

# BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Village Hall on September 21 2010

**Present:** Councillors Fletcher (Chairman), Cooper, Day, Hardman, Van de Weyer and Whybrow  
County Cllr Kindersley (Items 1 to 7)

The Meeting opened at 7.30 pm.

- ACTION**
- 1** **Apologies for absence** :  
Cllr Reeder; Curator of the Green Brian Northrop; Internal Auditor Mrs D Creek;  
District Cllr Bird.
- 2** **Declarations of interest:** Each Councillor has received a Dispensation from South Cambs District Council in respect of the Green Charity.  
Cllr Fletcher and Cllr Hardman in respect of Item 10.5; Cllr Van de Weyer Item 5.2.4 ALL
- 3** **Minutes of the Meeting held on 17.08.10** had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were agreed as a true record on the proposal of Cllr Whybrow. MG
- 4** **Financial matters**
- 4.1 Account balances: HSBC Current Account at 06.09.10: £9,154.78
- 4.2 Unpresented cheques as at 06.09.10: None
- 4.3 Cashbook Summary for the period from 01.04.10 to 06.09.10 was circulated, and was unanimously accepted on the proposal of Cllr Fletcher.
- 4.4 Authorisation of cheques: MG  
On the proposal of Cllr Hardman, it was agreed to pay cheques totalling £5,928.41 :  
800: Royal British Legion: 2010 Remembrance Day Wreath 20.00  
801: Mrs M R Goding: Clerk's Salary: w/beg 16.08.10–13.09.10: 5w x 12h x £9.591 575.46  
802: Anglian Playground Services: Repairs to Under 5s Play Area equipment 1,797.75  
803: Green Charity: Reimbursement VAT 01.04.10- 31.07.10 666.80  
804: M W J Goding: West Green Pond Maintenance costs 12.50  
805: Connexion Partnership: Recovery of Insurance claim excess: VAT 16.52  
807: Mrs M R Goding: Reimbursement of postage costs August £6.00 Total: 81.00  
Tel costs 10.03.10 – 04.06.10 contribution £20.00  
Tel costs 07.06.10 – 03.09.10 contribution £20.00  
Internet costs contribution @ £5.00/month 02-08.10 £35.00  
809: Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance 2,755.38  
Inv N° 50: Grass cutting 19.08.10 £141.00  
51: Removal of 2 dead elm trees 20.08.10 1,139.75  
68: Grass cutting 27.08.10 141.00  
78: Grass cutting 02.09.10 141.00  
79: Grounds Maintenance 52.88  
87: Footpath maintenance 881.25  
90: Grass cutting 09.09.10 141.00  
94: Remove debris adj 1 High Street 117.50
- 4.5 Income received: 07.08.10 to 06.09.10: £1,511.01 :  
006: Connexion Partnership: Refund of insurance excess payment £ 125.00  
007: HMRC VAT Repayment: Parish Council £719.21; Green Charity £666.80 £1,386.01
- 4.6 Royal British Legion Barrington: On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, it was agreed to make a donation of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion Barrington Branch, and an additional donation of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion Barrington Women's Section. MG
- 4.6 Independent Internal Auditor  
Earlier in the year, Mrs Creek had expressed her wish to retire as soon as a replacement

could be found. The Parish Council recorded their thanks to Mrs Creek for her advice and support to them over the past three years, which had been much appreciated.

Mrs Valerie A Parkes, 7 Shepreth Road, having been briefed on the detail by the Clerk, had offered to take on the role of Independent Internal Auditor. On the proposal of Cllr Fletcher, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mrs Parkes, and to invite her to attend the next Meeting.

AF/MG

AF/MG

- 4.7 HSBC Internet Banking: Now that broadband was available to the Parish Council, the internet banking link was to be reinstated.

AF/MG

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## 5 Planning matters

### 5.1 Planning Appeals:

- 5.1.1 **S/1497/09/LB: 48 West Green: Dr Mrs Tew:** **Pending**

Replace 11 windows with double glazed horizontal windows

### 5.2 SCDC Planning decisions

*Applications and decisions may be obtained from the Clerk + SAE, and may be viewed on the South Cambs website [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)*

- 5.2.1 **S/0005/07/O: Land north of Challis Green Barrington: Cemex UK Operations Ltd:**  
**Amended site layout**  
**Pending** AF/MG

Further negotiations were taking place on the style and location of the Safer Routes to School path, together with protecting the access for residents of Challis Close during the development.

