

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 February 2017 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Carina Jukes, Ben Powell, Jackie Parker
Yvette Wellard (Clerk).

PC/11/17 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Barlow, Cllr Derbyshire, Cllr Jones,
Co Cllr Dobson, Dist Cllr Payne and Dist Cllr Lee.

PC/12/17 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Parker declared an interest in agenda item 6b, purchase of ring binder.

PC/13/17 Public Contributions. There were no members of the public present.

PC/14/17 Approval of Minutes.

No amendments to the draft minutes had been received from Cllrs present at the January meeting, and the Chairman approved and signed the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2017.

PC/15/17 Matters Arising.

PC/07/17 Defibrillator The Clerk confirmed that the order had been placed with CHT, and there was now a wait for BT to approve adoption of the telephone kiosk. Everyone agreed that the bonfire night had been a huge success for the village both as a fund raiser and as a social occasion, and expressed appreciation for the work of the organising committee who had enabled the purchase of the defibrillator to go ahead.

PC/08/17d Bus Services Co Cllr Dobson had contacted Cllr Jones directly to discuss the temporary changes to the service. Cllr Jones had since reported that the dial-a-ride, which was now the only bus service available to the village, was working well. However, it was felt that the changes should have been better publicised, the Parish Council had not been notified and occasional users of the bus had not been made aware that the regular service would not be operating.

PC/16/17 Finance:

a) Payment of Invoices

Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Jukes, the following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary, January	69.77
NALC subscription	68.68
VH Cttee printing expenses (recipe book)	50.54
Anglian Water	65.69
Grimes Gas cylinders x 2	104.00

b) Purchase of Second-hand Ring Binder

Mr Derick Parker had purchased a good quality second-hand ring binder for £50 for use by the Village Hall Cttee in producing recipe books. He was now putting it up for re-sale, and the Village Hall Cttee had requested that the Parish Council purchase it for their future use e.g. a 2018 village calendar. It was proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Powell and agreed to buy the ring binder from Mr Parker as it had been shown to be more economical than using an external service. Cllr Parker abstained from the vote.

c) 2017/18 Budget

Cllrs received copies of the draft 2017/18 budget. Concerns were expressed about the fall in village hall income both from fund raising and from lettings, though it was acknowledged that this was partly due to recent fund raising concentrating on the Church roof and the defibrillator. Unless more funds could be generated by the Village Hall, the budget would be very tight, particularly if any unbudgeted emergency maintenance work was needed.

PC/17/17 NSDC Development Plan Review

NSDC was consulting on phase 2 of its Development Plan Review, covering sites and settlements and town centre retail, full details of which were published on the District Council's web site. Cllrs had no comments for submission.

PC/18/17 Administration:

a) Village Hall – The tiling in the men’s WC had been completed by Mr Shelbourne and it was ready for the walls to be painted. The Clerk confirmed that she would do this and the Chairman would paint the corridor. Repair of brickwork over the front door was still to be done.

The Village Hall Committee’s whist drive held in January had been very popular. £87 was raised and it was planned to hold this event again.

b) Village Green and Playing Field – There was nothing to report.

c) Footpaths and Environment – Pot holes at the far end of Newark Road were particularly bad and the Clerk was asked to report this to ViaEM, and also to report missing street name signs on Dark Lane and Front Street to the District Council.

d) Village Spring Clean – Volunteers would be requested in the newsletter for a date towards the end of March or beginning of April to help with a list of tasks around the village.

e) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting – It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 11th May at 7pm.

PC/19/17 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

PC/20/17 Items for immediate attention

There were no other matters for attention

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 9th March 2017.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm