

**MINUTES OF GREAT BARTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON
MONDAY 18TH APRIL 2016 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

Item.	31 members of the public were present.
1.0	<u>Election of Chairman</u> The Chairman of the Parish Council, Philip Reeve, chaired the meeting.	
2.0	<u>Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence</u> Councillor Philip Reeve welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies for absence had been received.	
3.0	<u>To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting</u> The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2015 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Councillor Eddie Gibson, seconded Councillor Peter Fisk, unanimous decision.	
4.0	<u>Chairman's summary of the last year</u> Councillor Philip Reeve gave a summary of the last year including the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and speeding in the village, including the battery life of the vehicle activated sign • Introduction of connecting footpaths so that pedestrians can avoid walking along the A143, through permissive paths, from the village to Icepits Wood • A proposed second pedestrian crossing on the A143, next to the petrol station • The continued improvements to the playground and the new signs • The one way signs on Elms Close • A new notice board for School Road • New lineage at the junction of East Barton Road/Bertuna Close and Cox Lane • The 10 new homes at Bertuna Close which are an asset to the village • Thanks to the Clerk for an unqualified audit • Raising revenue from the newsletter • Thanks to all Councillors including John Nunn who left this year and welcoming Nicky Crouch • 3 vacancies for Councillors • WSOH – thanks to residents for completing consultations – more information from Mr Adrian Graves later in the meeting • School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath – trying to find a way forward but sensitivities with neighbours • New grass cutting contract for the next 4 years • Request for volunteers to help with Icepits Wood and the neighbourhood plan <u>Icepits Wood</u> Councillor Eddie Gibson gave an update on the activities in the wood including: setting up of the steering group; path clearance and access; the BMX course; the new pump track; improved access and information signage and future management of the wood. <u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> Councillor Nicky Crouch gave residents information on what a neighbourhood plan is, the benefits to the village, what is included, the time it will take and how residents can help by spreading the news, fundraising, gathering feedback, formulating ideas and providing technical help. <u>The new year</u> Councillor Philip Reeve gave information on items planned for 2016-17 including a MUGA, increasing the number of residents on committees, the proposed Mill Road Pedestrian crossing, the Freedom Church's good neighbour scheme, the proposal to widen the footpath outside the school, the offer from Havebury Housing of the carpark on School Road to the Parish Council, opening discussions on the proposed 40mph buffer zone on Mill Road, a possible second Vehicle Activated Sign. Thanks were given to County Councillor Rebecca Hopfensperger, Borough Councillor Sarah Broughton and the Clerk, Linda Harley. Councillor Philip Reeve welcomed Sheila Deare the new neighbourhood plan clerk. Thanks were given to Adrian Graves for his help with the WSOH consultations.	
5.0	<u>Update on the West Suffolk Operational Hub – Adrian Graves</u> A sustained level of engagement has been achieved between the villages surrounding the proposed	

<p>6.0</p> <p>7.0</p> <p>8.0</p>	<p>WSOH site, with joined up communications. The pattern and process has been established for future projects . A network of specialist knowledge and experience has been revealed. The villages community forum group, Parish Council Chairman’s group and St Edmundsbury Borough Council community liaison group have all been set up. Adrian Graves gave a presentation on the WSOH and where we are following the latest consultation. Points covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new website • The preferred options for the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Rougham Hill • The preferred alternative site of Symons Farm • An analysis of population and dwellings in relation to the routing system • Results from the latest consultation • Current areas of scrutiny and concern • Moving forward <p><u>Handing out of grants</u> A grant was given to the Community Woodland Group to go towards the cost of their insurance.</p> <p><u>Village Matters</u> The following items were raised;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could we have 3 pedestrian crossings on the A143 ? • The cost of the neighbourhood plan and how it will be funded • The cost of a second VAS • The incomplete School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath • The lack of progression with the MUGA • Car parking for Icepits Wood <p><u>Chairman’s thanks</u> Councillor Philip Reeve thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.</p> <p>.....Sign & Date</p> <p>.....Print name.</p> <p>CHAIRMAN</p> <p>Signed as confirmation that they are a true record.</p>	
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