- 5.2.2 **S/0959/F/10: 43 West Green: Mr Mrs Lake: Extension**  
**Refused**

The proposed development would harm the special character and interest of the Grade II Listed Building; due to its position, bulk, design and form. The existing dwelling is not considered to be a grand house or of the period where this type of development is characteristic. The proposed development is, therefore, not considered to comply with adopted Listed Buildings SPD.

- 5.2.3 **S/0960/10/LB: 43 West Green: Mr Mrs Lake**  
**Refused**

**Orangery extension, new g.f. opening, flat roofed shower room and replace stair window**

The proposed development would harm the special character and interest of this eighteenth century, nineteenth century and earlier farmhouse due to the significant loss of historic fabric and the changes to plan, form and internal character of the historic building, and the position, extent, bulk, appearance, form, proportions, emphasis, design, plan, layout and detail of the proposed extensions.

- 5.2.4 **S/0965/10/F: 9 Orwell Terrace: Mr Mrs Van de Weyer:**  
**Agreed**

**Dwelling following demolition of existing**

No windows, doors or openings of any kind, other than those expressly authorized by this permission, shall be constructed in the front (NE) elevation of the dwelling at and above first floor level unless expressly authorized by planning permission granted by the Local Planning Authority. The proposed first floor windows in the front (NE) elevation must be inserted so the sill is at least 1.7 m above finished floor level and thereafter retained. No development shall take place until details of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the buildings hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. No development shall begin until details of a scheme for the provision of Outdoor Playspace and Informal Open Space to meet the needs of the development have been submitted to and approved in writing. The scheme shall include a timetable for the provision to be made. All hard and soft landscape works shall be carried out prior to the occupation of any part of the development or in accordance with a programme agreed in writing with the LPA. If within a period of five years from the date of the planting, or replacement planting, any tree or plant is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies, another tree or plant of the same species and size shall be planted at the same place, unless the LPA gives its written consent to any variation. The ash tree shall be protected as agreed. During the period of construction, no power operated machinery shall be operated on the site before 0800 hours and after 1800 hours on weekdays and 1300 hours on Saturday, nor at any time on Sundays and Bank Holiday, unless otherwise previously agreed in writing with the LPA.

- 5.2.5 **S/1009/10/F: Land to the South-east of 17 Orwell Road: Landmark Real Estate:**  
**Dwelling and triple garage**  
**Refused**

The proposed dwelling would be located on a pleasant area of grassland located on the edge of the Barrington village framework. Given this location, the site in its existing form is considered to contribute to the rural character of the area. The proposed dwelling has a

maximum height of 8.9m and has a mixed design, incorporating differing roof styles and slopes, and using different materials for the external surfaces. The result is a fussy design that conflicts with the character of the area. Given the size and fussy design of the dwelling, the proposed dwelling would significantly dominate the rural street scene in this location. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy DP/2 of the Local Development Framework Development Control Policies 2007, which states all new development must be of high quality design and as appropriate to the scale and nature of the development should preserve or enhance the character of the local area, and Policy DP/3 states planning permission will not be granted where the proposed development would have an unacceptable adverse impact on village character.

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5.2 **SCDC Planning decisions**

5.2.5 **S/1009/10/F: Land to the South-east of 17 Orwell Road: Landmark Real Estate: cont**

cont Notwithstanding the above, the application does not include any commitment towards the provision of outdoor playing space and informal open space within the village. Without a positive commitment to such a scheme, the proposal is contrary to Policy SF/10 which seeks all residential developments to contribute towards Outdoor Playing Space and informal Open Space to meet the additional need generated by the development.

The Parish Council was concerned that the building land had been allowed to become overgrown, and agreed to request the owner to take the necessary action to remove the nuisance being caused to nearby residents.

5.2.6 **S/1080/10/CW: Barrington Quarry Haslingfield Road: CEMEX UK Operations Pending**

Importation, by rail, of suitable restoration material, over a period of 5 years, to partially infill an existing quarry void and provide for the restoration of the western and north-western areas of Barrington Quarry to a combination of agriculture and nature conservation after-uses, and all associated works including railway refurbishment and the retention and continued use of existing weighbridge, office and workshop.

