MINUTES of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Barton CB23 7BD.

Present:       Bev Edwards BE    Margaret Penston MP
              Andrew Friend AF
              Nigel Siddall NS    Sarah Thomas ST
              Hugh Greenfield HG   Barbara Tomes BT
              Lorraine Mooney LM   Clerk Patrick De Backer PDB

Absent: County Councillor Stephen Frost SF. District Councillor Francis Burkitt FB; Mike Radford MR.

Open Forum. One couple came to give thanks in person for the repairs to the Kings Grove path. Another parishioner sought advice about planning issues and solar panels (to be advised by Email). The former Clerk then attended the meeting.

MINUTES

ACTION

1617. Apologies: none
1618. Minutes of the Meeting of 4th October were approved and signed.
1619. Matters arising from the minutes: covered elsewhere.
1620. Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda: HG item 1625.
1621. Financial Matters approved:

a. RECEIPTS  voucher  received  particulars of receipt total receipts
   2016 no. from  of payment of receipt
   10 Oct  670  Lloyds Bank  bank interest Oct 16  1.53
   13 Oct  671  BRIG     pitch fees Aug 16  84.00
   13 Oct  672  BRIG     water refund Feb-July 16  53.95
   18 Oct  673  SCDC    grant Foxcotte bus shelter  1500.00

b. PAYMENTS  voucher  paid  particulars of payment nett payments VAT
   2016 no. to  payment of payment
   5 Oct  1178  The CGM Group East Anglia Ltd. Rec cut 13 Sept  66.03  13.21
   17 Oct  1179  The CGM Group East Anglia Ltd. verge cuts  912.00  182.40
   1 Nov  1180  P. De Backer  Clerk's nett salary Oct 16  331.64
   1 Nov  1181  The CGM Group East Anglia Ltd. Rec cut 26 Sept  66.03  13.21
   1 Nov  1182  P. De Backer  Clerk's expenses July-Oct 16  18.40
   1 Nov  1183  BRIG      Annual grant 2016  1000.00
   1 Nov  1184  Barton Parish Institute Annual grant 2016  500.00

c. Half year Financial Review had been circulated.

d. Budget: tentative suggestions were made for 2017-8 projects and setting of precept.
to be finalised at Dec. meeting. Possibly allocate £275 for examination of school parking provision at Burwash. A moderate increase of 2.5% or 5% of precept might cover inflationary costs. Any comments for revision to Clerk by 20 Nov.

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<td>S/2368/16/FL Ms Fielder 51, New Road, Barton CB23 7AY, proposed two storey rear extension.</td>
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<td>TP514 Mr. Simon Johnson, 50 High Street, Barton CB23 7BG for work at 44 High Street, Barton CB23 7BG, reduce the 3 crowns overhanging the boundary of a new construction.</td>
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<td>S/2586/16/FL Ms Cherry Garland, 1 Haslingfield Road, Barton CB23 7AG, construction of a new detached dwelling house and single garage in part of the front garden of an existing semi-detached dwelling house. Recommend approval.</td>
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| 1623. | County Councillor Report: none |
| 1624. | District Councillor Report: none, some disappointment at that. |
| City Deal developments: | www.qccitydeal.co.uk |
| PCCP: | the plan for peak-time congestion control points is under review following thousands of responses and a great deal of public criticism. The City Deal Board is looking again at demand management to reduce congestion. |
| Busway: | there has been a massive public outcry to the plan to drive a dedicated new busway through Coton. The preferred route passes through a historic orchard and also covenanted National Trust land and within feet of several houses. Including a new bridge over the M11, the total cost is over £141m. Heidi Allen, Daniel Zeichner and Julian Huppert all oppose the scheme. The City Deal Board has agreed to a topological study of Madingley Rise and has also agreed to consider a proposal for a separate cycle superhighway so that the bus and cycle routes can be separated, making it less necessary to have a wide road for the busway. If the fight is lost, then there will be a legal challenge – Coton Parish Council has already allocated funds and also an appeal to the Planning Inspector. There is also concern about the proposal for a P&R on Crone Lea farm. The City Deal Board has agreed to consider the Scotland Farm option. The “Save The West Fields” group is concerned that the plans to run the new busway into the West Fields will support College plans to build up to 3,500 houses on 266 acres north of Barton Road and also at least 1,000 houses on land of similar size south of Barton Road. These sites are being assessed as omission sites by the Planning Inspector. |
| Western Orbital: | It is understood that the current preference is for a dedicated busway to be built on farmland to the east of the M11, possibly meeting up with the Cambourne to Cambridge busway. The preferred route was to have been announced in October 2016, but it is understood that it has been delayed into next year because it is so controversial. |
| Revision of Girton interchange: | Councillors resolved, prop LM, sec BT, nem con, to sign a document prepared by Colin Harris of Cambridge Connect emphasising the importance of an all-ways connection at the Girton Interchange. The Local Liaison Forum has criticised the City Deal Board for not supporting this proposal and has issued a Freedom Of Information request to the County Council asking them to release all their documents relating to the Girton Interchange. |
### Resignations:
Professor Nigel Slater has resigned from the City Deal Board. He was the University's representative. John Bridge OBE, chief executive of Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce had resigned from the board in May in protest over congestion-calming plans. The Board is now down to 3 members - Lewis Herbert (City Council), Francis Burkitt (District Council) and Ian Bates (County Council).

