

## PARISH OF BARRINGTON

### Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the Bowls Club at 7pm**

Present: Cllrs Rhodes-Kemp (Chairman), Anscombe, Cooper, Kemp, Alderton, Walker, the RFO, Administrator Co-ordinator (AC) County Cllr Kindersley (part), District Cllr van de Weyer (part)  
with no members of the public

#### **1 Co-option of Councillor**

There had been no applications for co-option. Councillors agreed that they would try and raise some interest from residents in joining the Parish Council.

#### **2 Apologies, welcome and introductions**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Quincey, Cllr Priddle and Cllr Hopewell

#### **3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no interests declared or requests for dispensations.

#### **4 Public Forum**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **5 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

On a proposal by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Anscombe, the minutes as circulated were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **6 To take CCC (Cambridge County Council), SCDC (South Cambridgeshire District Council) and Clerk reports**

**County Council** - Cllr Kindersley referred to reports in the press that there were proposals for Cambridge to become a new Silicon Valley with 200 -250,000 new homes. This was something that the local MP and authorities were unaware of. Cllr Kindersley stated that local villages were already threatened with the Thakeham proposal. This had gone very quiet but the developer still continued to make political donations. Additional funding for the Bio Medical Campus and the East West Rail announcement all added to concerns. There were 15,000 children in Cambridgeshire with special education needs. The budget for this was around £70 million in deficit. The Government had recognised this and written off a lot of the debt. Cambridgeshire County Council was proposing two new schools, with one in Gamlingay, which would be a lot cheaper than transporting the children to other places.

There was a holiday initiative with food and childcare for families on limited income. This would also be open to children on free school meals and refugees. Cllr Kindersley asked that this be advertised in the village. There was concern within the Cambridgeshire Fire Authority over Suffolk's request to withdraw from the current shared arrangement. A new system was about to be launched but as the future of Suffolk Fire Service was under question this may be delayed. Cllr Kindersley added that an implication was that three Fire Stations may have to close to cover the gap in revenue provided by Suffolk.

An agreement had been reached to implement a system where Cambridgeshire residents would be able to continue to use the Royston refuse centre. The finances relating to this were confidential.

Issues with obstructions on the footpath to Orwell continued with an appeal having been lodged against the individual and enforcement notice for the caravan. The County Enforcement Officer and Police were engaged with residents.

Cllr Alderton asked if special needs provision could help families unable to afford computers etc. Cllr Kindersley advised that during Covid a lot of communities got together to provide equipment so this was no longer such a big problem.

Cllr Cooper asked if the special needs school would be a county or academy school. Cllr Kindersley stated that so far, the Department of Environment wanted to run the process of setting up. He added that Gamlingay had other schools run by a Trust so that would make sense. All schools at some point would have to become Trust run. Rural primary schools especially were having difficulties.

Cllr Kindersley was asked if the results of the LHI bid 2023/24 had been released. He was unaware and therefore could not confirm.

Cllr Kindersley was advised of the walk of the Cycle route on the 1<sup>st</sup> August. The Parish Council was already receiving irate comments from residents due to the proposals which would resemble a wasteland with no

greenery. Councillors were aware that there was no detailed environment impact assessment. It was suggested that the bio diversity gain would be elsewhere on the site. There was no requirement to replant. **District Council** -Cllr van de Weyer referred to media attention relating to the SCDC 4-day week. A letter had been received from a Government officer telling the authority to stop. Cllr van de Weyer added that the trial had been successful and now extended for 12 months. The trial was going to extend to the refuse collectors although they would be required to work slightly longer than a four-day week. Some other councils were also thinking of this way of working. Cllr Anscombe queried how the success had been measured and why the public had not been asked their view. Cllr van de Weyer stated that the priority was to provide a service to residents and if there were problems to let him know.

Cllr van de Weyer reported that there had been some negative comments about the lack of community facilities in Northstowe. He confirmed that a temporary facility had been built and was due to open the following week as there was a delay to the permanent structure.

