

# **BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **Present:**

Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chmn), Jackie Parker, Carina Jukes, Ben Powell.  
Yvette Wellard (Clerk), 3 members of the public.

### **PC/86/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bett, Cllr Derbyshire, Cllr Woolley and County Cllr Dobson.

### **PC/87/17 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **PC/88/17 Public Contributions.**

Mrs Coates provided details about the revised planning application for 1 Front Street which had just been submitted. Although she had obtained pre-planning advice from NSDC, the original application was rejected by the Conservation Officer who had not been consulted at the pre-planning advice stage.

### **PC/89/17 Approval of the September Parish Council Minutes.**

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Parker, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

### **PC/90/17 Matters Arising.**

PC/81/17 Cllrs expressed concern that the incomplete pre-planning advice given for the proposed extension at 1 Front Street had been misleading for the applicant and for the Parish Council.

### **PC/91/17 Finance:**

#### **a) Payment of Invoices**

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

Clerk's salary September/October	142.26
September newsletter	40.00
Mowing expenses	13.21
Fireworks insurance	56.00
Phone box glass	32.76
NALC – Cllr training	30.00
Chubb Fire Inspection	58.34
HMRC – PAYE Apr – Sept	103.96
Grimes gas	56.00

#### **b) Audit Report**

There were no matters reported by the auditor, Grant Thornton. Attention was drawn to the valuation of assets with a recommendation that this should be set out in an Assets Policy. The auditor's report and accounts for year ending March 2017 had been published on the village web site.

### **PC/92/17 Committee Reports:**

**a) Village Events Committee** – The Bonfire Night event was very successful, producing a net income of £828.40. The Committee has proposed spending funds that they raise for the village on new gateway signs – examples and costings to be produced for the next meeting. It was agreed that the Events Committee funds would be held in a separate account and could be used to cover any shortfall that may arise in a future event.

**b) Village Hall Committee.** – The Harvest Supper raised £340 in October. The next event would be a joint Christmas Fair with the church at the end of November.

### **PC/93/17 Administration:**

**a) Defibrillator** – It was agreed to postpone painting the phone box and replacing glass panes until the Spring, but in the meantime Cllr Powell would put the defib. sticker sign on the kiosk. The Parish Council welcomed an offer by Mr Danny Seymour who lives opposite the phone box, to carry out the monthly checks and report to CHT on line. The Clerk would provide him with the information. It was proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Jukes and agreed to sign up to the Community Heartbeat Trust's Managed Solutions package at a cost of £126p.a. Some residents had suggested setting up a Village Emergency Telephone system, but Cllrs were unsure how this would work when the first port of call must be to the ambulance service and the caller would need to stay on the line for instructions from them. The Clerk would contact CHT for clarification. It was agreed that any money left over from the defibrillator fund raising would be used for on-going maintenance costs.

**b) Village Hall** – As the Willow Tree will be closed on New Year's Eve, a group of residents had requested use of the Village Hall for a community party on 31<sup>st</sup> December which was agreed by Cllrs.

**c) Village Green** - Mr Chaplin submitted his monthly mowing report. Regrettably, dog mess continued to be a problem and had to be cleaned up before every cut. The Clerk had put up a new sign obtained from the NSDC dog warden, and would enquire again about the new Public Space Protection Order which NSDC had proposed some time ago.

**d) Roads, Footpaths, Traffic** – Cllrs discussed the problems of speeding through the village and along the lanes which would again be referred to the Safer Neighbourhood Group and Co Cllr Dobson. It was reported that some children were standing in the middle of the road while waiting for the school bus. The Chairman would write an article for the December newsletter. Cllr Powell reported that footpaths were in a poor state, no maintenance had been done by NCC following the RoW officer's visit earlier in the year.

**e) Glass Recycling, Environment** – In response to an enquiry by Mrs Speakman, the Clerk reported that NSDC had no plans to provide a glass collection service, and the Parish Council does not have a suitable site for glass recycling collection.

**f) Village Watch Scheme** – The Chairman reported on a local village watch scheme, run by a volunteer administrator who emails alerts to residents of anything suspicious in the area. Cllr Barlow will obtain more information for Cllrs to assess whether the scheme could be used in Barnby.

### **PC/94/17 Correspondence**

- i) Confirmation received that Newark custody suite will close, despite local objections.
- ii) Letter from Robert Jenrick MP asking for support for his proposed bill on illegal Traveller encampments – details to follow.
- iii) Email from William Reeve, Leadenham PC – VETO funds to be shared out between villages which supported the campaign against wind turbines.
- iv) NALC AGM Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – the Clerk to attend.

### **PC/95/17 Items for Immediate Attention**

Planning meeting to be arranged to discuss the revised application for 1 Front Street.

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7:30pm.**

*The meeting closed at 9:00pm.*