

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 October 2016 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Carina Jukes, Celia Derbyshire, Jackie Parker, Ben Powell.
Yvette Wellard (Clerk), PCSO Katie Hyde.

PC/88/16 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Barlow, Cllr Jones, Co Cllr Dobson, Dist Cllr Payne and Dist. Cllr Lee.

PC/89/16 Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations of interest.

PC/90/16 Public Contributions. PCSO Katie Hyde introduced herself as Barnby's point of contact to report incidents. She confirmed that there had been only one minor incident in the village in the last 3 months. Problems of speeding were discussed, and it was suggested that volunteers could be organised for training in the use of a speed gun, as Coddington Parish Council had done.

PC/91/16 Approval of Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Jukes, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th September were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PC/92/16 Matters Arising.

PC/84/16 – The Chairman had attended a planning committee meeting at Kelham Hall on the Fernwood Persimmon development. Cllr Bett had not expected to speak at the meeting, as Barnby Parish Council had not been involved in joint discussions with neighbouring parishes, but was the only parish council called on to make representation at the meeting. He felt that the process had been a waste of time, no credence had been given to Claypole's submission, arguments about traffic were ignored and the decision appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

PC/85/16 – The Chairman had reminded Mr Shelbourne about the brickwork repairs at the front of the Village Hall.

PC/83/16 – LMS had provided an explanation of why the mower repair was not part of the warranty, and had given instructions that the blades must be set higher to avoid the same problem again.

PC/93/16 Finance:

a) Half year Budget Review – A summary of income and expenditure for April – September 2016 was circulated. Most of the budget figures were on target, but Village Hall income was down on previous years, due in part to other fund raising events taking place in the village.

b) Payment of Invoices - Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Jukes, the following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary, September	69.77
Mowing expenses September	9.81
Mower repair	43.08
NALC Training	25.00
Lap top and software purchase	503.99*
Printer purchase	39.99*
September newsletter printing	65.00
Grimes Gas – 2 cylinders	102.00

* Net cost of lap top and printer = £453.32, covered by Transparency Fund grant of £460.

The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed by Grant Thornton, and no matters had been raised to report.

PC/94/16 Administration:

a) Village Hall – It was noted that the reinforcement of brickwork over the front door and tiling in the gents was still to be done, as well as redecorating in the corridor and in the gents' toilet.

b) Village Green and Playing Field – Mr Chaplin had taken the mower back to LMS at Wellingore for repair following damage by a stone for a second time. He would now be using the mower on a higher setting. Mr Derick Parker had offered to erect a small shed at the bottom of the field to house the ride on mower and the Chairman would discuss this with him.

c) Defibrillator – Cllr Dobson had provided NCC funding of £500 to be used by the Parish Council for the defibrillator, which brought the total to £1200. A fund raising event was being organised by the Village Hall Committee on 5 November which would include a fireworks display. Zurich Insurance had quoted £55 to cover the event for public liability, which the Parish Council agreed to pay and reclaim from the money raised. Cllrs also agreed to contribute £180 for fireworks with £150 (net cost) to be reimbursed from the proceeds.

d) Footpaths – Cllr Powell reported that he had walked all the footpaths in the parish; stiles between Barnby and Balderton have been replaced by gates, and there are some missing waymarks. The Clerk would contact the NCC RoW Officer, Rachel Rickell to request a definitive map for Cllr Powell to submit his report on.

e) Bus Services – It was agreed that Barnby services were not very satisfactory. A copy of the bus timetables would be displayed in the bus shelter.

f) Village Walkabout – Cllr Parker reported that the village sign on Long Lane was bent and very dirty; most of the street name signs needed cleaning; the bench outside the church was in need of cleaning and a coat of preservative. It was agreed to have a village maintenance day in the new year, and some of the tasks would be highlighted in the newsletter to recruit volunteers. The Clerk would make enquiries about cleaning or replacing signs.

PC/95/16 Correspondence

An invitation to the NSDC Civic Service at Newark Castle and the Civil War Museum.

PC/96/16 Items for immediate attention or the next agenda

There were no reports for immediate attention.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 10th November.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm