

BARHAM AND WOOLLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Wednesday 24th February 2021 held online due to Covid 19 restrictions.

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Approved and signed minutes from the definitive legal record of council business. In the interest of early publication for residents, the notice board carries text of draft minutes awaiting approval. Draft minutes may sometimes be amended at the next council meeting before being signed. If amendments are made, this will be noted in the draft minutes of the next meeting.

Councillors Present: Mr P Harrison Chair

Mrs C Grove-Price
Mr N Grundy
Mr T Massey

- 1. Chairman:** The meeting commenced at 19.30 with Mr P Harrison chairing and opening the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** None
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting-** Minutes have been circulated, no amendments were required. The Council moved to accept them as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Mr N Grundy, seconded by Mrs C Grove-Price. The previous minutes from December were not signed due to the meeting being held online and will be signed when the situation allows.
- 4 Matters arising.**
None
- 5 Pecuniary interest:** None were disclosed concerning any of the Agenda items.
- 6 Correspondence:** There have been 2 planning applications received since the last meeting, and both have been replied to with the Parish Councils comments. The comments are on the HDC Planning Portal, along with the full planning applications.
- 7. Treasurer/RFO report:** Mr Massey has acknowledged to HDC that the precept set is £800 for the coming year, 2021-2022.

He reports that there is just over £3000 in the finances, £500 of which is earmarked for the pond project, so around £2500 available. He asked that the spending be brought forward from the May meeting, which includes the CAPALC annual fee, insurance, the Clerks honorarium, the website hosting, and a donation to the PCC for the use of the Church for meetings.

Mrs Grove-Price proposed, seconded by Mr Grundy, that the PCC money be paid as usual as the Church has not had any income during the pandemic, and although the Parish

Parish Council meetings have been held online due to the pandemic ,but it was felt that this would be a suitable gesture as the Church has not had any income in the past year. It was unanimous that the PCC be paid £60, which was proposed by Mr Harrison and seconded by Mrs Grove-Price.

The Clerk would send her invoice for £100 to Mr Massey for payment.

Mr Massey also requested that he spend approx.. £100 to add some security software onto his computer that he uses on behalf of the Parish Council for his Financial Officer duties. This was agreed as proposed by Mr Grundy and seconded by Mrs Grove-Price.

8. Luton Airport Consultation: The public consultation period closed at the beginning of February, and the Parish Council have seen copies of letters sent from both local MP's to the consultation, both disagreeing that the holding area should be over the local communities. There was some indication from one of them that perhaps the area could be moved further North, but this would still affect Barham & Woolley villages. It was discussed briefly, and there is nothing that can be done apart from wait and see what the outcome is.

9. Post Office Van: Clerk contacted by Spaldwick Parish Council who are trying to talk to the lady that runs the van, but they were uncertain if it had still been in the local villages during the pandemic. Clerk has left this with them as they have said they will report when they have moved forward with this project.

10. Any other business: There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor as Mr Williams has stepped down, Clerk will send a letter of thanks to Mr Williams. Mr Grundy suggested that the Clerk send out a message to the Barham Village group via whatsapp to ask if anyone would be interested in filling the vacancy, and to email if they were.

Mrs Grove-Price said that there are numerous potholes along the road between Barham & Buckworth, and that the local verges had once again been damaged due to traffic cutting through the villages as the A14 has been closed nights for roadworks. Also the road between Woolley and A14 was the same. She suggested passing places be made to allow traffic to pass easier. Mr Grundy advised that most of the potholes had been reported to Highways via their online website and were due to be looked at.

Mr Grundy also advised that the new Church Gate and Noticeboard were about to be installed, weather permitting.

11. Date, time and place of next meeting: Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.30pm, which will be the AGM, followed by a Parish Council Meeting. These will also be online meetings due to Covid 19 restrictions. If any members of the public wish to watch these meetings please contact the Clerk the week of them for the access details.

Meeting closed at 19.55

Signed by the Clerk..... Date.....

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