

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chairman), Graham Bett, Celia Derbyshire, Carina Jukes, Jackie Parker, Yvette Wellard (Clerk). 1 member of the Parish

PC/53/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from County Cllr Dobson, District Cllr Lee and Cllr Powell.

PC/54/17 Declarations of Interest

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

PC/55/17 Public Contributions.

None.

PC/56/17 Approval of the Annual Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Bett, the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PC/57/17 Matters Arising.

PC/52/17 The letters from Robert Jenrick MP and the Transport Minister had been circulated. Cllrs commented that the measures to improve safety on the A1 did not go far enough; problems stem from the Newark roundabouts where there should be traffic lights, particularly at peak times. The Clerk was asked to convey the Council's comments to the MP.

PC/58/17 Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Parker was nominated by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Bett and unanimously elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

PC/59/17 Finance:

a) Payment of Invoices

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

Clerk's salary, May	71.13
Mowing expenses April/May	12.31
Eon	159.89
Willow Tree - Party on the Green	103.56

PC/60/17 Administration:

a) Parish Council Vacancy – The statutory period for nominations for election had ended on 2nd June. There had been some expressions of interest, but discussion of co-option would be postponed until the next meeting after publication of the vacancy in the newsletter.

b) Review of Frequency of Parish Council Meetings. – It was proposed by Cllr Bett, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed that Parish Council meetings would be held on alternative months throughout the year, on the second Thursday of September, November, January, March, May, and July, with extra-ordinary meetings convened if needed for urgent business.

c) Village Events Committee – The Party on the Green was a great success, and raised over £1,000 which would be reserved by the Parish Council for improvements to the village, yet to be decided. Cllrs agreed that the Events Committee should have a separate constitution from the Village Hall Committee, which the Clerk would draw up for approval.

d) Village Hall – The Caretaker reported that the gate posts were becoming loose, and Cllr Bett said that he would check them. Cllrs reviewed the Caretaker's contract and discussed to what extent the duties should include cleaning. It was decided to look at a copy of the previous contract for comparison. The Village Hall Committee had not held their annual spring clean this year, and the Clerk would ask about it at the next committee meeting. It was agreed to have a column in the lettings diary for users of the hall to make comments if they wished to.

e) Village Green - Mr Chaplin reported a problem with the hand mower blade coming loose and that he had taken it to LMS for repair. The Clerk would suggest to Mr Chaplin that any future problems with the mowers should be referred to Cllr Bett or Mr Derick Parker for advice or repair. The Clerk was asked to chase BT for the go-ahead to adopt the telephone kiosk for housing the defibrillator, as notice of the public consultation period had expired.

f) Roads, Footpaths, Environment – Cllrs were not satisfied with repairs that had been carried out to pot holes on Newark Road, as the remaining ruts were still deep enough to damage vehicles, and cause people to drive dangerously in the centre of the road. The road surface near the cross roads was particularly bad and the Clerk would report this again.

The Chairman would write a piece for the newsletter about the dangers of speeding in the village and on the narrow lanes.

It was brought to the Council's attention that a group of teenagers had dumped a large number of bottles and cans in the River Witham after a barbecue on the river bank that was on private land. As they had arrived on foot, it was thought that at least some of the young people may be local, and it would be worth highlighting their anti-social behaviour in the newsletter.

PC/61/17 Correspondence

The Local Minerals Plan is to be reviewed.

PC/62/17 Items for Immediate Attention

The next Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting would be held at Barnby Village Hall on Monday 17th July at 7:30pm.

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 20th July at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.