### Greenways:
Councillors learnt with some alarm that a county report on cycle routes into Cambridge had just been published, without any consultation of the parish, and enthusiastically endorsed by FB. Although cyclists may be favourable to the tarmacking of bridleways, many walkers and horse riders do not want the countryside covered in concrete. Clerk to contact CambsCC and FB.

### 1625. Recreation Ground:
A request to place adverts at the Bowls Green was rejected as being too obtrusive in a conservation area. A meeting of Rec. Ground Comm. was scheduled for Saturday 12 Nov 9am at the Pavilion. Some rivets have popped out at the skateramp, with play on some boards; the Clerk is in contact with Vica SL, as the work was completed in Feb 2016.

### 1626. Highways:
- **a** Current LHI bids: Councillors accepted the drawings from the Road Engineer for double lines outside the school. The possible insertion of yellow lines in High St. was discussed, but not pursued.
- **b** Current cycleway upgrade is now almost complete. Cycleway improvements suggested by Natasha Hodge who has lobbied Mike Davies (Jason Tyrrell's manager) for improvements to the cycleway, in particular at the junction with the M11. He has asked Susan Rooke to meet us to discuss the requirements and it is planned to hold a meeting in the Pavilion on Thursday 17th November at 6pm. Please come if you can make a contribution – a Doodle poll is on the way. This might lead to a public meeting at a later date.

### 1627. Council procedures update:
- **a** Barton PC achieved the Quality Award, a step up from the previous Foundation level, as part of the national Local Council Award Scheme.
- **b** SCDC Parish Planning Forum Monday 10th October, Cambourne, PDB attended: most communications will now be electronic, although at parish level a paper plan is very useful; until end of 2017 there will be a presumption in favour of development; parish councils should liaise with developers to shape proposals.
- **c** CAPALC AGM Thur 15 Dec 6.30pm Histon.
- **d** The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published its final recommendations for new electoral arrangements for South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Commission's final recommendations propose that South Cambridgeshire should be represented by 45 district councillors in the future: twelve fewer than the current arrangement. The recommendations also propose that those councillors should represent five three-member wards, nine two-member wards and twelve single-member wards across the district. Full details of the final recommendations are available on the Commission's website at [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

However, despite local protests, they have decided to create a Harston and Comberton Ward with three councillors. The draft Order provides for the new electoral arrangements to come into force at the council elections in 2018.

### 1628. Neighbourhood Watch:
There were three crimes reported in August - two burglaries and one violent offence. Since then, we've had a theft of fuel from a lorry in Cambridge Road, but no other crimes reported.

MP attended the Police Panel Meeting on 19th October; the police are targeting key crime streets and warning about increased cybercrime.
BE went to the Neighbourhood Watch AGM on 22nd October. There were several interesting talks with Jason Ablewhites’s being the most informative. He is our new Police and Crime Commissioner and is very approachable. He holds surgeries across the County. £16m has been taken out of the budget and there is another £7m to follow, so maintaining staff levels is a major issue. The police are sharing costs with 6 other forces and working closely with other agencies. For instance, police officers spend a total of 50 hours a day sitting in A&E departments supporting people with mental health problems and are trying to involve social workers more. The police assure us that their main aim is to keep us safe, but they are having to spend more time dealing with domestic abuse, counter terrorism, online crime, slavery and other issues. Technology is helping them to continue to reduce crime levels, but preventing and detecting crime are becoming more challenging. Invitation to join Business Watch to be sorted by Chair and Clerk.

1629. **Barton BeaVers & small works**: Most BV work this last month has revolved round the bus shelter project. One letter of complaint about the elaborate shelter received, but £1500 grant obtained from SCDC Community Chest. There has been some additional tarmac patching on the Kings Grove footpath, and some work in Church Close.

1630. **Barton Energy Group BEG**: nothing to report.

1631. **Miscellaneous items:**
   a. Affordable housing: report on 3-4 sites awaited.
   b. Response of diocese to transfer of land from Church Close: Councillors suggested further deliberation with MP, PDB and Church; gift of land might entail Church taking up legal fees. Plot of land adjoining might also be explored.
   c. Provision of defibrillator training pending.
   d. Grant for projector applied for from Dulverton Trust Fund.

1632. **Clerk’s Report and Correspondence:**
   a. Update on Wimpole Road pump: none.
   b. Recent items: concern about hedge removal at Mailes Close; as far as known, farmer has access rights to Burwash land.

1633. **Next Council meeting**: **Tuesday 6th December 2016** 7.30pm in the Village Hall.
   a. **Deferred items**: possible Neighbourhood Plan.
   b. **New items**: ??

Future meeting: **Tuesday 3rd January**