

BARLING MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL held Thursday 14th September 2023, in the Barling Magna Parish Hall, Barling Magna, Essex.

Present: Councillors Efde, Myers, McKillop, Bright and District and County Cllr Steptoe (Chair)

Attending: Clerk Sally Faulkner
Admin Assistant Steph Rochester

MINUTES

71/23 The Chairman to declare the meeting open.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.00 pm.

72/23 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ashdown, Edmonds and Glover, District Cllr Myers, District Cllr Gooding, and District Cllr Williams.

73/23 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and with section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

73/23.1 All Councillors declared an interest as all trustees of Barling Magna Parish Hall.

73/23.2 Councillors Ashdown, Myers, Glover, and Steptoe declared a financial interest as parishioners.

73/23.3 Councillor Steptoe declared an interest in any matters relating to the County or District Councils. In any planning matter, he reserves the right to change his mind when the matter is considered by the District and County Council.

73/23.4 Councillor Efde declared an interest in any matters relating to District Council. In any planning matter, he reserves the right to change his mind when the matter is considered by the District Council.

74/23 To approve the minutes of the Previous meeting:

74/23.1 Minutes from meeting held on 10th August 2023 proposed by Cllr Efde and seconded by Cllr McKillop agreed by all.

75/23 The meeting will stand adjourned to permit parishioners of Barling Magna to address the council.

75/23.1 No parishioners present.

76/23 Financial matters

76/23.1 Payment Schedule proposed by Cllr McKillop and seconded by Cllr Myers.

76/23.2 Clerk advised that volunteers at WLR will buy food and send in receipts to the amount of £50. Proposed by Cllr Steptoe and seconded by Cllr McKillop.

77/23 Clerks Report

77/23.1 Admin asked if Cllrs would prefer roofers to be contacted rather than damp specialists. Cllrs agreed.

77/23.2 Admin showed Cllrs the items bought. Cllrs agreed chain of office will need to be placed on insurance.

77/23.3 Admin showed Cllrs Vice chain of office quotes. Cllrs agreed on quote and advised admin £150 is the maximum they wish to spend. Proposed by Cllr Steptoe and Seconded by Cllr McKillop.

77/23.4 Admin advised caretaker had been contacted. Cllrs agreed no more than £240 to be spent on parts needed for floor machine. Proposed by Cllr Steptoe and seconded by Cllr McKillop.

77/23.5 Clerk advised to send details over to admin to aid with phone and broadband quotes.

77/23.6 Council agreed a date of 28th September 2023 at 7pm. Cllr Efde sends apologies.

77/23.7 Clerk gave details on frost fayre. Cllrs agreed to let hall free of charge.

Cllr McPherson arrived at 7:21pm

78/23 Committee Reports

78/23.1 Finance Committee - No meeting held. Clerk asked to add admin to core training courses. Council agreed.

78/23.2 Wildlife Committee - Cllr Myers updated Cllrs on meeting held.

- a. Park and animals are doing well,
- b. Bins are not being emptied as often as they should be and to contact caretaker Steve Pavelin,
- c. Map for WLR is in progression,
- d. Volunteers will design and send Council the costs for materials of the bike racks.
- e. Council agreed £40 to be spent on tools needed. Proposed by Cllr Steptoe Seconded by Cllr McKillop
- f. Volunteers would like a copy of their certificates placed in the barn.
- g. Admin to research cctv bird boxes.

79/23 Parish Hall

79/23.1 Admin advised fence panel is broken at hall. Cllrs advised to contact Cllr Ashdown.

79/23.2 Cllr Steptoe asked for an update on honour boards. Clerk advised that we are in contact and should have a decision by next meeting.

79/23.3 Cllr Steptoe advised door lock on committee room not working Admin will contact Cllr Edmonds son in regards to this.

79/23.4 Cllr Steptoe advised that the swinging door is catching on the floor. Admin asked to contact Cllr Edmonds Son.

79/23.5 Admin showed the quote for hand dryers. Council agreed the quote. Admin will order. Admin needs to check the company's public liability insurance. Proposed by Cllr Bright and seconded by Cllr McPherson.

79/23.6 Cllr Steptoe discussed bleed kits and the possibility of having one put at the parish hall. Admin to research.

80/23 Play Space

80/23.1 Cllr Steptoe advised Council of discharge drain blockage. Gullies have been identified in hedges. Water is running into a property. Cllr Steptoe is working with County Council. Surveys have been done and cctv cameras have been used to investigate blockage. Cllr Mcpherson advised to speak to a drainage consultant and to take possible legal advice. Proposed by Cllr Mcpherson and seconded by Cllr Efde. Admin to contact the EALC for legal advice.

81/23 St Marys Church

81/23.1 Cllr Steptoe thanked Council for use of parish hall for meetings. Cllr Steptoe also advised that bat surveys are being sent. Cllr Steptoe advised a church yard update will be given soon.

82/23 Projects

82/23.1 Clerk asked Council if they would like to keep quiz ticket prices at £12 per person. Council agreed.

83/23 Planning matters

83/23.1 23/00721/FUL 230 Little Wakering Road Loft Conversion. Cllrs McPherson and Bright declared an interest as they know the occupant. No objections Received by Council.

83/23.2 All Cllrs to view planning matters in-between meetings. All Cllrs to comment and decision to be ratified at next meeting.

84/23 Reports of meetings of outside bodies

84/23.1 No meetings were held.

85/23 Street Lighting

85/23.1 Cllr McKillop advised jail farm light is still out. Admin advised she will resolve issue.

86/23 To receive a report from the District and County Councillors for the area on any matters of interest.

86/23.1 Cllr McPherson advised as head of Overview and Scrutiny they will be carrying out reviews of parks for nature. Complaints had been received in regards to glyphosate being used. Cllr McPherson discussed the highway rangers and advised that the RSPCA had received the silver paw award.

86/23.2 Cllr Efde advised that they are awaiting decisions on the freight house and will let the Council know once a decision had been made.

86/23.3 Cllr Steptoe advised of City Fibre works along Hall Road and possible road closure of the railway bridge. A consultation of waste strategy has been brought out and he would like Cllrs to pass to parishioners. Sutton road closure between 24th and 25th of September for surface works to be done.

87/23 At the chair's discretion, to exchange information and items for future meetings:

87/23.1 Full Council meeting to be held on 12th October 2023 at 7pm.

87/23.2 Arrange a date and time for cupboard clearance at hall.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm