

**MINUTES OF GREAT BARTON'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 20th APRIL 2015 COMMENCING AT 8.00 PM**

<u>Item.</u>	Members Present : Councillor Philip Reeve was voted to chair the meeting together with Councillors Peter Fisk, Kate Trevitt, Roger Davison, Matthew Parker, Ed Gibson, Michele Faiers, Derek Troth and Maggie Dunn. The meeting was attended by 56 members of the public.	<u>Action</u>
<u>1.0</u>	<p><u>Election of Chairman</u> The clerk proposed the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Philip Reeve to chair the meeting.</p>	
<u>2.0</u>	<p><u>Chairman's welcome and apologies for absence</u></p>	
<u>2.1</u>	<p>Councillor Philip Reeve welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted from Councillors Andrew Hill and John Nunn.</p>	
<u>3.0</u>	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting in 2014</u> All Councillors and members of the public were supplied with a copy of the minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting. The minutes were then signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Eddie Gibson, seconded by Councillor Kate Trevitt. All councillors and members of the public who were present at the last meeting, voted that the minutes were a true record of the last Annual Parish Meeting in 2014.</p>	
<u>4.0</u>	<p><u>Chairman's Report</u> The Chairman gave details of the following items from the year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Volunteers requested to help with Neighbourhood Plan. 2. Signing of Icepits Wood lease for 99 years and the setting up of a steering committee (with representatives from Gt Barton Community Woodland) to look at how the wood can be used by groups with different interests, in the future. 3. Purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign for use at allocated sites within the village. 4. 5 new grit bins installed. 5. A new dog bin at Barton Hamlet. 6. Replacement playground surface, around the swings and repainting of the climbing frame. 7. General repairs around the village including notice boards and benches on the Village Hall Playing Field. 8. The piece of land on the A143 ,known as Travellers Rest, registered to the Parish Council. 9. Affordable Housing Development at Bertuna Close due to be occupied in the next 2 months. 10. An unqualified audit received for the 5th consecutive year – thanks were given to the Clerk. 11. Raising revenue through newsletter advertising – thanks were given to Councillor Eddie Gibson. 12. Precept not increased by this Parish Council. 13. Distributing Village of The Year funds. 14. Improvements to the access and egress at Elms Close, including extending the footpath from the A143 into the Close. 15. 1 new Councillor in 2014-15 and 1 new Councillor in 15-16. There are currently 2 vacancies. 16. Village Open Morning held in October and attended by the Mayor. 17. A new hand painted village sign installed from grant funding and contributions from the village groups involved with the Village of The Year competition 2013. Thanks were given to Councillor Andrew Hill. <p>The Chairman then moved on to items which the Parish Council will be involved in, in 2015-16:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Completion of School Lane/Downing Drive link footpath. 2. Filling 2 Councillor vacancies. 3. Setting up the Icepits Wood steering group with volunteers from all groups using the wood, general woodland management, developing youth areas, paths for casual walkers and education requirements from the Scouts and Primary School. 4. Rural Vision 2031 – Neighbourhood Plan. 5. Bury Vision 2031 – monitoring the Cattishall Buffer and working with Berkeley Homes. Involvement in the liaison group with the 5 villages most affected by the developments 	

<p>5.0</p> <p>6.0</p> <p>7.0</p>	<p>around Bury St Edmunds.</p> <p>6. Continuing to monitor the situation regarding the increase in traffic on Barton Hamlet.</p> <p>7. Youth group will continue to look into a MUGA for the village.</p> <p>8. Working with Havebury Housing regarding Cox Lane, Elms Close and the car park on School Road.</p> <p>9. Working with the Free Church and the Primary School towards a safe pedestrian crossing point on Mill Road.</p> <p>10. Working with the Primary School to provide a further village notice board with a hard standing base.</p> <p>11. 'The triangle' (land bordered by Mill Road, School Road and the A143) – following the adoption of Rural Vision 2031, continue discussions with Suffolk County Council to develop this 28 acres to meet the aspirations of the parishioners.</p> <p>12. Working with Havebury Housing and Holy Innocents Church to ensure the car park on School Road is kept for continued community use.</p> <p>13. West Suffolk Operational Hub – apply pressure to review the site allocation.</p> <p>14. Transport group – looking at a further pedestrian crossing on the A143 and improved footpath routes around the village.</p> <p>15. Litter pick – keeping parishioners proud of their village.</p> <p>Thanks were given to the Councillors who are not standing for a further term: Roger Davison, Derek Troth and Andrew Hill.</p> <p>Derek Troth for his excellent work as a School Governor during his time as a Councillor.</p> <p>Roger Davison has agreed to help with a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Thanks were also given to all Councillors standing for another term and to the Clerk.</p> <p><u>Grants</u></p> <p>The following grants were awarded by the Parish Council :</p> <p>Gt Barton Scout Group £425 towards a new mess tent;</p> <p>Allotment Association £825 towards the cost of renting their container until the end of their 5 year lease;</p> <p>Gt Barton Woodland Group £350 towards the cost of their insurance.</p> <p><u>Village Matters</u></p> <p>The Police Community Support Officer gave an update for the year. There had been 49 crimes recorded, 13 crimes had been detected.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the following matters:</p> <p>West Suffolk Operational Hub – position of the entrance and exit on Fornham Road; other proposed sites; the increased volume of HGVs (possibly 18-22,000 per year); the increased volume of domestic traffic for the recycling centre of 6-700 per week; the non-refundable £25,000 deposit paid for land option; all other waste transfer sites in Norfolk and Suffolk are on industrial estates; will this site be a precedent for further industrialisation on Fornham Road. The current number of HGVs using the A143, footpaths around the village; the re-routing of traffic while the A11 was extended.</p> <p>Compliments were given on the playground.</p> <p><u>Chairman's thanks</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked parishioners to look at the displays on Icepits Wood, the Neighbourhood Plan, the triangle and the West Suffolk Operational Hub and talk to councillors about their views.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.10 pm and refreshments were served.</p> <p>Sign & Print name</p> <p>Date</p> <p>CHAIRMAN OF THIS MEETING. Signed as confirmation that they are a true record.</p>	
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