

**BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.00 P.M.
IN THE READING ROOM, LITTLE BARRINGTON**

Present Cllr Ali Hope - Chairman
 Cllr Richard Wingfield -Vice-Chairman
 Cllr Sue Cleal
 Cllr Jan de Haldevang
 Cllr Alex Pierre-Traves

Clerk & RFO: Mrs Tan Marchant

In Attendance: 3 members of the public

Cllr Hope signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office in respect of his first meeting as Chairman.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15 MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 17 MAY 2024

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 May 2024 were APPROVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

16 ADJOURNMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Philippa de Haldevang asked a question about speeding through the village. She wondered why speed limits in most parishes in Oxfordshire had quickly been changed to 20mph, yet those in Gloucestershire were slow to be changed. Cllr Wingfield responded that parishes in Oxfordshire could apply for the reduced speed, which was implemented quickly. Yet in Gloucestershire, appropriate data needed to be collected and presented to back up the need for a reduced speed limit. Barrington would need to give live data from its two speed cameras to prove that speeding is a problem. Philippa wondered whether residents writing to Highways would make a difference, but Cllr Wingfield said that local opinion needs to be directed to the County Council Ward Member, Dom Morris.

17 ADJOURNMENT FOR COUNTY COUNCILLOR DOM MORRIS.

Cllr Morris was not present at the meeting.

18 ADJOURNMENT FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TONY DALE

Cllr Dale was unable to attend due to a road accident in Italy in July. The Parish Council wished to record its best wishes to Cllr Dale and his family.

19 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Cllr de Haldevang said that the Great Barrington speed camera was active and working well. The issue is with the Little Barrington camera, which was vandalised, then replaced on a higher pole, then smashed again. Cllr de Haldevang is now working with David Hall the Blacksmith to design and cost a protective cage to sit around the camera and solar panel, but unfortunately the person causing the damage may see this as a greater challenge.

Cllr de Haldevang said that average volume of traffic during rush hours is 158 cars per hour. Average speed is about 34mph, with the highest being 56mph at the Great Barrington war memorial roundabout. Letters have continued to be sent out every ten days to the top 20-25 offenders. Police realise that there are serious repeat offenders. It costs the Parish Council 70p for every letter that is sent out. Cllr de Haldevang is not sure that there has been any major reduction, but maybe things would be even worse if nothing was being done at all. Every month, 50 people receive letters, but it is evident that letters alone are not enough.

He said that residents may be aware that another range of cameras have been put up by Oxfordshire County Council to provide data for the OCC local traffic plan. These cameras are on the boundaries and borders to Oxfordshire, with two in Little Barrington and Taynton and three going into Burford.

He said that WIVTAG remains a grouping of fifteen parishes who continue to be active. Cllr Wingfield asked if it would be worth writing to the Council or the Police & Crime Commissioner, but Cllr de Haldevang said he had written to Gloucestershire police by email and letter and is waiting for their response. The hope was that they would employ two part time constables to deal with the problem of speeding.

Cllr Hope said that there is still the sum of £750 from the WVFS available to spend on traffic management.

20 WINDRUSH AGAINST SEWAGE POLLUTION (WASP)

Cllr Pierre-Traves said he had nothing further to report on this. He said that some local councils are proposing to send a Vote of No Confidence against Thames Water and he would draft something suitable from the Parish Council.

21 NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY WATCH AND FLY-TIPPING

Cllr Cleal said that as far as fly tipping and general littering is concerned, because of the decision of highway authorities not to mow grass verges as previously, people are dumping their rubbish in the unmown areas. She said that in Middle Road in Little Barrington, people are using the seats and then throwing their litter over the wall onto National Trust property. She asked if a bin could be provided there, and Cllr Hope said he would investigate whether any existing bin could be relocated next to the seats. He will also enquire if there is a map of existing bins.

Philippa mentioned a recent incident of a woman taking photos of numerous properties in the parish, under the pretext of photographing her children. Cllr Cleal reported her to the police.

Cllr Cleal said that it is often evident that a property is unoccupied because the outside letter box is overflowing, and that people should ask their neighbours to deal with post in their absence. Cllr Hope said he would draft an email to go out to residents about this.

22 WINTER PREPARATIONS

Cllr de Haldevang queried whether winter grit had been ordered. The Clerk said she thought so but would check. Cllr Wingfield said he had a sufficient stock of grit in Great Barrington.

23 COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a. **Pre-loved Clothing Sale.** Cllr Pierre-Traves said this event had been organised by Amber and held last month. It had been extremely successful and had raised £900

for the church. He said he will approach Amber to see if she would be prepared to do it again next year. Philippa suggested it for the WVFS, but Cllr Hope said it required a great deal of manpower, and he would therefore have to put the idea to the committee for consideration.

