

**Minutes of the Barlaston Parish Council Meeting-
Held on Tuesday December 1st. 2015.**

Present: – Gareth Jones
Chairman

Elaine Philpott	Ian Macmillan
Patrick Linehan	Max Robinson
Steve Hall	Andy Gent
Tony Dodd	

Apologies: Viv O'Dunne, Sarah Broome, Paul Fisher

In attendance: No one

Open Forum

215. No matters arising.

Minutes of the meeting held on November 3rd. 2015

216. RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on November 3 rd . 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

217. Re. Minute 191: It was agreed to pursue this.

218. Re. Minute 195: No information regarding the potential sale of Wedgwood Memorial College was available.

219. Re. Minute 196: The Clerk had written to Ann Howard to thank her for all her work as the village litter picker and she had been presented with a bouquet as a mark of appreciation. It was agreed to offer the work to Malcolm Moorewood.

220. Re. Minute 220 h.): It was agreed to have the same number of Civic Amenity Visits in 2016 as in 2015; it was noted that the recycling facility bins on the Green car park would be removed by the Borough Council in 2016 as alternatives were available locally.

221. Re. Minute 205: It was agreed a better public address system was needed.

Report by Chairman & Borough Councillor

222. The Chairman reported on the recent Barlaston Park Walkabout.

223. The presentation of a Certificate of Commendation to Michala Black and the Barlaston Wombles had been a success.

224. The recent update re HS2 was noted.

Report by County Councillor

225. No report

Finance Report

226 . The Following items were considered and agreed.

a.) N. Hemmings-allowance	£48.00		£48.00
b.) Litter bin chain	£3.75		£3.75
c.) Picture Frames	£ 30.00		£30.00
d.) PJS Landscapes-monthly Cemetery Maintenance	£246.00	£49.20	£295.20
e.) Town & country Services- cleaning road signs	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00
f.) C. Roberts- litter bin	£70.00		£70.00
g.) Urban Vision- site allocation meetings	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
h.) J. Poultney-refilling planters	£268.00		£268.00
i.) Grey Tile Ltd- 2 defibrillators.	£2100.00*	£420.00	£2520.00
j.) Biffa Waste Services			£286.22

* received from Barlaston Herons W.I.

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

l.) The Finance Committee would meet on December 29th.

Voluntary Transport Scheme

227. There had been 19 lifts in November.

Planning Update

228. The Planning Committee had met earlier and comments would be submitted on applications received.

Neighbourhood Plan

229. The Clerk outlined the results of the recent Housing Needs Assessment survey that confirmed 4 identified sites inside the settlement boundary the Council would put forward for housing development. These were:

- a. land adjacent to the canal to the north of One Stop.
- b. land at Rock House
- c. land at the Limes on Station Road
- d. land at Estoril on Station Road.

Barlaston Community Group

230. Councillor Linehan outlined the planned events that included a film night in January.

231. The Clerk reported on joyriders across parts of the Village Green.

232. It was agreed to cost the removal of the shrubs opposite the Plume of Feathers.

Matters arising from the Open Forum

233. No further actions needed

Correspondence and Clerk's Report

234. The Clerk's actions from his report were noted and agreed.

235. The Chairman would ensure that the Christmas lights on the Green be switched on.

236. There had not been a lot of interest in the allotment plots off Meadow Road by residents.

Any other business – Agenda items for the Parish Meeting to be held on Tuesday January 12th. 2015.

237. None.

238. Councillor Robinson outlined the potential cost of £1500 to develop a 60 square metre strip of wild flowers on the Green. It was agreed to budget for this. The quote was from Pictorial Meadows and the type of blend of flowers could be amended depending on the soil type, drainage and aspect of the site.

Note by Clerk

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

Village Hall Committee Report

240. The revised hiring charges for local groups were noted and welcomed.

Chairman

