# **BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the next meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council will take place on Thursday 14th January, 2016, in St Mary's Church, Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering, Essex commencing at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting will, in part, be open to the press and members of the public.

**ALL MEMBERS of the COUNCIL ARE HEREBY SUMMONSED** to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder.

| Signed:                    | Date:           |
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| John Watson.               |                 |
| Clerk to the Barling Magna | Parish Council. |

### **AGENDA**

- 1. The Chairman to declare the meeting open.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.
- 3. To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.
- 4. To note a recommendation from the Finance Committee in respect of a possible conflict of interest in relation to the internal Auditors and to agree the action (if any) to be taken.
- 5. To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December, 2015 (draft minutes previously circulated).
- 6. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Council (In accordance with Standing Orders currently in place this will be limited to fifteen minutes).
- 7. To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.

#### 8. Financial Matters.

- a. To approve,
  - i. Payment requests for December 2015/January, 2016 (schedule to be circulated).
  - ii. Schedule of Payments and Receipts for the 8 months to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 (schedule to be circulated).
  - iii. Bank Reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 (schedule to be circulated).
  - iv. Accounts statement for the 8 months to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 (accounts to be circulated).

## 9. 2016/2017 Budget/Precept

- a. To consider the recommendation from the Finance Committee as to the budget and precept for the 2016/2017 Financial Year and to agree the action to be taken (Budget paperwork to be circulated).
- b. To consider the recommendation from the Finance Committee that the Parish Council apply to the Public Works Loan Board for a loan of £40,000 repayable over a period of 5 years towards the cost of refurbishing the Village Hall.

## 10. Financial Regulations

a. To approve the revised Financial Regulations as recommended by the Finance Committee (copy to be circulated).

## 11. Standing Orders.

a. To formally adopt the Standing Orders as previously discussed (copy to be circulated).

## 12. Clerk's Report

- a. To receive a report from the Clerk in respect of,
  - i. Installation of the Jubilee Bench.
  - ii. Provision of alternative power supply in respect of the Village Street Lights.
  - iii. Any other matters.

### 13. Neighbourhood Watch

- a. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that the Parish Council promote a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the general area of Little Wakering and Barling Magna and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that the Parish Council instigate a Wildlife Reserve Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and to agree the action to be taken.

### 14. Village Hall

- a. To receive a report from the Clerk in respect of applications for Grant Funding.
- b. To consider the proposal from Councillor Bond to raise funds for the Village Hall by,
  - i. Approaching contacts to make donations,
  - ii. Sending out letters to likely donors on BMPC headed paper,
  - iii. To investigate the possibility of instigating a "buy a brick" scheme
- c. To consider any other options for raising funds and to agree the action to be taken.

#### 15. Wildlife Reserve.

- a. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding discussions with the "Friends of the Barling Magna Wildlife Reserve" to lock and unlock the gate to the Reserve on a rota basis and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To receive a report from the Clerk regarding the possibility and cost of installing Brown Tourist Signs in the locality to advise visitors to the area of the location of the Wildlife Reserve and to agree the action to be taken.
- c. To receive a report from Councillor Street regarding the remedial work required at the entrance to the Wildlife Reserve and to agree the action to be taken.
- d. To consider the recommendation from The Finance Committee that the Parish Council go out to tender for future servicing requirements of the Wildlife Reserve Equipment.

## 16. Employment of Part Time Handyman.

a. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that the Parish Council employ a part time handyman to maintain the Council open spaces using the Parish Council's equipment.

## 17. Maintenance of Open Spaces Grounds.

a. To agree that the Clerk, with the assistance of Councillor Street, prepare a specification for the maintenance of the Parish Council open spaces and, if appropriate go out to tender to have this work done..

## 18. Play Space/Village Hall Maintenance.

- a. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that the Parish Council investigate the work required to repair the boundary fence, cut back the laurel trees and clear out the ditch, all to the rear of the Village Hall, and report back to the Council accordingly.
- b. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that tenders be obtained in respect of work required at,
  - i. Village Hall
    - a. Fence to the front of the hall.
    - b. Any other items requiring attention.
  - ii. Bus Stop outside Village Hall
    - a. Repairs to roof
  - iii. Play Space
    - a. Cutting back trees to the north side of the play space
    - b. Repairs to Chain Link Fence to the bottom of the play space
    - c. Inspect with a view to possibly digging out ditch at bottom of the play space
    - d. Cutting back trees to south side of the play space
    - e. Re-fixing the upper netting on the fence to the west side of the play space.
    - f. Any other items requiring attention.

## 19. Waste/Dog Bins.

- a. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that a waste bin and a dog bin be installed in the car park at the Wildlife Reserve.
- b. To consider the proposal from Councillor Street that a waste bin and a dog bin be installed in the Play Space.

## 20. Mentoring for new Parish Councillors

a. To consider the proposal that the Parish Council introduce a mentoring process for new Parish Councillors.

#### 21. Christmas 2016

- a. To consider the proposal from Councillor Bond that the Parish Council erect a Christmas Tree in the vicinity of the Village Hall during the 2016 festive season and to agree the action to be taken.
- b. To consider the proposal from Councillor Bond that the Parish Council approach the organisers of the Church Road Frost Fayre with a view to assisting in the 2016 event

#### 22. Parish Plan.

a. To receive a report from the Parish Council representatives on the Parish Plan.

## 23. Meetings of Outside Bodies

 To received reports from Councillors attending meetings of outside bodies.

## 24. Planning Matters.

a. To consider any Planning Applications received and to agree the action to be taken.

### 25. Correspondence.

a. To consider any correspondence received since the last meeting.

## 26. At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information.

## 27. Exclusion of the Press and the Public.

a. Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

### 28. Village Hall.

a. To receive a report from the Clerk and to agree any action to be taken.

Date of next meeting – 11th February, 2016 – Full Council Meeting.

Issued 9th January, 2015.