation in respect of Valuation Fees 640.00 | |
| 5.5 | <u>Budgeting procedures</u> : Cllr Fletcher tabled a Cash Flow Forecast together with an analysis of expenditure to date, which were considered by the Councillors. | |
| 5.6 | <u>Precept for 2009-2010</u> : The Chairman tabled a forecast of expenditure for the forthcoming year, amounting to £23,700. No special projects were included. It was not known whether the usual grants would be forthcoming from the County and District Councils. On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, it was unanimously agreed to set the Precept at £24,000, its current level. | AF/MG |
| 5.7 | <u>Working hours of the Clerk</u> : Having considered the number of hours per week currently being paid for by other local Parish Councils, the Chairman recommended an increase in the hours for Barrington Parish Council. Cllr Fletcher proposed that the Clerk's weekly paid hours be | AF/MG |

increased to 12, carried unanimously, to begin w/beg 19.01.09.

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20.01.09
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6 Planning matters

6.1 Planning Appeal:

ALL

S/2416/07/F: Land adj 17 Orwell Road: Landmark Real Estate: Dwelling Refused

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The main issues were (i) the effect of the proposed house on the character and appearance of the area (ii) its implications for the living conditions of the occupiers of neighbouring dwellings at Orwell Terrace in terms of outlook and the availability of sunlight and daylight and (iii) its implications for highway safety.

6.2 SCDC decisions :

6.2.1 **S/0005/07/O: Land north of Challis Green Barrington: Cemex UK Operations Ltd: Erection of 40 affordable dwellings with new access road and open space: Pending**

The Parish Council recorded its concern that the S106 had not yet been produced by the District Council.

6.2.2 **S/1628/08/F: Land adj 17 Orwell Road: Landmark Real Estates: Dwelling Refused**

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The proposed development by reason of its design is out of keeping and would be unsympathetic to the existing form and character of the street scene. By reason of the proposed height, bulk and mass of the development in such close proximity the new dwelling would result in an unacceptable overbearing impact on the occupiers of these properties. The achievable visibility splays are significantly less than requirements for a quiet rural lane or high street. The creation of an access under these circumstances would be to the detriment of highway safety.

6.3 Parish Council decisions:

6.3.1 **S/2058/08/LDC: Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use of Land for Siting of a Mobile Home and Continuous Residential Use: Orchard Lodge 30 Shepreth Road: Mr C Galpin**

This Application is based upon the claim by the applicant that the mobile home had been in continuous residential use for over 10 years. Permission was originally given for the siting of the mobile home in the garden of 30 Shepreth Road, limited to the occupation by Mrs E L Martin during her lifetime.

The Parish Council unanimously did not support this Application.

S/1183/93/F Application for permanent permission had been refused on appeal by Mrs C Wall on 07.04.94. The site is outside the village planning envelope. The Parish Council were unaware from the Electoral Rolls that the caravan had been in continuous residential use. Letters in the 1990s from the Parish Council to SCDC Planning Department reminding them that the caravan had not been removed as per Planning Refusal had not been actioned. On compassionate grounds, the Parish Council had supported the original Application for the siting of a mobile home for Mrs E L Martin in her lifetime, but did not support its continued existence. The Clerk was asked to express the Parish Council's views to the District Council.

AF/MG

6.4 Application for tree works in the Conservation Area :

C/11/40/006: 65 High Street: B M Coleman: Removal of larch and eucalyptus trees, crown reduction of beech tree
Agreed

MG

7 South Cambridgeshire District Council

7.1 District Cllr Bird gave a summary of the major issues being discussed by the District Council at the present time.

7.2 New housing at Prime's Close: No decisions had been made to date on the allocation of these homes. The Chairman continued to press for the Parish Council to be made aware of the timescale for this process, details awaited.

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AF/MG

8 Cambridgeshire County Council

County Cllr Kindersley was unable to attend the Meeting.

