

## Barden Residents Association Meeting - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

### In Attendance

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Mark Hood (Chair), Angela Clark (Vice-Chair), Lucy Athey (secretary), Fran Long (Treasurer), Greg Fox, Matt Sargent, Warren Nel, Alison Cackett, John Cackett, Megan LeGoubin, Frankie Brady, Julie Lane, Averil Langridge, Glynn Rees, Nigel Durman, Katharine Bond, Tim Bond, M Wilmott, Steph Wenzel, Cathy Chadwick

### Approval of Minutes & Apologies

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Angela Clark (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order and the previously circulated minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> March were agreed. Apologies from Martin & Maureen Coulstock, Matt Marshall, Jo Murphy, Jo Young, Claire O'Shea and Gill Sargent.

### Treasurers Report

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Fran reported that we currently have £113.98 in the account. We have been asked to start paying the Scouts for the use of the hall, at £10 per meeting (we have previously made an annual donation to cover the use of the hall). LA to check with their finance committee on how they would prefer to be paid. Fran raised the issue of using funds to pay for bulb planting near the railway bridges, to be discussed further at a future meeting.

### 20mph Update

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MH has been in touch with KCC as it was originally planned that this would be installed in Barden by the end of June - however we are still awaiting a confirmed date on this. They have previously informed us that there wouldn't be any physical measures like chicanes or road humps initially but there will be street signage and signs painted in the road.



LA updated all on the recent communication regarding the use of business permit parking from Andy Edwards, head of technical services at TMBC. As of 20<sup>th</sup> May there have been 25 permits for "Barden Park Road Only" issued and 9 have chosen not to renew their permits which means that a total of 34 vehicles are no longer parking on the D1/D2 border. In addition, 12 permits for D1 & D2 have been issued to businesses based in Barden (e.g. Ford and Abel Alarms). There was a discussion about how this has moved the initial problem of parking on the border further into the area and made Barden Park Road more congested and dangerous for pedestrians. MH said a next step could be to approach the council about removing more of the business permits. We will wait until the full year is up and all parking surveys have been completed by the council and then approach TMBC for a follow up meeting with our local Councillors and representatives from Barden Residents' Association.

## Barden Jumble Trail – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

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LA updated all on the progress of our upcoming Jumble Trail at the end of June. With still a month to go, almost 40 residents have already signed up to be included on our map of stalls. The flyer, which has been kindly sponsored by Tonbridge River Trips, will include a map of locations, an A5 advert for our sponsor and a list of our upcoming meetings (to encourage more to attend). Anyone who wants to find out more details or register their stall can contact us on [bardenresidents@yahoo.com](mailto:bardenresidents@yahoo.com) or join the event page on Facebook. Shoppers can collect the maps from Barden Stores a few days before and on the day. We would also like volunteers to do a leaflet drop of the maps in their own street in the week running up to the event.



## Summer Social – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

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Last summer we met on the Racecourse Sportsground for a summer picnic in the park and it was agreed that we repeat it again this year, again keeping it quite low key and informal. We will congregate on the sportsground near the playground/amenities from approximately 12pm. More details to be discussed at the next meeting in July.

## Air Pollution in Barden

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CC is concerned about the air pollution in the Barden area as it seems we have a lot more static traffic than previously. MH has been in touch with Crispin Kennard, who is TMBC's official "nose" when it comes to pollution; he informed MH that Tonbridge & Malling has several AQMA (Air Quality Management Areas) and the second worst in the borough is Tonbridge High Street. They are duty bound to monitor air quality, but the machine formerly based at McDonalds has been moved to Wateringbury and hasn't yet been replaced. Consequently at the moment they can only guess at the pollution levels in our area. MH to follow up and report back to the Residents' Association.

## Public Bins

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CC reported the need for an additional bin in Tonbridge Library car park/Danvers Road area as she sees (and collects) a lot of rubbish in this area. MH reported that several bins disappeared in the floods in 2013 and unfortunately have not been replaced. JL also reported that more bins are needed near the railway bridge and that the bin in the carpark near the lake is often overflowing. MH to follow up.

## Restart a Heart

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Kent Fire and Rescue were available to run a session but would want to wait until October, so GF informed us that he is now hoping to organise a session through his work (SEACAMB – South East Coast Ambulance Service). Numbers would be limited to those in the Residents' Association (due to the ratio needed for teaching) but if successful we could repeat it, perhaps doing one solely for children. AC suggested we link it with the summer social in the park.

- MH updated us on the flood warden situation currently in Barden, which has seen a change of personnel.
- Public Rights of Way update: FL is concerned that the footpaths around Barden Lake which are not on the definitive map – if they were on the map this would act as a deterrent to prevent the land from being developed in the future. Fran has a form that people can fill out if they have used these paths regularly for twenty years or more, she will leave paper copies in Barden stores and LA to put on Facebook and the website.
- Now that MH has been voted in as one of our local borough Councillors (along with April Clark) he will need to step down as Chair and encourages those interested to come forward before our September AGM. We will also be looking for volunteers to fill the roles of treasurer and secretary as both Fran and Lucy will have been in position for four years and our constitution states that this is the maximum anyone can stay in office. We also welcome anyone who would like to be a committee member.
- Village Green Application – this is currently being processed, we know that TMBC has voiced objections to KCC (but we are yet to find out *what* these objections are). If there is any legal cost (legal fees etc), this will all be met by the KRLG group.
- A resident was concerned about the strange smell in Tonbridge recently, which is likely to be the ongoing Drytec situation.
- The plans for 1-4 River Walk (the former CAB) have been published, they are for a 4-storey block of 32 flats. To object or comment on these, go to TMBC's planning page and search 19/01108/FL or click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/y4zdh9tf>



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## Next Meetings

Meetings usually alternate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8pm to enable as many people as possible to attend and are held at the Scout Hut in Lambert's Yard (unless advertised being elsewhere).

The next meetings are;

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**AGM – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**