5.3 **Parish Council Planning decisions:** None to be taken

5.4 **Tree works applications within the Conservation Area:**

5.4.1 5 Orwell Road: Mrs L McMillan: Remove ash tree close to house.  
**Agreed**

5.4.2 CEMEX: Back Lane: Remove branches on two trees  
**Agreed**

5.4.3 47 High Street: Mrs M Madha: Remove front garden fruit tree and rear garden eucalyptus:  
The Parish Council fully supported the removal of these two trees. The Parish Council would not want to see another tree planted in the front garden which would cause a nuisance and safety problem again to the pavement from leaves etc by virtue of being planted nearer than 6-8 feet from the pavement. Secondly, the Parish Council expressed its grave concern at the planting of any tree in the front garden, given the proximity to the adjacent properties and potential damage to their foundations.

5.5 **S/0999/F/10: Proposed new nursery school, Barrington Road, Shepreth: Mr R Watts**  
No further news on this matter had been received. The SCDC Planning Department had not responded to the Parish Council's criticism of the lack of consultation.

DB/AF

5.6 **SCDC Local Validation List:** The Chairman asked Cllr Van de Weyer to provide a response from the Parish Council.

AF  
/AdVW

**6 South Cambridgeshire District Council**

6.1 BT telephone boxes: Cllr Van de Weyer had completed the online application to purchase. Response awaited.

ADVW

An offer to renovate the High Street telephone box had been received from the West Green Pond volunteer group. It was agreed to request an estimate of costs from them.

AF/MG

6.2 S106 payments: Discussions with SCDC were taking place.

AF/MG

6.3 Community orchards: The Parish Council agreed not to proceed with such a project at the present time, as no land was available.

MG

6.4 New SCDC Planning website: Problems continue to be experienced.

DB

**7 Cambridgeshire County Council**

7.1 County Cllr Kindersley had circulated a report on the current main aspects of the work of his

- Council together with his work in the locality.
- 7.2 Barrington Youth Club 2008-2009: The County Council report and accounts covering the previous year had not been received. The Parish Council decided to abandon this matter. **AF/MG**
- 7.3 Salt bins: The Winter Road Gritting Programme having been received from the County Council, the Clerk had written to Environment Services Division requesting details for purchase of several salt bins, together with further information on holding local stocks of salt/grit. Reply awaited. **SK/MG**
- 7.4 Flood risk action by the County and District Councils: Following information from Cllr Kindersley on a possible reduction in the level of management of Awarded Ditches, the Parish Council asked for further detail to enable comment to be made on this issue. **SK/MG**
- 7.5 Whole Way: During recent heavy rain storms, it was apparent that the remedial work to prevent water run down from Whole Way across the Orwell road had not been successful. Further action was required. Information awaited. **SK/MG**

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**7 cont** **Cambridgeshire County Council** continued

- 7.6 Grass cutting grant: County Cllr Kindersley had ensured that the grant had been sent to the Parish Council. Grateful thanks were given to Sebastian for his assistance with this matter.
- 7.7 Protected Road Verges: Further to the information recently received, the Clerk was following up the possibility of part of Haslingfield Road verge being included in the project. **MG**
- 7.8 Potholes had been repaired. County Cllr Kindersley explained that there was little likelihood of road or pavement surfaces being repaired, due to lack of funds. **AF/MG**

**8** **Play and Recreation Areas**

- 8.1 Risk Assessment: Having just returned from holiday, Cllr Day had not been able to table the September Risk Assessment in the usual way, but gave a verbal report which was received and noted. **AD**
- 8.2 Play Areas Sub-Committee - Replacement of Adventure Playground equipment: Negotiations for grant aid continue, together with obtaining quotations. **AD/AF**
- 8.3 Under 5s Play area: The planned repair/replacement work had been carried out satisfactorily, including an additional repair. **AD/AF**

