

# **BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2015 in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm.**

### **PC/01/15 Attendance and Apologies**

Members present: Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Dave Shaw, Janette Barlow, Ben Powell.  
In attendance: Yvette Wellard (Clerk), 3 members of the public.  
Apologies were accepted from Cllr Derbyshire (holiday), Cllr Hill (health) and Cllr Jones (health)

### **PC/02/15 Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

### **PC/03/15 Public Contribution**

A concern was raised about cars parked close to the junction of Cross Lane and Back Lane. It was agreed to put another reminder in the newsletter about inconsiderate parking.

### **PC/04/15 Minutes of the Previous Parish Council meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Barlow, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 November 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **PC/05/15 Matters arising.**

**PC/110/14** – Following complaints about excessive barking, the Chairman had visited the owner of the dog and reported that the dog appeared to be improving. The dog warden was aware of the problem.

**PC/115/14** - The overgrown footpath from Long Lane had been cleared by County Council and access improved.

**PC/116/14** – Cllrs noted that the laurel hedge along the boundary of Dovecote Farm had grown so that the Dovecote was no longer visible from the road. The Clerk was asked to check the original planning conditions on the neighbouring property for any reference to a line of sight to the Dovecote.

### **PC/06/15 Finance**

#### **a. Payment of Invoices**

Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Shaw, the following payments were approved:

December newsletter printing	50.00
G W King – mowing 24/10 & 21/11	46.00
NSDC Village Hall Licence	70.00
Eon VH electricity Aug – Nov	102.69

- b. Copies of the accounts April – December 2014 were circulated. It was noted that income from Village Hall fund raising was lower than in previous years.
- c. It was expected that there would be little change in the budget for 2015/16 other than normal price increases for maintenance. The cost of Village Hall improvements was already earmarked from reserves.
- d. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Shaw, a 2% increase in the precept was unanimously agreed, taking the Parish Precept from £2,400 (2014/2015) to £2,450 (2015/2016). This would represent an approximate parish share increase of 50p a year for a Band D property.
- e. The Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities will become mandatory from March 2015 and will in due course replace the current system of external audit of accounts. The Clerk would forward copies of the Code to Members and check compliance with the current standing orders. It was agreed that the Parish should have a village web site to comply with the terms of the Transparency Code, and Cllr Barlow said that she would look at this for the next meeting.

**PC/07/15**

**Village Hall**

It was agreed to ask members of the Village Hall Committee for volunteers to join in the annual spring clean of the Village Hall.

**PC/08/15**

**Village Green, Playing Field, Footpaths and Roads.**

- a) The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the 2015 mowing contract.
- b) A price of £150 had been quoted by the current mowing contractor, John King to cut the hedge back around the playing field. Cllrs Bett, Shaw and Powell volunteered to do the work at the end of February.
- c) It was agreed that the grit bin would be repositioned at the junction of Long Lane and Front Street. Brett Handley had volunteered to spread the salt when needed, and Cllr Bett would fill the bin from supplies kept at the Village Hall.

**PC/09/15**

**Planning and Consultations**

a) Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire

Cllrs were in unanimous agreement that Barnby should remain within the Collingham Division of the County's electoral boundaries because of the shared rural identity and common interests such as rural crime and policing, roads and transport. (Full response attached)

b) NSDC Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement

Cllrs noted the statement on the NSDC web site. There were no comments.

c) NCC Spending Proposals

Comments were invited on Notts CC's future budget plans as part of a public consultation. There were no comments from the Parish Council.

**PC/10/15**

**Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence

**PC/11/15**

**Matters for immediate note**

- The next event organised by the Village Hall Committee would be a quiz and supper on 31st January.
- The Clerk was to make enquiries about the cost of new nets for the goal posts.

**Date of next meeting: 12 February 2015**

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

..... Chairman

.....Date

## Appendix: Response to Consultation on NCC Electoral Boundaries.

### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Barnby in the Willows wishes to remain as part of the Collingham Division. The Parish Council believes that the common interests of this rural area are best served by the current county electoral arrangement.

1. Rural crime and policing.

Barnby in the Willows, and other parishes of the Collingham division have formed a Safer Neighbourhood Group which meets regularly with the County Councillor and community police officers to address common problems.

2. Highways.

Problems associated with Barnby's main access routes of the A17 and A46 are common across the Collingham division. Shared concerns for ever increasing traffic congestion and the effects of future development require strategic planning across the whole area, – best done by a single representation at County level.

3. A Common Identity.

The Collingham division is made up of small villages and farming communities of similar size and needs to Barnby, with shared issues such as community transport, road maintenance, footpaths, village halls, recreation etc.

As the aim of the review is to achieve electoral equality, and the Collingham division does have more electors than some of the surrounding divisions, Barnby Parish Council's recommendation would be for those houses currently within the Collingham division which are to the west of the A1 on the outskirts of Newark town and therefore more urban in character, to be included in the Newark East division, keeping the rural areas of Collingham together.