

# BARBY & ONLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on.....MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at.....7.30...pm

In BARBY VILLAGE HALL, Kilsby Road, Barby CV23 8TT

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**PRESENT:** Councillors D Cotton, A Cooper, N Gove, C Lomax, C Jones, B O'Reilly, C Weller, J Wood. Clerk – Catherine Camp. 9 members of the public.

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<b>1</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL</b>	
1.1	Councillor Cotton was proposed as Chairman by Cllr O'Reilly, seconded by Cllr Gove and duly appointed as Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr Cotton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office of the Chairman.	
<b>2</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
2.1	Councillor Paul Reynolds (Family commitments), S Pandhal (ill)	Accepted.
<b>3</b>	<b>CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY</b>	
3.1	It was noted that the casual vacancy arising from resignation of Councillor David Blezard has been advertised and a by-election has not been called so the Council is free to co-opt to fill the vacant seat.	
3.2	Application forms had been received from 3 members of the parish who wish to be considered to fill the vacant seat on the Council.	
3.3	Following a ballot Jane Bubb was co-opted as a Councillor.	
<b>4</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>	
4.1a	Ian Webb reported that a new Facebook page has been set up by a village resident called "Barby Noticeboard". This was felt to be a useful addition to the village as a way of communication.	
4.1b	It was noted that the deadline for articles for the Village newsletter is Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2018.	
4.1c	Members of Barby Twinning Association attended the meeting and would like to encourage families from Onley Park to get involved. Thursday 6 December will be an informal get-together to be held at "Arnold Arms". Anyone interested in Twinning is welcome to attend. Cllr Lomax suggested that the French guests make a visit to Onley to raise the profile. Mr Brander to contact Cllr Cotton to make arrangements.	
4.1d	Members of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns over the planning application for houses in Balding Close. Concerns were voiced over potential flooding and over the height of the proposed houses.	
3.2	<b>POLICE</b> – Monthly crime reporting can be accessed at <a href="http://www.police.uk/northamptonshire/SCT142/crime/">www.police.uk/northamptonshire/SCT142/crime/</a> July 18 crimes show 7 crimes in Barby (4 antisocial behaviour, 2 Criminal damage/Arson, 1 Bicycle theft), and 28 at Onley Prison (O at Onley Park) Attempted burglary Barby Cricket Club 00:30 & 01:30 on the 24/09/2018. The Clerk reported that the police are unable to separate out crime figures for Onley park from the prison	
3.3	<b>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT</b> – Councillor C Lomax.	
3.3.1	DDC transferred its housing stock in 2007 to the organisation now known as Futures Housing. The Council has approved a variation of their transfer agreement, so that Futures can take part in a 2 year pilot for a new <b>Voluntary Right to Buy</b> for tenants of former council houses. Previously, former council tenants had a 'preserved right to buy', under which DDC received about half the sales value of a house. If tenants had rented a house after the 2007 transfer, they only had a 'right to acquire', under which there was a much lower level of discount on the purchase price, with less going to DDC. Sales receipts under the Voluntary Right to Buy scheme are ring-fenced for future social housebuilding by Futures, with no money being returned to the council. Houses built with the VRTB money (which will also attract government funding) can be provided up to 10 miles outside the District boundaries.	
3.3.2	DDC agreed that there should be no change in the <b>Council Tax Reduction Scheme</b> , under which working age claimants are required to contribute 20% to their Council Tax. When the unitary authority comes into being, it is likely that this will have to rise as both South Northants and Northampton Borough already require higher contributions.	

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3.3.3	<p><b>West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan 2019-2050.</b> Daventry District is part of what is known as the Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Arc, where significant development is proposed. 3 main elements for growth have been identified: getting on more quickly with existing commitments for development, making better use of land in Northampton, and “new settlements and urban extensions on garden town lines”. A 42% increase in house building over local housing need, from 70,277 units to 100,000units over the Plan period, is expected to include a “small number of new settlements”.</p>	
3.4	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT</b> – County Councillor Malcolm Longley.  Cllr Longley reported that he is now the portfolio holder for Finance at NCC. NCC had a deficit of £35M last year. They had been selling assets to prop up the revenue account.  The total spend for this year is £614M but they started with a £29M deficit. Commissioners have advised that NCC must be disbanded and two unitary authorities set up by the end of March 2020. The Unitary Authority in this area will include Northampton Borough, Daventry District and South Northants, and has been imposed on NCC by Central Government.  The objective is to achieve a balanced budget by the end of March 2020 but this is unlikely.  If NCC does not achieve a balanced budget any deficit will be put into a separate fund and a precept will be raised to pay off the debt.  Cllr Longley said that if the books balance, then NCC may get an additional £17M in Business rates and the precept may not be capped. Central Government will tell NCC if the precept will be capped in Dec.  Cllr Longley was thanked for attending.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS of INTEREST</b>	
5.1	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests –Councillor Lomax declared an interest in item 11.3 as she is a member of Barby Twinning Association.	
5.2	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI. None received.	
<b>6</b>	<b>TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES</b>	
6.1	It was <b>resolved</b> to approve and sign the Minutes of 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 as a correct record.	
<b>7</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING for information only from Meetings of 10<sup>th</sup> September.</b>	
7.1	The Clerks report was noted.	
7.2	It was reported that a letter had been received from Barby Townlands Charity agreeing to pay half the clean up costs following invasion of Barby Sports field by the Travelling Community.	
<b>8</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	
8.1	It was noted that the Tree Work has been carried out at Onley Park. Councillor Cooper raised concerns that the minutes of July 2018 did not reflect that the Parish Council had agreed to approve the works. The Clerk to investigate the wording of the minutes and ensure clarification at the next meeting.	
8.2	It was noted that the Poplar on The Ware has been poisoned prior to its removal.	
8.3	It was <b>resolved</b> to provide a Christmas tree opposite the shop and arrange carols around the tree. A sponsor to be sought if possible.	
<b>9</b>	<b>PLANNING.</b>	
9.1	<i>New Planning Applications –</i>	
9.1.1	<p><b>DA/2018/0635 Construction of 4 dwellings and associated works including access off Balding Close / Daventry Road; Land Off, Balding Close, Barby.</b> Barby &amp; Onley Parish Council OBJECT to this application due to increased risk of flooding of properties in Brackendale Drive, loss of privacy and light, and concern over the width of the access road. The Council regrets the loss of affordable housing. As the site has poor drainage and the natural fall of the land is into Brackendale Drive to the east, drainage will cause flooding in Brackendale Drive. The plan shows drainage to be via Balding Close. To achieve this the land will need to be built up to allow run off into Balding Close. It is impossible to tell how high the proposed houses will be in relation to houses in Brackendale Drive.  The parish council wish to ensure that conditions are imposed that prevent neighbouring properties being overlooked, and would ask that the layout of the site be revisited to minimise the effect on neighbouring properties, in particular that plot 1 is re-sited further from the rear boundary of the property.  Widening of the existing access road will not be sufficient to allow 2 cars to pass safely at any one time.</p>	