**9** **CEMEX**

- 9.1 Plant closure – implications for the village environment:  
The Parish Council had asked CEMEX for maintenance work to be carried out on their land adjacent the former allotment area, with particular reference to the ditch and the Safer Routes to School Footpath. **BN/MG**
- 9.2 CEMEX Planning Application for site reinstatement: The detail of this Application had been covered in the Minutes of the July Meeting. In the Application, CEMEX had clarified that they had not closed the plant but 'mothballed' it. **AF**
- 9.3 **Barrington Works Liaison Group**  
The group had met at the Village Hall on September 15 2010. The Clerk provided the following informal notes of the main matters discussed.
- CCC Planning Application consultee responses** have included Natural England re the Cemex SSSI, and the Wildlife Trust claiming insufficient conservation benefit. 43 individuals have responded, some in support, some with specific concerns. CCC has written to Cemex with regard to noise, vibration, hours of working, rail crossing safety for pedestrians and vehicles. Cemex confirmed that the noise assessment methodology had been re-assessed, but Monty was not reassured with the response on this point.
- The timescale for commencement** is very difficult to predict. The current Planning Application by Cemex is a 'generic' application to bring in inert material to infill the quarry. Cemex is part of a consortium, not a main contractor, in a bid to Crossrail, offering its services to some 4 or 5 other main contractors for disposal of material as quarry infill. The Cemex advantage is the existing rail link, although other contractors can offer that too.
- Coping with the work on the railway**: Concerns were expressed to Cemex about the difficulty of dealing with sub-sub- etc contractors: Cemex assured the meeting that they will be in control of works once the material is on their land, ie their railway line. The trains will be the responsibility of one rail freight contractor.
- Plans for work on the railway line**: Discussions with the Rail Regulator have included the new measures to be taken with regard to the road crossings. They will be upgraded. With regard to the expressed concerns about Glebe Road crossing, we learned that as this is within a residential area, no additional lighting will be required. To obviate the need for hooter sounding safety process, it had been decided that manually operated gates will be

used to close Glebe Road to vehicles and pedestrians at the time when the train is approaching to pass. Afterwards, the gates will return to the position of blocking off access to the railway line. Additional fencing is to be provided to prevent illegal unauthorized access – no more dog walks or vegetable patches. Cemex had already decided that there would be no trains after 8 p.m. Both Haslingfield and Foxton Road crossings will be upgraded, no gates envisaged, but road markings and signage were mentioned.

**Cemex production figures** have improved but the prospects are not good; the factory is to remain mothballed, with the Company overall operating on reduced capacity.

**CCC's emerging Minerals & Waste Plan** for the next 20 years is being considered by the Government, and an Inspector has been appointed.

**The Environment Agency** is looking for Cemex to produce a report on surface water management (but this is only really for the infill cells).

**Cemex Benevolent Fund** Trustees will be meeting in October to consider current applications: Barrington Play Area is one of them, and Barrington Church is submitting one for the NW window repair. Haslingfield is also submitting bids. It was hoped that the Over 60s Club and Barrington Cricket Club would also submit a bid.

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**10 Barrington Green**

10.1 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.

10.2 Ditch adjacent Challis Green: The Parish Council had asked the owner, Mrs D Hutchings, to arrange for the removal of vegetation within the ditch. In addition, repairs to the fence between the Challis Close hedge (owned by the Parish Council) and her land had been requested, to ensure that members of the public, particularly young children, could not access her land or the ditch. The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Mrs Hutchings for the ditch clearance work which had subsequently been carried out. Repairs to the fence were awaited.

AF/MG

10.3 Culvert from Challis Green ditch to Challis Green Pond: The Parish Council had asked South Highways Division about routine clearance of the culvert. Response awaited.

AF/MG

10.4 Challis Green pond: There had been a poor response to the Clerk's request to convene a Working Group to carry out routine regular maintenance. Councillors agreed to approach specific residents, in an effort to establish a group of volunteers to look after the pond similarly to the successful outcome with West Green Pond.

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10.5 Slid Lane: On behalf of the Green Charity, the Parish Council had provided information to Mr P Jones, 35 High Street, with regard to ownership of land at Slid Lane. Encroachment at the entrance to Slid Lane was discussed.

AVdW/  
MG

10.6 Barrington Sports Clubs: It was agreed to convene an informal meeting between the Parish Council and representatives of the Bowls, Cricket and Football Clubs.

AF/MG

10.7 Ditches: It was agreed to carry out grounds maintenance work to tidy up the ditches.

MG/BN

**11 Dates of future Meetings :**

2010: October 19, November 16, Wednesday December 15.

ALL

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50 pm.

Signed .....

Date **October 19 2010**