**Minutes of Barston Parish Council**

**Barston Institute**

**9th May 2018 – 8.30pm**

Following the AGM, Chair Jez Emmett opened the meeting at 8.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. Cookes, Hadley, Bates, Lyon and clerk Ken Flood.

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Parishioners Attending:** 19 present
3. **Minutes of Last Meetings:** Both read and approved.
4. **Matters Arising:**

* The new phone box has arrived. Some discussion ensued regarding its secure placement and Cllr. Cookes undertook to manage that. A cheque for £3,050 (£3,300 in total) was presented to Umberslade Limited who will refund £1,400 on the old box.
* ANPR replacement system is now fully operating with Blacklist facility.
* Bank signatures had bee sorted in readiness for a transition to online banking although Lloyds have not yet implanted the mandate.

1. **Open Forum:**

No matters raised.

1. **Finance Matters:**

The April Precept received, 9 cheques were signed including annual donations to St Swithens and Barston Institute. WALC and CPRE membership were renewed with the annual Insurance policy. Cllr Cookes was settled in relation to his refurbishment of the notice boards. Simon Wilcox received a vote of thanks for his support as internal auditor.

1. **Airport / Fund Matters:**

Cllr Lyon submitted a report in relation to the Airport Fund. In essence, she dealt with the disputed invoice from Essex Chambers with Michael Caplan over the telephone in October during which she rejected their invoice and gave her reasons for doing that. Cllr Lyon has heard nothing from them since that time and consequently, considers the matter closed.

Following discussion, it was decided to refund all donations pro rata using the remaining monies in the fund (c.£2,200). £200 of that was a cash payment and the donor is anonymous; therefore, that amount will be retained.

There was no further word from CAA’s Stuart Lindsay on the publication of the PIR.

1. **Planning Matters:**

We had received 4 applications, no objections. The situation with Building Control in relation to Wharley Hall was noted.

1. **Highways & Environment Matters:**

The Chair would speak to Phil, our liaison officer about progressing work on potholes and failure to achieve movement on the matter would cause Cllr Emmett to invite Ashley prior to the next meeting.

Some discussion took place regarding tree preservation and car parking around and in relation to the Garden Centre development. This required further investigation and the clerk undertook to do that and report in July.

A parishioner asked about drainage and road conditions in Brook Green Lane and Wood Lane. Some discussion took place about its continued use as an off road facility. The gates remain but are now unlocked.

1. **Security Matters**

The Chair reported that the application for a £15,000 grant was still looking positive and asked all to notify promptly of any damage. Simon of Walsall End Lane agreed to tend to the grass around the ANPR signage. Police are now contacting Cllr Emmett for information on specific vehicle movements. The small ANPR notices have been ordered but now need to be chased.

Insurance would be dealt with by the property owners and reimbursed by BPC.

1. **Design Statement:**

No comments had been received from parishioners from the publication on the website. The matter would be picked up in July.

1. **AOB:**

Caroline Wilden proposed that the parish council pursue a strategy of obtaining Right To Bid in relation to Bulls Head. Cllr Emmett put the proposal to the floor. Sensitivity noted, all present felt that the matter should be pursued.

Pete Sumner advertised Barston Association’s annual barbecue at the golf club on 7th July for which, any local business sponsorship would be appreciated.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

1. **Next Meeting Date – 11th July 2018**

Ken Flood Clerk 10th May 2018