

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ON
MONDAY 10th DECEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

Item.	<p>Members present: Councillor Philip Reeve chaired the meeting with Councillors Maggie Dunn, Nicky Crouch, Matthew Parker and Peter Fisk. 3 members of the public were present.</p>													
1.0	<p><u>Chairman's welcome and to receive apologies for absence</u> Councillor Philip Reeve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Kate Trevitt.</p>													
2.0	<p><u>Council to consider co-opting Diana Boys onto the Council</u> Councillors resolved to co-opt Diana Boys back onto the Council after her resignation earlier in the year. Proposed Councillor Philip Reeve, seconded Councillor Maggie Dunn, unanimous decision.</p>													
3.0	<p><u>Open Public Session</u> A resident raised the issue of clearing the drains on the A143 and at the entrance to The Park. Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger was unable to comment on this as there is currently a complaint logged with the Ombudsman on this subject. The Clerk will confirm how often the 2 drains at the junction of The Park and the A143 are cleansed.</p>	LH												
4.0	<p><u>Report from Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger</u> Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger reported that the Council's request for taller white gates when entering the village on East Barton Road had been refused as the location does not fit the criteria for the taller gates. This will be referred and Councillor Hopfensperger will confirm the criteria. School Lane pot holes will be filled in Spring 2019 under the footways budget for access to the School. A visit to Rougham Depot will be arranged in January 2019. The drain outside the Village Hall has been unblocked and is currently working well. If the Parish Council wish Suffolk County Council to assess the speed limit on East Barton Road the initial safety assessment will cost approximately £1,000. The Council will then review the limit. Councillors have discussed this previously in regard to Mill Road and did not feel they could legitimately pay for this assessment from the precept. There was a discussion on the Connecting Communities Initiative.</p>	RH RH												
5.0	<p><u>Report from Sarah Broughton</u> Councillor Sarah Broughton reported that the decision as to whether West Suffolk will be a Borough or District Council will be made once the new Councillors are in place in 2019. Details of the bin emptying schedule over Christmas were given. Councillor Sarah Broughton will chase the request to have School Road footpath swept. St Edmundsbury Borough Council have offered to take away the debris from the Hall Park Residents Association clear up in the spring. A grant request has been submitted for the provision of a new pedestrian crossing on the A143, to help alleviate the air quality issue on The Street.</p>													
6.0	<p><u>Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations.</u> There were no declarations of interest or request for dispensations.</p>													
7.0	<p><u>Financial – Council to consider:</u></p>													
7.1	<p>a) Payment of Accounts – Council resolved to pay the following accounts. Proposed Councillor Philip Reeve, seconded Councillor Nicky Crouch, unanimous decision.</p>													
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	Gt Barton Thanksgiving Fund	Hall Hire Neighbourhood Plan	2055	£10.00																						
	Multisigns	'No vehicles' signs for Park Lane	2056	£27.00																						
	S Deare	Neighbourhood Plan Clerk salary/expenses	2057	£216.00																						
	L J Harley	Clerk's salary	S/O	£924.42																						
	Total payments December			£1,326.18																						
7.2	<p>b) Financial report from the Responsible Financial Officer including details of reserve budgets and spending against them, the bank reconciliations and any items arising from risk assessments</p> <p>Councillor Philip Reeve had checked the bank reconciliations which had been circulated to Councillors. There were no questions.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the following bank balances at 30/11/18:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Current A/C</td> <td>£25,897.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bus Reserve</td> <td>£60,406.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£86,303.35</td> </tr> </table>				Current A/C	£25,897.23	Bus Reserve	£60,406.12	TOTAL	£86,303.35																
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<u>7.4</u>	c) Councillor Philip Reeve is looking into extending the consultants appointment for the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultant will provide costing figures for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The working party will be accessing as much free support as is available, using volunteer resources and the consultant as efficiently as possible.	
<u>7.5</u>	d) An updated quote for maintenance work in Icepits Wood had been received and Councillor Matthew Parker offered to review. Councillor Philip Reeve will investigate a Woodland Management Plan.	MP PR
<u>7.6</u>	e) The Council resolved to earmark £50 for the Parish Council's tree for the Christmas tree festival at the church. Proposed Councillor Nicky Crouch, seconded Councillor Maggie Dunn, unanimous decision.	
<u>8.0</u>	<u>To sign the minutes of the Council meeting on 19th November 2018 and the Finance Committee meeting on 15th November 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting</u> The minutes of the Council meeting on 19 th November 2018 and the Finance Committee meeting on 15 th November were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Peter Fisk , unanimous decision.	
<u>9.0</u>	<u>Adoption of new policies for the General Data Protection Regulations</u> The clerk is in the process of updating the Council's policies following the new General Data Protection Regulations. They will be reviewed in January.	
<u>10.0</u>	<u>Chairman's Report</u> The Clerk will contact the Police to ask if the 4 new speed cameras available in Suffolk can visit Gt Barton. There was a discussion on the grass cutting of Maple Green in 2019. Councillor Philip Reeve and Councillor Diana Boys will liaise with Jo Churchill. A meeting for residents will be discussed at January's meeting.	LH DB PR LH
<u>11.0</u>	<u>Replacement Editor for newsletter</u> The council had reviewed 2 quotes for editing the newsletter of £1000+ per issue and £290 per issue. Volunteers are still being sought. The clerk will write to local schools and the GB Computer Club.	LH
<u>12.0</u>	<u>Updates on Village Projects</u> An update on the Neighbourhood Plan had already been given.	
<u>13.0</u>	<u>Councillors Reports</u> Councillor Maggie Dunn gave an update on the Poppy project, with the wreath made by the primary school being placed at the Menim Gate. The clerk will share the photos with the school. Councillor Maggie Dunn will give a short talk on Safeguarding at the January meeting.	LH MD
<u>14.0</u>	<u>Council to sign the minutes of the planning meeting on 3rd December 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting and review the completed planning applications from St Edmundsbury Borough Council</u> The minutes of the planning meeting on 3 rd December 218 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor Maggie Dunn, seconded Councillor Philip Reeve, unanimous decision. Council reviewed the completed applications from St Edmundsbury Borough Council.	
<u>15.0</u>	<u>Correspondence</u> There were no items of correspondence.	
<u>16.0</u>	<u>Urgent Business</u> Speeding on Livermere Road was raised. The clerk will arrange to have the Vehicle Activated Sign mounting post, which is loose in the ground, concreted in and will request an alternative site on Livermere Road. Councillors agreed that the Clerk could attend an Election training course.	LH

<p>17.0</p>	<p><u>Closing Public Session</u> The Clerk will investigate the cost of multi use signs for the bins in the village.</p> <p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm</p> <p>CHAIRMAN Sign and print name</p> <p>Signed as confirmation that these minutes are a true record.</p>	<p>LJH</p>
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