

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 September 2018 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Jackie Parker (Vice Chairman), Graham Bett, Carina Jukes, Celia Derbyshire, Ben Powell, Joanne Woolley.
County Cllr Maureen Dobson, Mrs Yvette Wellard (Clerk), two members of the public.

PC/53/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Barlow and District Cllr Lee. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman.

PC/54/18 Declarations of Interest

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

PC/55/18 Public and Co Cllr Contributions.

- i) Mr Chaplin represented the Village Events Committee to confirm that it was the wish of both committees that they should combine as a single sub-committee of the Parish Council to jointly raise funds for the Village Hall and other village projects on a 50/50 split.
- ii) Cllr Dobson enquired about the new gateway signs for the village and welcomed confirmation that as sufficient funds had now been raised by the Events Committee together with a donation from Revolt and Cllr Dobson's contribution, the order for one sign had been placed with Malcolm Lane and Sons as the County Council's preferred supplier.

PC/56/18 Approval of the July Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th July were agreed.

PC/57/18 Matters Arising.

PC/48c/18 Figures for the upkeep of the Village Hall had been published in the newsletter and information on hiring the Village Hall submitted to the NSDC web site.

PC/50h/18 The next Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting would be held at Collingham on 18th October.

PC/58/18 Finance:

a) Payment of Invoices

Proposed by Cllr Derbyshire, seconded by Cllr Woolley the following items were agreed for payment:

Clerk's salary August and September	149.42
HMRC PAYE April – September	112.00
September newsletter	55.00
T Maguire – Audit Expenses	20.00
Vulcana – gas heater servicing	158.40
Eon	93.20
Water Plus (STW)	16.01
Wave - sewage	60.55

b) Finance Report

Copies of receipts and payments were circulated. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether a better deal from Eon was available.

PC/59/18 Planning.

a) Local Minerals Plan.

The County Council's new minerals plan was out for consultation. Cllrs welcomed the news that there was to be no excavation at Coddington, and the emphasis would now be on extending existing quarries.

b) Planning Decisions.

The application for a garage at Willow Tree Cottages, Long Lane had been approved, following the submission of a plan of the car park to show that eight parking spaces would still be available for visitors.

PC/60/18 Administration

a) Proposed Amalgamation of Committees

It was proposed by Cllr Derbyshire, seconded by Cllr Bett and agreed that the Village Hall Committee and the Events Committee should combine as a single committee for the purpose of organising social events and that all funds raised should be divided equally between the Village Hall and other village projects to be agreed in advance between the Committee and the Parish Council. The Clerk would draw up a revised constitution for the new committee.

b) Village Hall

i) Lettings and events. The Horticultural Show had been very successful and raised the sum of £156. The only regular letting was a monthly meeting of the Rotary Club.

ii) Maintenance. The Caretaker reported that the external fire door in the corridor was rotten at the base. On inspection, Cllrs agreed that it could be repaired by new wood across the bottom of the door. There was a request in the newsletter for volunteers to help decorate the main hall.

c) Village Green, Footpaths and Services.

i) Dog faeces continued to be a problem on the Village Green and playing field, in the churchyard and on pavements and footpaths. Cllr Lee had requested an increase in the number of visits by the dog warden who would welcome any information about offending dog owners. It was suggested that dog faeces left in public places should be highlighted with spray paint. The Clerk would ask NSDC for an additional bin at the end of the footpath adjacent to School House and for advice on banning dogs from the playing field.

ii) Barnby had again come fourth in the second round of the Best Kept Village Competition, but the judges' comments had only mentioned improvements with no helpful hints for future years. Cllrs noted that the street name sign for Dark Lane was still missing, and the Clerk would report this to NSDC.

iii) The Parish Council was not in favour of having a joint noticeboard with the church, but it was suggested by Cllr Derbyshire that the Council may consider an annual contribution for shared use of the church's noticeboard in the future.

PC/61/18 Correspondence

Invitations to the Parish Council Conference at North Muskham on 13th October and the NALC AGM on 14th November were received. The Clerk would attend both meetings.

PC/62/18 Matters for immediate note / next agenda

Cllrs reported that there had been some complaints about noise levels in the village over the Bank Holiday weekend. However it was pointed out that there had been a party at the Village Hall and an outdoor wedding reception on the same evening, and Cllrs unanimously agreed that allowances should be made for these occasional events.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Date of the next meeting – Thursday 8th November at 7:30pm