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9.1.2	<p><b>DA/2018/0013 Amended</b> Reserve Matters Application for construction of 6 dwellings. Land off Balding Close, Barby. To consider whether to submit further comments on the proposed amendments. It is impossible to tell how high the proposed houses will be in relation to houses in Brackendale Drive from finished floor heights, and therefore this amendment does nothing to address the concerns from immediate neighbours over the building heights in relation to their properties.</p> <p><i>Decisions awaited on the following Planning applications:-</i></p>				
9.2.1	<b>DA/2018/0714</b> Construction of detached bungalow. Land to the rear of 16 Ashleigh Close, Barby.				
9.2.2	<b>DA/2018/0687</b> 16 Onley Park. Replacement roof and frames to existing conservatory.				
9.2.3	<b>DA/2018/0476</b> Danetre Farm Bungalow. Rebuilding of existing agricultural barn.				
9.2.4	<b>DA/2018/0382</b> 6 The Green, Barby. Two dwellings.				
9.2.5	<b>DA/2017/1161</b> Construction of Equestrian Indoor Arena. Onley Grounds Farm. Awaiting.				
9.2.6	<b>DA/2017/0861</b> Outdoor Arena at Onley Grounds. Awaiting				
9.2.7	<b>DA/2018/0253</b> Village Farm, 15 Rugby Road. Construction of domestic storage building.				
9.3	<i>Decisions approved by Daventry District Council Planning Department.</i>				
9.3.1	<p><b>DA/2018/0562</b> 45 Daventry Rd. Construction of entrance porch to front of property. REFUSED Although the Parish Council raised no objection to this application, DDC refused the application as it was not in keeping with the street scene. It was noted that the applicant has the right to appeal. The Clerk was asked to write to DDC expressing regret that they failed to take note of local opinion.</p>				
9.4	<p>SALFV -The Council was asked whether they would approve additional funding to finalise the second public consultation of RBC local plan which requires protecting the Rainsbrook and Leam Valley. SALFV and PC'S agreed to employ the Landscape Partnership to assist with a letter and advice to protect the land within the area. After some discussion it was <b>resolved</b> to pledge a further £100 + VAT</p>				
9.5	<p>DDC Settlements &amp; Countryside Part 2 Local Plan. <a href="http://www.daventrydc.gov.uk/localplan">www.daventrydc.gov.uk/localplan</a> Consultation Comments are required on the legality of the document and representations can only be made about legal compliance, the duty to cooperate and the tests of soundness. The Clerk has not responded on behalf of the Council as she is insufficiently qualified to make comment on legal soundness.</p>				
<b>10</b>	<b>BUDGET 2019/2020</b>				
10.1	Spend vs Budget to 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 and projected end of year closing balances were provided.				
10.2	Councillors Cotton, Cooper, Gove and O'Rielly agreed to form a Budget Working party to put together a draft budget for 2019/20. The date of the budget working party to be Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm Barby V Hall.				
<b>11</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS</b>				
11.1	Monies received from 01.09.18 to 30.09.18: £80 Advertising payments; £25409.50 Precept (50%)				
11.2	Financial Position at 30.09.18 £183,962.62 of which £111,177.56 is ring-fenced for maintenance of Onley Park Open Space.				
11.3	To agree whether to provide a grant of £250 towards Barby Twinning Association. It was agreed to consider this request as part of the budgeting process and let BTA know in December.				
11.4	To agree whether additional funding can be made available to SALFV. It was resolved to pledge £100.				
11.5	Notification of the completion of External Audit has been received. The documents are now displayed on the parish website. The Clerk reported that no significant issues had been raised, but it was noted that the Auditors considered that the public had not been given sufficient length of time to view the accounts since the published date that they were available was the same date that they were agreed by the Council rather than the day after.				
11.6	Annual INSURANCE It was <b>resolved</b> to enter a long term 3 yr agreement with AXA Insurance UK plc.				
11.7	Cllr Gove reported that all the paperwork was in order. It was <b>resolved</b> to pay the following cheques and online payments:-				
	<b>To Whom Paid</b>	<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Details of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Power to Pay</b>
	BT Payment Services Ltd	D/D	Phone Bill –Village Hall	42.99	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
	HMR&C	300001	Tax and National Insurance	72.13	LGA(1972) s112
	Harry Norton	300002	Newsletter Delivery	17.00	LGA(1972) s142
	Daniel Carroll	300003	Newsletter Delivery	17.00	LGA(1972) s142
	Taylor Newman	300004	Newsletter Delivery	12.00	LGA(1972) s142