Water supply would have an affect on the Local development Plan as no new build would be permitted until an adequate source could be proven. The District Council was interacting with the Environment Agency.

a) All Saints Garden Noise/Vibration (AVW)

Cllr van de Weyer had been in discussions with the Planning Enforcement Officer over constriction times for work on the Redrow site. Councillors advised that there had been no further complaints relating to noise and vibration during unsociable hours.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Kindersley and Cllr van de Weyer for their updates.

## 7 Matters Arising

a) Quotation for repair to damaged bench

Cllr Cooper advised that she was waiting for a quotation for the repair. She would remind the contractor.

**-Cllr Cooper**

b) Confirmation of Venues for Parish Council meetings

The Chairman confirmed that the Village Hall Booking Secretary had agreed that the Parish Council could use the hall during the Autumn/Winter months when the Bowls Club was closed. This would commence from either the September or October Parish Council meeting depending on the availability of the Bowls Club.

## 8 Finance RFO

a) To approve the payment of accounts listed below and to approve any further invoices presented to Council that are not on the schedule (if any):

V/N	Invoice	Description	Supplier	Amount
31		Electricity charges June 2023	Southern Electric	£186.15
33-40	60-70	Staff Costs PAYE, Home Allowance, Pension June 2023	Staff	£1442.60
		Reimburse for Microsoft Office 365	Beckie Whitehouse	£79.99
78		Amended invoice for play inspection	Playsafety Ltd	£209.40
77	10998	Payroll services May/June 2023	Red Shoes Accounting	£57.60
81	2608	Cut of verges	Herts & Cambs mtce	£228.00
82	2607	Cut main green, sports field, Glebe Rd, Strim whole village	Herts & Cambs mtce	£696.00
83	2609	Cut Sports Field	Herts & Cambs mtce	£144.00
84	2610	Playground inspection June 23	Herts & Cambs mtce	£114.00
85	2567	Cut field beyond Pavilion	Herts & Cambs mtce	£552.00
86	2559	Cut main green, sports field, Glebe Rd	Herts & Cambs mtce	£468.00
79		Youth club hall hire Jan-June 23	Barrington Village Hall	£150.00
80		Land valuation	Bryant Land & Property	1340.00

The RFO advised that an updated invoice from Playsafety had been received following the query raised at the June meeting.

Cllr Walker added that the land valuation had taken place and a report produced.

b) Balances and Bank Reconciliation 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

BANK	Balance
Unity Trust Bank	£156,766.68
UTB Savings	£1,401,591.78

Lloyds	100,818.40
Lloyds investments	666,071.86
CBS	1500.00
	£2,326,748.72

- c) Update on Bank Mandates  
Three savings accounts had been opened with another two going through the process. Signatories and online access to the Lloyds account was slowly progressing.
- d) Approval of quotation for Legal advice (Birketts LLP)  
This company had been recommended by Cambridgeshire Acre. To progress advice, a fee of between £1500 -£2000 plus VAT and disbursements was agreed. A call to discuss requirements had taken place with a follow up appointment in the next few days. The Chairman reported that information required on Trusts and Charities was complex. It was important to get a balanced view.
- e) Approval in principle for the following surveys –  
Asbestos survey and Management Plan  
CCTV Drainage  
Tree Survey  
Archaeological Desktop  
Ecological Survey  
Transport Assessment  
Ground investigation re foundation and roads  
Energy use baseline and environmental targets  
Route of sewer below roads  
Cllr Walker stated that this was a list of surveys and reports that the Architect had advised would need to be done. He added that if agreement was given in principle, then they could go ahead when requested rather than wait for agreement at a Parish Council meeting. A discussion on the types of surveys and costs took place.  
On a proposal by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Rhodes-Kemp the surveys were agreed in principle but only up to a maximum of £5000 per survey. All Councillors were in agreement.

