

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON  
MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.40PM

**Present:** Councillors Mr M McNulty, Mr A Channon, Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex-officio*)  
**In Attendance:** Mrs S Cowie, Assistant Clerk.  
**Minutes:** Mrs S Cowie

- 17/491 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Mr D Gunter, Mrs G Gardner, Mr A Watson, Mr J Paxton  
17/492 **SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*). - None  
17/493 **MATTERS ARISING.** – None  
17/494 **TO CONSIDER AND RESPOND TO CBC WASTE & RECYCLING CONSULTATION**

PRIORITIES

1. How important is it that people are helped to recycle as much as possible?  
**Very important**

2. To what extent do you agree or disagree that saving should be found in these services?  
**Disagree**

RECYCLING - We are considering 3 options for recycling. Collection would continue on a fortnightly basis

- 3a To what extent do you agree or disagree with option one, which would see current recycling arrangements unchanged (with no financial savings being achieved)?

**Agree**

- 3b To what extent do you agree or disagree with option two, which would see residents continuing to use a wheelie bin for all their recycling except paper and cardboard, which they would be asked to put in a separate box provided by the council (to achieve financial savings)?

**Disagree**

- 3c To what extent do you agree or disagree with option three, which would see the introduction of glass collection for everyone? Residents would continue to use a wheelie bin for all their recycling. Glass would need to be put in a separate box provided by the council (which is unlikely to achieve financial savings)

**Agree**

- 4a Please rank these options in terms of preference with 1 being your preferred option and 3 being your least preferred:

Option One - continue as currently	1
Option two - separate paper and cardboard collection	3
Option three - New separate glass collection	2

- 4b Do you have any comments regarding these recycling options?

**Option 3b and 3c are already in existence in Barton-le-Clay**

FOOD WASTE - In this option everyone would get weekly food waste collection

- 5a To what extent do you agree or disagree with weekly food waste collection for every household in Central Bedfordshire? (This option doesn't offer any additional savings)

**Agree**

- 5b do you have any comments regarding weekly food waste collections?

**None**

DOMESTIC WASTE (Black Bin) - In this option everyone would move to having their domestic waste (black) bin collected once every three weeks rather than fortnightly.

- 6a To what extent do you agree or disagree with collecting domestic waste (black bin) once every three weeks? (this option is likely to deliver very significant savings)

**Strongly disagree**

- 6b If you disagreed with three weekly collections, would the introduction or retention of any of the following alter your opinion?

Weekly food waste collection / Glass collection / Continue free garden waste collection

**None**

- 6c Do you have any comments regarding three-weekly black bin collections?  
**Three weekly collections would affect young families (i.e. nappies), concerns over unsanitary waste and hygiene. The weight of the bin would also be increased making it difficult to manoeuvre.**

GARDEN WASTE - This would no longer be provided for free. In this option everyone who wishes to use a fortnightly garden waste collection service will be able to do so throughout the year, for an annual charge of approximately £40.

- 7a To what extent do you agree or disagree with the option to charge customers who wish to have their garden waste collected? (This option is likely to deliver very significant savings)

**Strongly disagree**

- 7b If you disagreed with charging for garden waste collection would the introduction or retention of any of the following alter your opinion?

Weekly food waste collection / Glass collection / Continued black bin collection

**None of these**

- 7c Around a third of council's charge for this service, with £40 being the average. What do you think about the cost of the proposed annual charge? This equates to £1.54 per collection and would allow for a fortnightly collection of a 240 litre wheelie bin of garden waste, throughout the year.

Too high / About right / Too low. What do you think the price should be?

**£ 0**

- 7d Do you have any comments about charging for garden waste collections?

**This is an aggressive policy and shows disparity for people on low incomes**

8. Please rank these options in terms of preference with 1 being the preferred option, 3 the least.

Food waste collection 1

Three weekly domestic waste collection 3

Charging for garden waste collection 3

9. Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding changes to waste services in Central Bedfordshire?

**The improvements to recycling rates of the Council would be better met by additional Central Government funding and education rather than cuts in funding and service.**

**ACTION: Response to be submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council**

**17/495 TO CONSIDER CONTACTING CBC/BUSINESSES REGARDING CONSIDERATE PARKING**

Councillor Channon advised that he has been approached by residents who have raised concerns over vehicles parking outside business with little consideration. Members acknowledged that PCSO's used to give advisory notices but this has since been removed from their remit. The Parish Council has also looked into the possibility of using the Library car park 'out of hours' but this had not proved to be possible due to unlocking/locking of the gates and additional insurance. Members felt this was an important issue and it could be considered as part of the traffic calming scheme. **ACTION: Take under consideration in traffic calming scheme.**

**17/496 REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT (HIGHWAYS & ENVIRONMENT ONLY) AND AGREE ACTION PLAN**

Members reviewed the Risk assessment report and action plan. The majority of risks have been highlighted as low risk with litter/anti-social behaviour being highlighted as medium risk. Members felt that regular Streetwatch patrols would assist with this problem. **ACTION: Office to promote the Streetwatch scheme on the Parish Councils Social media/website and newsletters.**

**17/497 UPDATE ON TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME PHASE 2**

Central Bedfordshire Council's Principal Highways Officer has advised that Phase 2, Traffic Calming works for Hexton Road are to be scheduled for late July. This will coincide with the start of the school summer holidays. Prior to the commencement of works notices and road closures will be arranged by Highways. The updated drawing and detailed plan are still outstanding and once received a meeting will be arranged with Central Beds Highways team. **ACTION: office to request updated drawing and detailed plan and once received arrange meeting.**

**17/498 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE - None**

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.