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R Buttle	300005	Litter picking	31.32	Open Spaces Act 1906
Barby Twinning Assn	300006	Grant towards Twinning visit	TBC	
Lamley Brothers	128	Mowing	720.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
Timbertech Tree Services	129	Tree Works at Onley	5820.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
<i>Online Payments</i>				
Catherine Camp	BP002	Clerks Salary	894.03	LGA(1972) s112
NCC – LGSS	BP003	Pension Contribution	321.96	LGA(1972) s112
Krishna Enterprises Ltd	BP004	Newsletter printing Inv	210.00	LGA(1972) s142
Catherine Camp	BP005	Clerk Expenses & Phone	75.99	LGA (1972) s111
Steve Hartwell	BP006	Mowing Inv 723	408.00	HA (1980) s96
Steve Hartwell	BP007	Mowing Inv 729	360.00	HA (1980) s96
E.ON Energy Solns Ltd	BP008	Street Lighting maintenance	21.00	HA (1980) s301
E.ON UK plc	BP009	Barby Monthly Street Lights	308.50	HA (1980) s301
E.ON UK plc	BP010	Onley Monthly Street Lights	107.50	Open Spaces Act 1906
Came & Company	BP011	Annual Insurance	TBC	LGA(1972) s140
<b>12</b>	<b>ONLEY</b>			
12.1	A Report on fun day on 7 <sup>th</sup> OCT to coincide with planting of the orchard at Onley Park was given. It was a great day with fantastic weather and 6 Apple trees and 2 plum trees were planted. Thanks to Samantha and Grant Haywood for organising the event.			
12.2	Installation of signage for the orchard was approved by the Parish Council. It was agreed that a bench could be installed the other side of the football field by the Community Orchard Group.			
12.3	To consider whether to allow any planting over and above the 6-8 fruit trees approved. It was agreed that no further trees should be planted. Concern was raised that trees planted at the rear of the garage block could cause problems at a later date. Cllr Lomax proposed that photographs be taken of the garages in their current state as a matter of record.			
12.4	It was reported that the WW1 Memorial Bench will arrive shortly. It was agreed that it will be situated near the notice board. The Clerk to arrange its collection and installation.			
12.5	To consider quotes for replacement of the Fence and Gate into Onley Play Area. Quotes of £1136 and £1425 had been received. There was discussion over whether the cost should be met from the Open Space fund or not. It was agreed to consider this spend following the budget meeting.			
	<i>At 22.00 Hrs as per Standing Order 3x The meeting resolved to deal with item 13.3 All other items to be noted and carried over if necessary to the next Agenda.</i>			
<b>13</b>	<b>YOUTH MATTERS</b>			
13.1	To note that the Onley Park Youth Club has ceased to run – to be discussed at the next meeting.			
13.2	To report on progress of Play Equipment upgrade. Awards for Decision can take up to 14 wks			
13.3	To note that Adult Gym Equipment was misquoted. It will cost £1995. A grant of £1000 has been obtained from Tesco Bags. It was <b>resolved</b> to look for an alternative supplier at a cheaper cost.			
13.4	Notification of AGM of Northants Association of Youth Clubs 15 October 2018 7pm Kings Park			
<b>14</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>			
14.1	To note that white lining of Welton Road is on hold due to NCC spending restrictions.			
14.2	Speed data from the Vehicle Activated Sign. This has been summarised in newsletter.			
14.3	Update on addition street lighting in Barby to be discussed at the next meeting.			
<b>15</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>			
15.1	Report on <b>71<sup>st</sup> Northants CALC AGM - Sat 6 Oct 18.</b>			
15.2	Notification of DDC Big Switch Energy saving initiative. Details in newsletter.			
15.3	Police and Crime Commissioners meeting; 23 Oct. Details forwarded to Dom Fisher.			
15.4	Northants CALC “Update” has been circulated to all Councillors by email.			
15.5	To respond to Proposed relocation of Daventry Library – Consultation open until 11 November.			

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15.6	Notification of three yearly review of Gambling Act 2005	
15.7	Poster warning residents about Scam mail. Displayed on the noticeboard.	
<b>16</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	
16.1	"Off to a Flying Start" training. 13 Nov 2018 6.30 -9pm Moulton CC. Cllr Wood to attend.	
16.2	Basics of Employment Thurs 22 November 2018	
16.3	Chairmanship Training 21 Jan 2019	
16.4	"Off to a Flying Start" training for new Councillors Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	

The meeting closed at 22.05

The next meeting of Barby & Onley Parish Council will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in Onley Village Hall.

PLEASE NOTE: While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of these minutes they are still subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Council and as such cannot be construed as an official record of this meeting until signed by the Chairman.

Signed: ..... Date: .....18