

BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council held on Thursday 12th March, 2015, in Chadwicks House, Barling Magna County Primary School, Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna, Essex, SS3 0LN commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Ashdown, Cohen (Vice Chair), Knight, Pearmain, Steptoe (Chair) and Street.

In attendance: J. Watson (Parish Clerk).

AGENDA

- 1. The Chair to declare the meeting open.**
 - a. The Chair declared the meeting open.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence.**
 - a. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edmunds and Gardiner.
- 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.**
 - a. Councillor Steptoe declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 (Planning Applications). He would Chair the meeting for this items but would not participate in any discussion and would abstain on voting.
- 4. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Council.**
 - a. No Parishioners were present to address the meeting.
- 5. To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th February, 2015.**
 - a. It was noted that Councillors Ashdown and Cohen had also attended the Rochford District Council meeting mentioned at minute 19.c.
 - b. Proposed Councillor Pearmain, seconded Councillor Ashdown that, subject to the minutes being amended as 5.a. the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th February, 2015 be signed as a correct record. Carried unanimously.
- 6. Wildlife Reserve.**
 - a. It was noted that some fencing posts required replacing in the Wildlife Reserve. Councillor Ashdown reported that her husband would be obtaining the fencing posts from Oddeys and he would be starting work on replacing the fencing posts over the Easter holiday. Proposed Councillor Steptoe, seconded Councillor Pearmain that the posts be delivered to the Wildlife Reserve by the supplier and that the Clerk be

authorised to issue a cheque for the cost of the posts and associated materials. Carried unanimously.

- b. It was noted that Mr Ashdown was not charging for installing the fencing posts. Proposed Councillor Steptoe, seconded Councillor Knight that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to Mr Ashdown for offering his services. Carried unanimously.
- c. It was noted that Mr T. Norman was making a donation to the Parish Council to be used in the Wildlife Reserve. Proposed Councillor Knight, seconded Councillor Pearmain that the Clerk write a letter of thanks to Mr Norman to thank him for his generosity. Carried unanimously.
- d. Councillor Knight reported that the Parish Council had received 610 whips to plant. Work would be starting on this shortly.

7. Attendance at Meetings

- a. Councillors had not attended any meetings since the last Council meeting.
- b. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be sending a representative to the Rochford District Council Development Control Meeting scheduled for 26th March, 2015.

8. Planning Applications.

- a. Planning Application 15/00074/FUL in respect of 336 Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering was considered. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no comment in respect of this application.
- b. Planning Application 15/00089/FUL in respect of 1 Vine Cottages, Barling Road, Barling Magna was considered. Proposed Councillor Knight, seconded Councillor Street that the Clerk write to Rochford District Council asking whether the property concerned was a listed building and listed building consent was needed. Carried unanimously.
- c. Planning Application 15/00101/FUL in respect of 243 Little Wakering Road, Little Wakering was considered. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no comment in respect of this application.

9. Meeting Dates.

- a. Proposed Councillor Steptoe, seconded Councillor Cohen that the revised meeting date for the Annual Council Meeting, namely 21st May, 2015, be approved. Carried unanimously.

10. Village Hall.

- a. The suggestion from Mr Adam Jones that the Parish Council partner with the Southend Wheelers and/or other organisations to create a co-build project in relation to the development of the Village Hall was considered. Proposed Councillor Pearmain, seconded Councillor Knight that the Clerk write to Mr Jones to say that, at this moment, the Parish Council did not wish to explore this possibility.

11. Correspondence.

- a. No correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

12. At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information.

- a. Various Councillor raised issues relating to footpaths, road signs and finger posts. The Clerk would take these up with the Councillors and the appropriate authorities.
- b. It was noted that there had been various incidents of dog poisoning in the

District. The Clerk would put a suitable note on the information page on the Parish Website.

- c. Complaints had been received about the behaviour of the fishermen using the reservoir behind the Shoulderstick. There was an issue regarding the footpath which ran beside the lake. The Clerk would refer this to the Clerk at Sutton Parish.
- d. It was noted that the village gates were being installed.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm

Date of next meeting – 19th March, 2015 – Annual Parish Meeting and Full Council Meeting.

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