- b. **Bric-a-Brac Sale, Saturday 19 October 2024, 10am-4pm**, in The Reading Room.
- c. **Autumn Litter Pick, Saturday 9 November 2024**. Cllr Hope is checking with Terence at The Fox Inn to see if they can meet there as usual.
- d. **Advent Drinks, Saturday 7 December 2024**, in The Reading Room. Apt has organised something special this year. Invitations will be circulated in due course.
- e. **Spring Litter Pick, Saturday 5 April 2025**.
- f. **St George's Day Drinks**. Cllr Pierre-Traves is hoping to organise this new event in April 2025. Details to follow.
- g. **Defibrillator/First Aid Training 2025**. Details to be decided.
- h. **Gym/Yoga Classes**. Cllr Pierre-Traves said he would investigate the level of interest in these classes via WhatsApp. Philippa said that exercise classes used to be held in The Reading Room twice a week, but numbers had slowly dwindled. She therefore suggested any classes be organised on a termly-basis with payment in advance.

24 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Ref	Date Received	Details & Comments/Resolution
24/01403/TCONR	14 May 2024	<p>Wychwood House, The Green, Little Barrington. All trees in back garden T1: Beech Tree - To reduce 5 limbs overhanging and interfering with power lines. Works to reduce limbs back to space between tree and power lines. T2: Small Cherry Tree in close proximity to the property and overhanging roof and neighbours garden - Reduce by 1.5 to 2 metres. T3: Plum - To reduce back to previous pruning points to clear the power line T4: Conifer - To fell to ground level due to poor form and recent winds causing snap outs at multiple points. Close proximity to wall of tiered garden. T5: Silver Birch - To reduce back to previous pruning points by approx. 1.5 to 2 metres to clear power lines.</p> <p>BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. PERMITTED 25 JUN 2024</p>
24/01719/FUL	11 Jun 2024	<p>The Glebe Barn Great Barrington. Conversion of office building to a dwelling with associated works.</p> <p>BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. PERMITTED 12 SEP 2024</p>
24/01730/FUL	12 Jun 2024	<p>The Old School Great Barrington. Conversion of school and associated building to two dwellings, with associated works.</p> <p>BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. PERMITTED 13 SEP 2024</p>

24/02053/LBC	15 Jul 2024	The Old School Great Barrington. Listed Building Consent for the conversion of school and associated building to two dwellings, with associated works. BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. PERMITTED 13 SEP 2024
24/02376/TCONR	14 Aug 2024	Green Drive Cottages, Little Barrington. Cupressocyparis Leylandii. There are three that need to be removed completely. BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. PERMITTED 18 SEP 2024
24/02785/AGFO	19 Sept 2024	Land South of A40, Little Barrington. Prior notification for an agricultural fertiliser storage tank. BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. DECISION AWAITED
24/02828/TCONR	2 Sept 2024	Barrington Grove Middle Road Little Barrington. W1 - Woodland - crown lift all trees to approx. 4.0m. Fell approx. 20 Ash with ADB G1 - Ash x2 (with ADB) - fell T1 - Willow - re-pollard BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. DECISION AWAITED
24/02993/TCONR	7 Oct 2024	Barrington Park Great Barrington. T21 - Purple leaf Plum - Crown reduce 1.0m off height, reduce width by half mainly off leaning side to leave balanced. G28 - Crack willow x3 - re-coppice at 1.0m. G29 - Ash with ADB x7 - fell. G30 - Ash group x45 - fell all ash within 20m from road. BARRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTION. DECISION AWAITED

25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The Financial Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2024 had previously been circulated and was Noted.

A copy of the Financial Report is attached to these Minutes.

- b) Payments Approved by email and made since the last meeting were as follows: -

Supplier	Description	Invoice No	Total Sum
C.H.T.	Defibrillator - LB	20199	162.00
AutoSpeedWatch	New speed camera	Inv 321	352.91
Police & Crime Commissioner	Speeding letters	dbts00015980	42.00
Police & Crime Commissioner	Speeding letters	dbts00016243	39.20
TOTAL			£434.11

c) The following new invoices were APPROVED for payment: -

Supplier	Description	Invoice No	Total Sum
TEEC Limited	Website Hosting	INV-5032	199.19
C.H.T.	Defibrillator - GB	23429	162.00
TOTAL			£361.19

26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Pierre-Traves said that Gloucestershire County Council are looking for applications for the Village of the Year Competition and he wondered about Barrington submitting an entry. The criteria were questioned, and he said he would investigate further.

27 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 11 December 2024 - Parish Council Meeting

Friday 21 March 2025 - Annual Parish Meeting

All meetings will be held in The Reading Room, Little Barrington, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.

Chairman