

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

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

PC/24/15 Attendance and Apologies

Members present: Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Dave Shaw, Janette Barlow, Ben Powell, Robert Jones, Barbara Hill.

In attendance: Yvette Wellard (Clerk), 3 members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr Derbyshire (other engagement)

PC/25/15 Declarations of Interest.

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

PC/26/15 Public Contribution

Ms Yvette Curry explained her plans for running a wedding flowers and jewellery-making business from her home at 1 Front Street. A portacabin had been installed which would be used for storage, office and workshop. The intention was to paint the cabin cream, put in new windows and shutters decorated with the business logo, and to conceal it with laurel hedging when grown. Mr David Legge said that as the next door neighbour with full view of the portacabin, he had no objections to Ms Curry's plans.

Members of the public left the meeting.

PC/27/15 Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 February 2015 proposed as a true record by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Powell, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PC/28/15 Matters arising.

PC/14/15: Ian Gilchrist (NSDC) said the chemical drums reported on Long Lane were brake fluid and not harmful, but although in view of the road, he was unable to remove them as they were lying within Tim Snipe's field boundary. The quad bike had been reported to the police by the Clerk and by Mrs Snipe, and Tim Snipe had dug trenches to prevent vehicles going on his land.

PC/17/15: The Clerk had not found an opportunity to speak to the owners of Dovecote Farm, but Cllr Jones reported that the laurel hedge appeared to have been lowered as the Dovecote could now be seen from the road. The Parish Council was pleased to hear that the owners have insured the monument with Lloyds of London. Cllrs Bett, Shaw and Powell re-arranged the playing field hedge cutting for 21 March.

PC/29/15 Finance and Administration.

a. Payment of invoices

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

Village Hall Rates 2015/2016	£492.00
Printing and postage July 14 - March 15	£ 44.47
March Newsletter	£ 19.20
NALC subscription	£ 61.56
Eon	£261.35
Caretaker	£300.00

b. NALC Correspondence

The Clerk drew attention to Legal Topic Note 5 from NALC which had been previously circulated by email. New legislation to note and add to Standing Orders:

- Electronic summons and agenda for meetings permitted.
- Agenda to be published on web site 3 clear days before the meeting and draft minutes published within 1 month.
- Clerk's electronic signature to be on emailed agenda.
- Apologies for absence to be made in writing prior to the meeting.
- Filming and recording of meetings now permitted.

c. Parish Council Elections

Nomination papers to be hand delivered to Kelham Hall by 4pm on 9 April – can be given to the Clerk to deliver on 7 April. In the absence of a caretaker being appointed by 7 May, a volunteer will be needed to open the Village Hall for polling at 6:30am and close at 10.00pm.

d. Parish Website

Cllr Barlow reported that a new resident of Barnby, Mark Evison had offered to create a parish web site free of charge and to give a donation towards the cost. It was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Shaw and unanimously agreed that Mr Evison's offer be accepted with thanks. It was agreed that the domain name would be barnbyinthewillows.com.

PC/30/15 Village Hall

a. Review of income and running costs

Cllrs discussed the sharp increase in the cost of electricity and the basic running costs of the hall compared with the decrease in revenue raised by lettings and fund raising events. The Clerk suggested that the Village Hall could become a charity, run separately by a board of trustees, so that up to £500 a year could be saved by exemption from business rates. The Clerk was asked to obtain information on this for consideration at the next meeting.

b. Caretaker's job description and allocation of duties

Copies of the current contract were circulated. There had been no response to the vacancy notice in the newsletter. The Clerk said that she would like to take over responsibility for bookings, hire agreements and collection of fees. Currently, keys were held by Cllr Bett, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Hill, the Clerk and Keith Johnstone (2). It was agreed that the Chairman would approach Mr Geoff Morris who lives directly opposite the Village Hall to ask if he would be a key holder and whether he would be willing to do any caretaking duties. The duties of a caretaker would be mostly preparing for hire of the hall and checking after use. Arrangements for more thorough routine cleaning of the hall and general maintenance to be discussed.

PC/31/15 Village Green, Playing Field, Footpaths and Roads.

Following the notice in the newsletter, Mr Les Chaplin had generously offered to mow the village green and playing field free of charge, using his own mower and claiming only the cost of petrol and a contribution towards servicing costs. The Clerk was asked to accept his kind offer with thanks and to inform others who had submitted quotes.

PC/32/15 Planning

a. 14/02272/FUL All Saints' Church roof.

The application was for the missing roof panels on the chancel, south aisle and south porch to be replaced with terne-coated steel which would not attract thieves. Three bays on the nave would be replaced with lead to match what was left of the roof. The plans also included replacement of damaged asbestos guttering and down pipes with cast iron rainwater goods throughout the building, and the installation of a security alarm system. There were no objections to the plans.

b. 1 Front Street

Newark and Sherwood Homes had requested feedback on how the Parish Council felt about a business being run from a portacabin at 1 Front Street. Having heard the tenant's plans at the start of the meeting, Cllrs were sympathetic to the tenants' aims of building up a business, but there were concerns about additional traffic through the village. The portacabin had already been installed prior to planning permission, and the opinion of the Parish Council was divided on whether it was appropriate. Some members welcomed the over-all tidying up of the area, but there were reservations about it being painted cream, and it was agreed that there should be no advertising on show, such as logos. Whilst a majority of the Parish Council had no personal objection, it was recognised that the cabin was unlikely to meet planning regulations.

c. Planning Correspondence

- The extension at 1 Chapel Lane had been approved.
- Cllrs noted a consultation by the District Council on plans to increase Traveller accommodation in Newark.

PC/33/15 Correspondence

There were no further items of correspondence.

PC/34/15 Matters for immediate note

- The Safer Neighbourhood Group AGM was to be held on 17 March at Winthorpe Community Centre.
- There had been a verbal report of disturbances on Back Lane starting again.

Date of next meeting:

The Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 9 April at 7:00pm, to be followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at approximately 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

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