8.1 2009 Parish Paths Application: Cllr Day was drawing up the information for this Application. It was recorded that grounds maintenance was required for the Disabled Access at Little Rivers. It was agreed to seek quotations for this work.

AF/AD

8.2 Culvert adjacent Challis Green pond: Concern had been expressed to the Highways Department about possible accidental access by children, now that the water level and speed had increased.

AF/MG

- 9** **Play and Recreation Areas**
- 9.1 **Risk Assessment:** The January Risk Assessment by Cllr Day was received and noted. The recent poor weather had prevented minor maintenance work from progressing.
- 3 - 20.01.09
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- 10** **CEMEX**
- 10.1 Following the plant closure on Friday November 14th 2008 the implications for Barrington and its environs continued to emerge. John Drayton had been appointed as Caretaker Manager at the site. The Parish Council welcomed this appointment, and offered congratulations to John on the award of MBE for his work at the CEMEX quarry.
Principally, at present, concerns were focussed on water issues. Residents with wells had contacted the Parish Council to indicate that these water levels had increased: the Parish Council welcomed feedback from any resident on water level issues. CEMEX was currently pumping excess surface water into the ditch system, and the water levels were being monitored by the Parish Council. AF
/MWJG
- 10.2 **Challis Green flooding** : CEMEX had continued to pump water from their borehole, so that the flooding at Challis Green had ceased. Occasionally it had been necessary for the pumping to be stopped, and it was recorded that within 36 hours, water flowed again on Challis Green. It was unanimously agreed to appoint Monty Goding to be in charge of the Challis Green project, which may involve capping the borehole and diverting excess water to prevent future flooding. AF
/MWJG
The Parish Council is in regular contact with the Environmental Agency and CEMEX, working towards good management of the issues as they arise, and resolution of some of them. The Environment Agency had appointed a special officer to be responsible for the Barrington Works.
- 10.3 The Parish Council had compiled a list of maintenance works which CEMEX had undertaken on a regular basis, and had asked CEMEX for comments on the list and an undertaking for the future. AF/MG
- 10.4 **HGV Traffic:** CEMEX continued with the removal of materials from the site which could be used elsewhere. The coal and liquid fuel had already been removed to date. There remained some 22,000 tonnes of clinker to be taken to their Maidstone plant. This would require operation 5 days per week from 6 am to 6pm, and would take approximately two months to achieve.
- 11** **Green Charity**
- 11.1 Each Councillor has a Dispensation from the Standards Committee of the District Council in respect of Barrington Green, valid 09.05.07 for four years.
- 11.2 **Deregistration of land for the access road to the CEMEX field at Challis Green:**
The Parish Council had enlisted the support of Andrew Lansley MP with regard to its concern at the delays by the Planning Inspectorate in progressing the Application to Deregister the land in question. In particular that the on-site Inspection on behalf of the Planning Inspectorate was provisionally booked for March 4th, a further lengthy delay. AF/MG
- 12** **Barrington Green**
- 12.1 See Item 10 above, re flooding.
- 12.2 **Roadway repairs:** The Green Charity awaited the quotations for repairs. Meanwhile Mr Cobb had arranged for the repair of the potholes at the entrance to the Church Car Park, at no cost to the Charity. The Parish Council was grateful for this assistance.
- 12.3 **Vintage car meetings on the Green:** A collection taken by Monty Goding at the New Year's Day gathering had raised £218.87 for the Green Charity.
- 13** **Village Sign**
On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, it was unanimously agreed to go ahead and replace the present sign with one manufactured of modern materials, and to retain the pictorial design. JH/MG
- 14** **Freedom of Information Act Compliance**
The Parish Council unanimously agreed to comply with the new requirements. Information available would be listed on the website, together with access details. AF/MG
- 15** **Dates of future Meetings** : ALL
February 17; March 17; April 21; May 19; June 16; July 21; August 18; September 15; October 20; November 17; December 15. Annual Parish Meeting May 6.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Date **February 17 2009**