

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 April 2017 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Janette Barlow, Celia Derbyshire, Robert Jones, Carina Jukes, Jackie Parker, Yvette Wellard (Clerk). District Cllr Lee, District Cllr Payne

PC/30/17 Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from County Cllr Dobson and Cllr Powell.

PC/31/17 Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

PC/32/17 District Cllrs.

i.) Cllr Lee said that the fly tipping had been reported, and he understood that the District Council would be litter sweeping once a month. Cllr Jukes said that she had informed the District Council that names and addresses were among rubbish dumped on their land, but they had not been contacted about it to follow it up.

ii.) Cllr Derbyshire asked why planning consent had been given for a new lay-out of the forecourt at Northgate Station which was not in the best interest of safety. Cllr Payne said that NSDC had challenged the plans on safety grounds, but did not have the authority to refuse Network Rail's plans.

PC/33/17 Approval of Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Parker, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PC/34/17 Matters Arising.

PC/25/17 Only some of the pot holes had been repaired, and there were still some very deep holes. Cllr Parker reported that her car had been damaged by these pot holes. The Clerk would report this again.

PC/26/17 The Clerk provided details of the electricity tariff which was in place for another year. In order to make savings, it was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Jukes and agreed that the electricity bulbs in the Village Hall should be replaced by LED lights at a cost of £4 for each of the 18 lights.

PC/27/17c. The Front Street name sign had been replaced, and Geoff Morris was repairing the Dark Lane sign next to his house.

PC/27/17d Still waiting for adoption of the telephone kiosk, BT had put a notice up, and the Clerk would enquire about progress.

PC/35/17 Finance:

a) Payment of Invoices

Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, the following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary, February	69.77
HMRC PAYE 2016-17	208.80**
December Newsletter	53.46**
Stationery, printing, postage July-March	52.24**
Mowing expenses March	12.80
PRS	87.76
Trade Refuse Collection 2017-18	91.00
Rates 2017-18 (Monthly Direct Debit £47)	477.65

** Payments for year ending 31.1.17

b) 2016-17 Accounts

Copies of the Receipts and Payments accounts were circulated. Cllrs expressed concerns about the drop in Village Hall income from fund raising and lettings, and the drain on reserve funds due to the essential repairs of new cast iron guttering. About £2,500 had been raised for the defibrillator.

c) Internet Banking The Clerk reported that NSDC would no longer accept payments by cheque, and other arrangements for payments would need to be made. The Clerk would speak to the bank about internet banking and other methods of payment.

d) 2017-18 Budget There appeared to be very little scope for further savings. The Clerk would check with Nicola Lovely at NSDC to see if the Village Hall was entitled to any rate relief. It was confirmed that the Clerk's salary would remain on the lowest point of the salary scale at £8.873 per hour from 1st April.

PC/36/17 Administration:

a) Village Hall – Repair of brickwork over the front door was still to be done. The Chairman had finished painting the corridor and the Clerk had done most of the gents' toilet. The Village Hall Committee's Forties tea party had raised £410.

b) Village Green and Playing Field – Mr Derick Parker had been offered a ride-on mower which would be available for the village to use and could be stored under cover behind the Village Hall. It was proposed by Cllr Bett, seconded by Cllr Barlow and agreed to reimburse Mr Parker for the £70 (approx.) that he had spent on the mower. (*Cllr Parker declared an interest and abstained from the vote*). Mr Neil Gribby would provide a tarpaulin. Mr Les Chaplin's mowing report recommended use of weed and feed on the Green and sports field, but Cllrs decided that this was an unnecessary expense with the budget so tight.

c) Environment – It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition again as this provides a focus for the village to work towards. The Village Hall committee submitted a request via the Clerk for planting around the village such as outside the Village Hall and the Willow Tree. Cllr Lee offered the sum of £50 towards plants for the village from his Council funds, and would arrange for the District Council to sweep and spray gutters prior to the judging in June. Cllr Parker said that she would take on the job of cleaning the telephone kiosk, and Cllr Bett would carry out maintenance on the seat near the church. Further suggestions for the village clean up would be brought to the next meeting.

d) Village Event – The summer event this year was a Party on the Green on 3rd June which it was hoped would raise funds to purchase a marquee for future community events. The Clerk would organise a temporary entertainments/sale of alcohol licence for use on the Village Green and check that the musicians had their own performing rights licence. The usual road closure along the edge of the Green would be applied for. Insurance would be covered by the Parish Council's public liability insurance as confirmed by Zurich for last year's event.

PC/37/17 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

PC/38/17 Items for immediate attention

Cllr Derbyshire reported that the Fulbeck wind turbines application had been refused by S Kesteven District Council through delegated powers, but the energy company would be able to appeal.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting –

Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 11th May at 7pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.