## 9 Planning

- I. 23/02156/HFUL  
Proposal: Erection of greenhouse in the rear garden  
Site Address -3 Rhee Meadows  
Cllr Kemp advised that the neighbour had no concerns and proposed support which was agreed by all Councillors.  
**Recommendation-Support**
- II. 23/00515/HFUL & 23/00516/LBC  
Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey side extension and replacement with new single storey side/rear extension  
Site Address -18 High Street  
Cllr Kemp reminded the meeting that the Parish Council had previously objected due to its aspect. He advised that the new proposal moved access from the side which the Conservation Officer was supportive of. On a proposal by Cllr Kemp, seconded by Cllr Cooper, it was agreed to recommend Support with the proviso that there was only one single vehicular access for vehicles. All Councillors in agreement.  
**Recommendation -Support**

## 10 All Saints Garden (Redrow) Cllr Rhodes-Kemp

- a) Occupancy and Numbers  
The Chairman reported that 68 of the properties were now occupied. It was unknown how many residents in each.
- b) Provision of Litter/Dog Waste bins  
This had been followed up the AC and Redrow had now accepted their responsibility and was working with South Cambridgeshire District Council.

## 11 S106 -updates

- a) General Update –Cllr Rhodes –Kemp  
As advised under Item 8 the land valuation had been carried out. The Chairman stated that this would feed in to a 'decision tree' which a group would be working on putting together for the Parish Council.

As reported at the last meeting a Business Plan was being worked on and the Chairman had asked specifically for this to relate as a first step to a Profit and Loss for the facilities going forward.. The Chairman advised that more advice would be needed with regards to charities than the initial briefing from Birketts..

Concern had been raised over the costs provided for the project. Cllr Anscombe felt that the costings significantly exceeded what they should be and was compiling a response to the Architects requesting justification. He would quote some costing examples for comparison.

The Chairman referred to the need to hold a community survey, to establish what new and established residents would like to be provided. Advice from other Parish Councils that had been through the process, was being sought. One village had a response rate of 40% .Having the information from an up-to-date survey would help support applications for matched funding as well as to demonstrate to the Parish Council that what is to be built can be viable financially. It was noted that a survey had taken place a few years ago but the questions were not all applicable today and did not include the views of the new residents on the Redrow site .

A meeting with the users (the Joint Working Group) was scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> July to bring everyone up to speed.

b) Walk of Cycle route 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023

As discussed with the County and District Councillors there were a lot of concerns over the impact of the clearing of trees and vegetation to create the cycleway. Those attending the walk, would report back.

c) Traffic Calming/MVAS–Cllr Anscombe & Admin Co-ordinator

Cllr Anscombe reported that he had met with a County Highway Officer to discuss the MVAS posts. The Officer had agreed posts suitable for a solar panel could be put on Orwell Road and on the cleared land opposite the school. The one on the High Street opposite the telephone kiosk would not have the solar option as it was felt to be too intrusive in that location. A post on Glebe Road had been requested but the Officer did not think this location would be beneficial. The agreement of nearby residents to any location would also need to be obtained which Cllr Cooper agreed to do. The Officer was going to carry out a land registry check and prepare a feasibility report and quotation as part of a Privately Funded Local Highway initiative (PFLHI).

**-Cllr Cooper**

Cllr Anscombe then advised that he had obtained a quotation for a MVAS, £2750.00 plus VAT (£2995.00 plus VAT with a solar kit). The mounting kit would be an additional £55.00 plus VAT. He reminded Councillors that at the present time there was only one MVAS and proposed that one unit be purchased now, which was seconded by Cllr Kemp. All Councillors in agreement. He would forward the details to the RFO for the order to be placed.

**-Cllr Anscombe & RFO**

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Anscombe and Walker for all their work on this initiative.

Cllr Anscombe concluded his update by advising that he now had a contact from All Saints Gardens interested in traffic calming so would engage with him.

d) Archer Bridge –Cllrs Quincy/Anscombe

In the absence of Cllr Quincey, Cllr Anscombe reported that he had found out some information on ‘piles’ and how this type of Construction could help dramatically reduce the cost of the Footbridge. He would now obtain an informal quotation, which would also need to go to an engineer for advice. The meeting was reminded that £50,000 Section 106 money had been given for this area.

