

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting**  
of Barrowden Parish Council held at  
**St Peter's Church, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.15pm**

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**Public Forum:** Members of the public may ask questions or make short statements on items relating to the Agenda, below or request topics for future meetings.

There was one member of the public present who raised a question on the maintenance of Mill Pond. The clerk confirmed that Burghley Estates had been contacted and a request for works to be carried out was made. The Clerk will contact them again as the issue has not been resolved.

A question was raised in relation to the water leak on Main Street. Cllr K Payne provided an update. Severn Trent Water have been contacted again as the leak is not, as previously thought, related to the leak further up the street that has now been repaired. A further call will be made to provide Severn Trent Water with information that Cllr M Hardwick was able to provide that may assist the water company in resolving the issue.

Susan Pickwood informed the council that invites had been sent out to all those eligible for the Flu and Covid Vaccines.

- 2024/11/01 **Record of Members Present**  
Cllr M Ferrow, C Arscott, J Nichols, P Jones, K Payne and M Hardwick  
Also in attendance was Clerk to the Council D Rolfe and CCllr M Farrina
- 2024/11/02 To receive and approve **Apologies for Absence**  
There were none
- 2024/11/03 **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests:** To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any requests for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests'  
A declaration of interest was received from Cllr Karen Payne in respect of her County Council responsibilities and in particular her membership of the Planning Committee at RCC.
- 2024/11/04 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed by a unanimous vote in favour to accept the minutes of meeting dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 as a true and accurate record. The chair signed the minutes.
- 2024/11/05 To receive any Matters Arising for information exchange *[NB Matters Arising may only appertain to the immediately preceding Parish Council Meetings - i.e., 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024]*  
Cllr M Hardwick provided an update on a previous agenda item – Information on the wording for the signs for the allotments has been supplied to Cllr P Jones and they are now in the process of being made.
- 2024/11/06 To receive and approve Financial statement from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and note payments made from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 as per reports attached  
**RESOLVED** - It was agreed by a unanimous vote in favour to accept the financial report dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 as a true and accurate record and to note payments made from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. The chair signed the report
- 2024/11/07 To discuss 1<sup>st</sup> draft of Precept for 2025/26 and receive update on Asset Register  
The Clerk shared the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the precept with the council. This is still in its infancy stage and the council were asked to consider an increase in the budgets for Tree and Pond maintenance. The clerk will continue to gather information and financial data that will ensure a fair budget is set for the Parish. The asset register has been reviewed, there are no major issues to report on any the village assets.
- 2024/11/08 To note increase in Clerk pay of £0.63 per hour in line with the NALC Local Government Services Pay Agreement for 2024/25 - **NOTED**

- 2024/11/09 To receive update on Public Works Loan in respect of Barrowden Village Hall  
It is confirmed that a payment of £49975.00 has now been made to Barrowden Village Hall.
- 2024/11/10 To discuss and approve response to Rutland County Council and to note decisions made in relation to Planning Applications  
**APPLICATIONS**  
2024-1204-CAT – 10 Dovecote Close - **NO OBJECTIONS**  
**DECISIONS**  
2024-0959-PAD - REFUSED  
2024-0890-CAT – APPROVED  
2024-1013-CAT – APPROVED  
2024-1077-CAT - APPROVED
- 2024/11/11 To receive update on S106 applications and approve quote for works to be carried out on the Village Pond  
A discussion was held in relation to the S106 monies and applications received so far. It was agreed that these could be presented at the December meeting for consideration. Information on how to apply for S106 monies are available on the website.  
**RESLOVED** -The Parish Council approved by a unanimous vote in favour to allocate £3000 to the maintenance of the Pond.  
It was agreed that a sum of £9000.00 would be set aside to upgrade the Playpark. Cllr J Nichols and Cllr C Arscott will engage with the local community to determine what new equipment would be preferred in the park.
- 2024/11/12 To discuss and approve response to Rutland County Council in respect of the Rutland Local Plan – Section 19  
The Council has no further comments to make.
- 2024/11/13 External items from outside the parish, including reports from any external meetings attended and the monthly Crime and Police Report
  - Clerk attended a course on the new sexual harassment laws coming into place on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024. – A new policy will be presented to the council for approval at the January meeting.
- 2024/11/14 To receive and note future Agenda items from Councillors
  - The use of a Post Office Card for Clerk expenses
  - The switch from our current IT and website provider Cuttlefish
- 2024/11/15 Meeting closed at **20.49** and confirmation of next meeting date as 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 19.15

Debbie Rolfe  
Clerk to Barrowden Parish Council  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2024