

**Minutes of the Barlaston Parish Council Meeting-
Held on Tuesday 2nd. December 2014.**

Present: – Gareth Jones
Chairman

Viv O'Dunne	Sara Fearn
Patrick Linehan	John Russell
Ian Macmillan	Sarah Broome
Paul Fisher	Tony Dodd
Elaine Philpott	

Apologies: Lynne Bakker Collier, Councillor Ian Parry, Steve Hall

In attendance: PCSO Rebecca Powell; Sara Morris, Erica Calladine, Jo Gent, Kerry Ashdown (Stafford Newsletter)

Open Forum

298. P.C.S.O. Rebecca Powell was welcomed and thanked for the police support for the Remembrance Sunday Service; the parade route had to change at the last minute as the Methodist Church service overran so Park Drive and Meaford Road were omitted from the route at the last minute.

299. Councillor Dodd asked if a recent on the Barlaston Park estate had been dealt with; the police had dealt with the matter but no further details could be given.

300. Councillor Russell raised the problem of HGVs entering and leaving the building site off Old Road and the muddy road surface caused by the excavations. The Police would look into the issue as it was a hazard.

301. Members of the Barlaston Herons WI presented a well-argued and thorough proposal to install public access defibrillators, notes on the importance of local sites for defibrillators were made and several ideas on developing up to 10 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) placed around the village were outlined. It was noted that grants were available through the British Heart Foundation which would allow the purchase by the group of a defibrillator for £400 c.f. £1295 RRP. The recommended cabinets for the defibrillators cost £525 from Turtle Engineering but there is an installation charge as well as a maintenance cost.

302. The Council welcomed the proposal and thanked the ladies for their presentation; it was agreed to discuss the matter as planned as an agreed agenda item later in the meeting. The group were seeking support from the Council for the cabinets and installation of the first 2 defibrillators in the village.

303. There were no declarations of interest made before the meeting began.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 4th. 2014

304: RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on November 4 th be approved and signed by the Chairman.
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Matters arising

305. Re. Minute 259: It was agreed that the Clerk write to Jo Gent thanking the ladies who had made the poppies that had been placed on the Village Green in November.

306. Re. Minute 260: this matter was in abeyance until Stone Rural Parish Council met in January 2015; the toposcope should be covered for insurance.

307. Re. Minute 263: It was noted that the new Vicar, Helen Barton would take up her post on February 21st. 2015.

308. Re. Minute 268: Councillor Parry had indicated to the Clerk that the local bus services were to be reviewed in January 2015 based upon the volume of use since July 2014 and the request for the 101 to pass through Barlaston every hour would be discussed.

309. Re. Minute 269p.): After discussion the Council agreed to donate £180 towards the cost of a disco at the recent Frozen event organised by the Village Show Committee; it was agreed that the event had been a success but there had been significant costs incurred by committee members and it was agreed to support the group as they were working towards creating a fund for the annual Village Show.

310. Re. Minute 284: The December meeting date for 2015 was moved back a week to the 8th.

311. Re. Minute 286: The boat had finally moved and the resultant fly tipping had been removed; a working party for the canal was needed for February 2015.

312. Re. Minute 288: The Clerk was writing to Highways on a number of traffic issues as well as issues with damaged verges and untidy Streetscene in Station Road.

313. Re. Minute 290: The Clerk had actioned this request.

314. Re. Minute 291: In his report the Clerk had outlined the response to his request to One Stop shop and Central Network re traffic congestion in the vicinity of the level crossing.

Report by Chairman & Borough Councillors

315. The Chairman reported the focus for the evening would be the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and curtailed his report.

Report by County Councillor

316. The Clerk reported that Councillor Parry had expressed ongoing frustration regarding the proposed sale of Wedgwood Memorial College and that no further meetings between the two Councils had taken place.

Finance Report

317. The following items were considered and approved.

	NET	VAT	Total Cost
a.) N. Hemmings Allowance	£56.72		£56.72
b.) Postage Stamps			
c.) Daffodil Bulbs-village green			
d.) PJS Landscapes-monthly Cemetery Maintenance	£241.00	£48.20	£289.00
e.) TCE Ltd.-plaque	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00
f.) J. E. Poultney- 9 planters refilling	£153.00		£153.00
g.) Biffa Waste – Cricket Club & Village Hall	£53.57 £169.39	10.71 £33.88	£64.28 £203.27
h.) Barlaston Village Show Committee-donation for Frozen event	£180.00		£180.00

i.) The November salaries for the Clerk, Transport Co-ordinator and litter picker have been met.

j.) A Finance Committee would be held in late December to discuss the 2015/16 Budget and Precept.

Planning Update

318. The Planning Committee had met earlier in the evening and would submit comments of no objection regarding the five applications considered but would lodge an objection to the proposal for an extension at 9, Longton Road, until the boundary dispute had been settled.

Neighbourhood Plan

318. The Chairman encouraged Councillors to support the ongoing development of the Neighbourhood Plan and asked the Clerk to report recent progress and developments. He

firmly believed progress towards an approved plan would assist in directing planning applications in line with agreed local priorities; notably no development in the greenbelt.

319. The Clerk had attended a Locality Conference in November that focussed on all aspects of Neighbourhood Planning. He reported on the most appropriate way forward to take the plan to the draft stage. After discussion and clarification the following actions were agreed:

- a. To develop 5 Steering Groups and Councillors were allocated to groups and a schedule of meetings would be circulated and publicised in the Heron.
- b. That the Councillors would invite residents to sit on the steering groups.
- c. The Clerk had obtained two plans from villages similar to Barlaston in size and character and he would formulate his draft using a template that had been successful in the inspection process.
- d. Grant aid of up to £7000 would be sought to support the development of the plan.
- e. The Settlement Boundary was amended for further consideration by the Borough Council and was broadly in line with the former residential development boundary.
- f. To use Urban Vision to support the strength of the plan in relation to the national inspection framework.
- g. Stafford B.C. input support and views would be sought on a regular basis.
- h. The way forward for 2015 would be to aim for a draft plan to be put for consultation by mid-2015.

Voluntary Transport Scheme

320. There had been 23 lifts in November.

The Heron

321. An edition would be prepared for distribution towards the middle of January.

Matters arising from the Open Forum.

322. It was agreed to support the development of the provision of defibrillators in the Parish; it was agreed to support the purchase of the first two cabinets and their installation as soon as they had been acquired by the WI Herons.

323. It was also agreed that up to 8 further defibrillators would be needed to complete reasonable and effective access across the village and that as an ongoing project finance should be set aside in the budget from 2015 to support the development of the scheme; possibly this would mean raising the parish precept.

324. It was important that the Herons WI group advise the Council of their plans and also liaise with them; it was agreed that Councillors O'Dunne and Fearn act as links in this capacity.

Correspondence and Clerk's Report

325. The Clerk's actions were noted and agreed.

326. The Clerk would pursue the purchase of a new noticeboard to be sited by the canal towpath and Councillor Philpott would look to draft a revised schematic map of the village.

327. The Clerk reported on complaints relating to odour from effluent being pumped onto farmland adjacent to Blurton Road. He had reported the matter to the Environment Agency who were looking into the source of the effluent. The police had also been informed of the traffic hazard the lorries pumping the waste had caused at varying times of the day.

Any other business – Agenda items for the Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday January 6th 2015.

328. None raised.

Note by Clerk

329. The Parish Council meeting closed and members re-convened as the Village Hall Trustees.

Village Hall Committee Report

330. Nothing to report.

Chairman