**-Cllr Anscombe**

## 12 Update on Review of Risk Assessments –Cllrs Priddle & Kemp

- a) Quotations for Signage and Floats -Details had been circulated to Councillors who agreed with the recommendations.

## 13 New Councillors Update

There was nothing to report.

## 14 Reports to be taken as read (1 min)

a) QEII woodland and Community Orchard –Cllr Quincey

The Chairman advised that she, and Cllr Quincey, would take a look at the woodland as there had been some concerns raised adding that there was no money for work. **-Cllr Rhodes-Kemp & Quincey**

b) Footpaths –Cllr Cooper

Councillors were advised that the work at little rivers had been delayed until mid August. There was nothing to report on the other footpaths.

c) Ditches –Cllr Walker & Kemp

Cllr Walker reported that he had received a complaint that the ditch on Daphmoir Close was overgrown on the playground side. The Grounds Maintenance contractor had agreed to cut back the growth which was the responsibility of the Parish Council in the Autumn.

The Chairman and Cllr Walker had prepared a written schedule of works to agree with the contractor. This had been compiled with the contractor's assistance. The list would be circulated to Councillors to make sure that everything was included before signing off. Cllr Cooper asked for the 'Ranger Duties' to include works in the play area.

**-Councillors**

d) Play Areas –Cllr Cooper

Cllr Cooper reported that she was working through the recent RoSPA report to identify any urgent work needed.

**-Cllr Cooper**

e) Challis Green Pond –Cllr Rhodes-Kemp

Approval of Maintenance Plan

The Chairman had discussed the report with the contractor who said his employee had recently had a difficult encounter with one of the nearby residents whilst working on the Pond. Cllr Priddle had also looked at the report and provided feedback. The main issue was clarity as to a timescale of jobs to be carried out by the contractors. The Chairman would incorporate the comments and the document could then go back to the originator.

**-Cllr Rhodes-Kemp**

The contractor had suggested that the pond railings could be repaired or replaced. Cllr Cooper reminded the meeting that it had been agreed at a previous meeting not to carry out any work on the railings. Councillors agreed that even though the Parish Council was not in a position to fund the work it would be good to get costings. The AC was asked to arrange.

**-AC**

Due to recent confrontations between residents and contractors it was suggested that a policy be compiled to address issues such as this to include Councillors and employees. The AC offered to put together a draft policy for circulation and adoption at the next meeting.

**-AC**

f) Green Charity –Cllr Priddle

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting of the Trustees would be taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

## 15 Highway Issues

a) East West Rail update

There was no further update since their preference for the southern route was announced by EWR.

b) LHI 2023/24 Outcome of CCC Highway Committee meeting re Traffic Calming outside the School

Cllr Kindersley was unable to give an update on the final decision. However it was noted that according to the Minutes of the recent County Council meeting, the Barrington application had scored the highest so there was optimism for a favourable decision. The fact that the plans offered a 'buffer zone' between the village and cars entering Barrington via Haslingfield Road fitted in with County Council current policy. In addition it was hoped that the separate application for a 20mph Zone along Foxton Road, Challis play Area and leading to the School was well placed. Thanks to Cllrs Kemp and Priddle and Sebastian

## 16 Village Coronation Event – Cllr Cooper

Following the success of the event in May Cllr Cooper advised that surplus funds raised would be distributed between Local and national Charities

Public Consultation and Meeting

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023 was scheduled as the consultation date. The Chairman would prepare a table of meetings once she had heard from the Architect who needed to feed in with dates. The details would be circulated to Councillors once prepared.

**-Cllr Rhodes-Kemp**

## 17 Date of next Parish Council Meeting -10<sup>th</sup> August 2023 -This may be remote

There was no further business. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm