

# MINUTES

Barden Residents Association Meeting

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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## In Attendance

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Mark Hood (Chair), Lucy Athey (secretary), Gill Sargent, Martin Coulstock, Megan LeGoubin, Jo Young, Sarah & Karl Hardcastle, Sarah & Joff Brown, Sally McKay, Troy & Laura Jones

## Approval of Minutes & Apologies

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Mark Hood (chair) called the meeting to order and the previously circulated minutes from 24<sup>th</sup> January were approved. Apologies from Fran Long, Cathy Chadwick, Matt Sargent, Alison & John Cackett, Martin Latham, Claire O'Shea, Julie Bowie, Andrew Thistlewood

## 20mph Campaign

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The previous meeting of the Joint Transportation Board failed to discuss 20mph (their next meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> June) so we should consider putting our own signs up now to force some action and raise awareness. We will be writing to Richard Long and Michael Payne to ask for it to be added to the agenda next time. All agreed we should purchase our own signs to be displayed and also (if cost effective) stickers for wheelie bins. MC asked that any letters sent to Cllrs regarding this (and any responses) are published on our facebook group.



## Parking Scheme/Business Permits

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Copies of a survey to be conducted in zone D were distributed to those present and have been published on facebook. The wording of the leaflet was agreed with some minor additions (the number of business permits currently allocated in D2 to be added, and to make it clear where leaflets are to be returned to if not immediately collected). Distribution of the leaflets to be all houses in D1 & D2, as a "knock & drop". MC to coordinate collection, Megan volunteered to help in her street. Ask for other volunteers via facebook to distribute to areas. MC asked that any letters sent to Joint Transportation Board (and replies) be published openly via our Facebook group. MH said he can do this as long the Cllrs involved do not object.

Although they are all allocated a space in their carpark there is concern that new residents of Enterprise House will be allowed to buy a parking permit which could put further pressure on parking. SB warned that the new buildings come up as an address on TMBC parking permit website.

## River Lawn

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The council has begun the sale process and KRLG now has to respond to their notice period for bidding; if they go ahead they will then get 6 months to raise funds to purchase it. TMBC expects to sell the land for £2.125m. We are concerned that with such a cost any developer would have to build high density flats to make any money and all trees would be removed. Barden Residents Association have submitted the Village Green application to KCC, it is being processed however there is a backlog. The characterful former CAB building is still for sale as far as we are aware.

## Medical Centre

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At the recent TMBC planning meeting permission was given for the new medical centre (subject to planning conditions relating to the immediate area). Mark spoke on behalf of BRA at the meeting and voiced concerns about flooding, pollution, parking problems etc. Disappointingly the mature Horse Chestnut tree adjacent to the plot will be removed. The High St AQMA (Air Quality Management Area) was not taken into account previously but Assura responded to this on the day of the meeting.

## Litter Blitz

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The Litter Blitz scheduled in March was delayed due to the snowy weather. It was agreed to reschedule to **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** at 11am (meeting by the Wildlife Garden on Audley Avenue). This is also, rather appropriately, Earth Day.

## Summer Social

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It was agreed to have a Summer Social in the park, pencilled in as **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be discussed more at the next meeting in May.

## Flood Warden

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MC had a lot of interest from his recent survey and we now have four new flood wardens in the Barden area. KH suggested we speak to the Fire Brigade as they do a lot of training for flood incidents.

## AOB

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- SB reported that Enterprise House has now been handed over to Circle Housing. Some of the planting had to be moved as trees with fast growing roots were planted near drainage. The external lighting is bright and very intrusive, and they are on all night; SB plans to contact environmental health and needs as many affected residents to email in support (with the backing of the Residents Association). They should contact Circle Housing and TMBC [environmental.protection@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.protection@tmbc.gov.uk)
- SB asked if anyone sees anything involving drugs that they log the call with the local police via 111, particularly in Danvers Road and Holford St.
- ML encouraged residents to use the local shop, Barden Stores. We are lucky to still have a corner shop in our area.
- The noticeboard on the back of the station needs repairing as the PVC cover has been obscured by an unknown substance. It will also need to be repositioned as there is a planned cycle hub (with café and workshop) to be built on the rear entrance.
- There is a meeting regarding forming a Town Council, and whether it is viable, at Weir View Hut 8pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This is not organised by BRA but by other concerned residents within the town.

## Next Meetings

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Meetings usually alternate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to enable as many people as possible to attend.

The next meetings are;

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Litter Blitz**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 11am**

**(meet at Audley Avenue)**

