

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 12 February 2015 in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

PC/12/15 Attendance and Apologies

Members present: Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Dave Shaw, Janette Barlow, Ben Powell, Robert Jones, Celia Derbyshire, Barbara Hill.
In attendance: Yvette Wellard (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

PC/13/15 Declarations of Interest.

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

PC/14/15 Public Contribution

- i) The problem of litter was raised, particularly along the verges of the lanes and also several chemical drums in the ditch on Long Lane. The Clerk would report these on line and ask NSDC to do a litter pick. It was also agreed to put a note in the newsletter appealing to villagers to help keep the area free of litter.
- ii) There were complaints about a quad bike being driven on a daily basis down Cross Lane and over the fields behind Back Lane. The Clerk had been made aware of this by the landowner, and the matter had been reported to the police.
- iii) There was a concern about cars parking too close to the bend at the Cross Lane / Back Lane junction. Parking issues to be highlighted in the village newsletter again.

PC/15/15 District and County Councillor

Cllr Dobson sent her apologies due to family commitments and asked for the following matters to be considered:

- i) There had been a request for a grit bin to be placed on Front Street at the end of Dark Lane which Cllr Dobson would be able to help fund if necessary. The Parish Council was requested to identify a suitable site for the bin and purchase one before next winter.
- ii) If the problem of a persistently barking dog was ongoing, people affected should speak out, so that complaints could be collated. It was agreed that the problem had not been as bad recently, but would continue to be monitored.

PC/16/15 Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 January 2015 were approved. Proposed as a true record by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Powell, the minutes were signed by the Chairman.

PC/17/15 Matters arising.

PC/5/15 – The Clerk was asked to contact the owners of Dovecote Farm to consider how a line of sight of the Dovecote could be maintained.

PC/08/15 – Cllrs Bett, Shaw and Powell agreed to do hedge cutting round the playing field on 1st or 8th March (dependent on weather).

PC/18/15 Finance and Administration.

a. Clerk's Salary

Following a discussion re the Clerk's duties, it was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Jones, and unanimously agreed, that the Clerk's contracted hours for 2014/15 should be 8 hrs per month, increasing to 10 hours per month in 2015/16 at Spinal Column Point 15 on the part time clerks' national salary scale. A revised clerk's contract to be submitted in full for approval at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

b. NALC Correspondence

Information on the Transparency Code and the Election Legal Briefing had been previously circulated. The Clerk would review the Standing Orders to ensure compliance with new rulings, prior to their approval at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

c. Election and Meeting Dates

The Clerk highlighted the dates for submission of nominations for the Parish Council elections. Information for Parishioners would be included in the newsletter. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on 9 April at 7:00pm, followed by an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Council Meeting for newly nominated/elected Councillors would be held on Thursday 14 May at 7:30pm.

d. Parish Website

A Parish Council web site will be required for the publication of minutes and accounts in order to comply with the new Transparency Code. Cllr Barlow reported that two domain names were available – Barnby.com or Barnby.org. Cllr Barlow will obtain further information on web design and pricing for discussion at the next meeting.

PC/19/15 Village Hall

- i. The Village Hall committee had agreed a spring cleaning day to be held on 28 February. It was reported that the dishwasher was blocked – Cllr Bett would look at it. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Geoff Morris for the donation of a mirror which he had put on the wall in the ladies’ toilet.
- ii. After further consideration of quotes received for damp proofing and replastering the old toilets, it was proposed by Cllr Derbyshire, seconded by Cllr Barlow and agreed to ask Now Build to carry out the work and to give a price for new wooden windows which would be considered before replastering.
- iii. Cllr Shaw reported on a successful Quiz and Supper organised by the VH Committee which had raised £350.

PC/20/15 Village Green, Playing Field, Footpaths and Roads.

- i) The Clerk was awaiting quotes for mowing the Green and playing field; also to be mentioned in the newsletter.
- ii) A burst pipe under the Green which had caused flooding had been repaired.
- iii) The problem of dog mess on pavements and footpaths was raised – another reminder to go in the newsletter.
- iv) Images of the proposed changes to Barnby Road level crossing were circulated. It was agreed that this would be an improvement for traffic flow.

PC/21/15 Planning

- a. 14/02112/FUL Rear extension and garage conversion, Chapel House, Back Lane.
There were no objections to the plans. Cllrs agreed with the Conservation Officer’s report that the side windows should be slightly larger and separated by a brick pillar from the patio doors and that the proposed barge boards were not in keeping.
- b. Installation of Broadband Cabinet, Long Lane.
Cllrs noted the position of a new Broadband cabinet at the village end of Long Lane.
- c. Wind Turbines
Cllr Derbyshire provided an update on the proposals for wind turbines at Fulbeck Airfield, which would be reduced from 13 x 126.5m turbines to 10 x 110m turbines, due to RAF radar interference. The positioning has been moved slightly and the application would now be decided by SKDC. The plans for turbines at Temple Hill will be decided on 17 March and VETO was planning a leaflet drop in the surrounding villages.

PC/22/15 Correspondence

A letter was received from the Village Hall Caretaker Mr Keith Johnstone stating his intention to retire from 31st March 2015. The vacancy would be reported in the newsletter and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

PC/23/15 Matters for immediate note

It was noted that three large trees had been severely cut back in the garden of The Gables which is within the conservation area. The Clerk was asked to check with NSDC whether permission had been given for the work.

Date of next meeting: 12 March 2015

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

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