

BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Barling Magna Parish Council held on Thursday 24th March 2016 held in All Saints Church, Church Road, Barling Magna, Essex commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: - Councillors L Street, M Cohen (Vice Chair of Council), S Bond, R Gardiner, I Knight, M Pearmain, M Steptoe (Chair of Council) and A Ashdown.

In attendance: - Victoria Marzouki (Clerk)

MINUTES

1. The Chair to declare the meeting open

- a. The Chair declared the meeting open.

2. To receive apologies for absence

- a. None

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 regarding Planning and as a member of the Local Highways Panel as part of his district responsibilities

4. Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council meeting held on 18th February 2016 and minutes of Extraordinary meeting held on 18th March 2016

- a. The minutes were not available and will be discussed at the next full council meeting for approval

5. The meeting will stand adjourned to permit Parishioners of Barling Magna to address the Meeting.

- a. No Parishioners addressed the meeting.

6. To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.

- a. Cllr Steptoe had received a complaint from a resident in a property near Magnolia that she had found shot gun pellets on her conservatory roof
- b. Cllr Steptoe commented on the bus stop situated at Mucking Hall Road/Barling Road, that there was hard standing but no bus stop sign and but that the issue is being resolved.

7. Neighbourhood Park Play Space

- a. Cllr Street explained that there is a working group that will distribute the NHW newsletter. An example of the community helping themselves. The newsletter will also be available in key places within the district such as post office, pub, church, Royal British Legion and the schools
- b. The recognised NHW signs on a proper board are £5.00 each and it has been agreed that the Parish Council would contribute. An A4 aluminium sign costing £3.70 is available on E-Bay and you can attach the sign to lamp posts etc.
- c. Cllr Street put forward a proposal to put the NHW signs on posts, at the play space and at the Wildlife Reserve within the parish
Proposed Cllr Street Seconded Cllr Steptoe Carried unanimously
- d. Cllr Steptoe made the point that we only own 3 lamp posts and the rest is just the heads so other locations may have to be considered for the NHW signs.
- e. There is allotment watch happening in Wakering, where people can microchip their equipment for free as the service is currently funded by the Police & Crime Commissioner.

8. Planning Issues within the district

- a. There is a planning application submitted to RDC to build 2 pairs + 4 semi-detached 3 storey houses on most of the car park of The Castle Inn, plus some green belt.
- b. After a long discussion the main objections to the application were as follows:
 - Pub is a local building of interest
 - Diminish from ambience of the area
 - Over development of the site
 - Green belt
 - 3 storey houses out of keeping with the area
 - Height issue
 - Out of character
 - Parking issues for the pub and the proposed properties
 - Taking away local amenities
- c. The Clerk to register the objections with RDC
Proposed Cllr Street. Seconded Cllr Gardiner. Carried
- d. Number 56 Kimberley Road have submitted an application for a single storey rear extension to go on to an existing building. Cllr Street explained that he did not believe that the flooding report was adequate. Cllr Pearmain asked if the proposed balcony was going to be overlooking the neighbours.
- e. It was agreed that no objections to this application to be raised with RDC
Proposed Cllr Ashdown. Seconded Cllr Gardiner 3 abstentions
Carried

9. A report to the Local Highways Panel for speed ramps in Mucking Hall Road

- a. Cllr Bond presented his comprehensive report on the issues and solutions for speed ramps in Mucking Hall Road
- b. Cllr Steptoe says that an application would need to be made to County Highways, then it would go to the Local Highways Panel who meet 4 times a year. If the panel agrees then hopefully the work will be completed in the next financial year.
- c. The Highways Team will do surveys and look at if there has been any accidents.
- d. They may consider some form of match funding.
- e. Discuss the proposal with County Councillor Seagers
- f. Cllr Bond proposed that the clerk make the application to the Local Highways Panel
Proposed Cllr Bond. Seconded Cllr Gardiner. Carried.

10. Parish Plan Committee

- a. Cllr Steptoe explained that the group of 2 parish council members and the rest independent have completed the survey, the forms are in and they need to produce the pack but funding has been an issue. Cllr Ashdown stepped down from the group and Cllr Knight remains on it. There is no one at the driving wheel and Cllr Steptoe has spoken to the current Chairman and he said that for the group to continue it needs a new secretary, a new chairman and more funding. He said that the Parish Council cannot influence the outcome. Current Cllr's need to talk to residents to drum up interest as there is a rough outline of the plan but it needs flowering out.
- b. Cllr Ashdown says that they need someone experienced in collating and presenting skills to take on the next stage of the plan.
- c. Cllr Knight said that the original team was 10 but now there is only 4. It is a residents plan and there is too much work to do.
- d. Cllr Gardiner asked how much weight would the plan carry?
- e. It was agreed that if are unable to find any additional funding then to draw a line under the work completed and thank those who have supported it.

11. Reports of Meetings of Outside Bodies

- a. Cllr Cohen delivered a report on the coastal paths project and enquired is it worth pursuing with regards to the Wildlife Park.
- b. Cllr Knight explained that people like the idea but a number of external agencies need to be involved such as Environment Agency and Anglian Water.
- c. It was agreed for Cllr Cohen to come back to the meeting with a further report.

12. Correspondence

None

13. At the Chairman's discretion to exchange information

- a. Cllr Knight raised the issue of the dog bin at Slaters Corner and said that she had been in touch with Caroline Bell at RDC and if were to

- purchase from them it would cost £300.00 but they would empty it.
- b. Cllr Steptoe advised that RDC are currently renegotiating a new waste contract.
 - c. Cllr Gardiner said that the Teddy Bears picnic is being organised for 10/09/16 at the Wildlife Reserve after requests from parishioners. An external caterer is being hired and they are currently exploring options for events and stalls.
 - d. A request for a Wildlife Reserve Committee meeting to be arranged and the clerk will liaise with the Chairman
 - e. Cllr Bond presented the clerk with 3 quotes for repairs to the bus shelter
 - f. The clerk to investigate the status of the B&Q Trade cards for Cllr Knight & Cllr Pearmain.

Date of the next meeting – 28 April 2016 – Full Council Meeting

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

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