

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 November 2018 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chairman), Jackie Parker, Carina Jukes, Celia Derbyshire.
Mrs Yvette Wellard (Clerk), one member of the public.

PC/63/18 Apologies for Absence

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

PC/64/18 Declarations of Interest

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

PC/65/18 Public Contributions.

Mrs Speakman said that she was pleased to see that the Dark Lane street sign had been replaced and asked whether there were any plans to replace the old sign post at the junction of Newark Road and Long Lane. Mrs Speakman also commented on the disappointing fireworks' display in the village this year and asked about the Parish Council's response to County Council proposals for a unitary authority. The Clerk explained that although there had been a public consultation, local authorities had not been asked for their collective comments, other than by a show of hands at a briefing which the Chairman and Clerk had attended at County Hall (agenda item 7a).

PC/66/18 Approval of the September Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Derbyshire, seconded by Cllr Jukes, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September were agreed.

PC/67/18 Matters Arising.

PC/57/18 Cllr Bett had attended the meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group at Collingham.

PC/60/18 Cllr Derbyshire had noticed an increase in the number of foxes in the area and suggested that they might be responsible for some of the faeces on the playing field and in the churchyard.

PC/61/18 The Clerk reported that the Parish Council Conference organised by N Muskham PC had been very informative and it was hoped that other councils would get involved in planning for next year's conference.

PC/68/18 Finance:

a) Payment of Invoices

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

Clerk's salary October / November	149.42
Water Plus	10.08
Village Hall undercoat and primer	41.98
Materials for repair of VH fire door	22.71
Chubb fire inspection	93.01

b) Finance Report

Copies of receipts and payments to date were circulated. Cllrs noted that there were no regular group lettings in the village hall now and both the lettings and fund raising income was low. There was a discussion on whether to raise the hire charges, currently £6 per hour for locals and £8 per hour for people from outside the village. The Clerk pointed out that Coddington Village Hall which is a much larger hall and the Jubilee Room at the Coddington Community Centre which is a similar size to Barnby Village Hall charge only £8 per hour. It was agreed to look at ways of promoting the Village Hall through advertising, possibly for corporate events.

PC/69/18 Consultations.

a) NCC Local Government Re-organisation.

The Chairman and Clerk attended a presentation at County Hall to outline the case for a unitary authority in Nottinghamshire. Afterwards, delegates agreed by a majority of 2:1 that the independent company appointed by the Co Council should continue its research in order to provide more information on the options available. The full report would be available in December.

b) NSDC Cleaner Safer Greener.

Parish Councils had been invited to comment on the District Council's new initiative for the environment. The Clerk would forward copies of the questionnaire and incorporate Cllrs' comments in the Parish Council's response.

PC/70/18 Administration

a) Village Hall Constitution.

The Clerk tabled a draft revision of the section of the Village Hall Constitution relating to the committee structure (copy attached). Proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, the changes were agreed. The rest of the constitution and rules of hire to be updated at a future meeting.

b) Village Committee Report.

The Fireworks Night raised £771.22. The Committee was aware that improvements needed to be made for next year. Three other events were planned before Christmas – Christmas Fair (jointly with the Church), wreath-making and carol singing. Proceeds to be split between the Village Hall and new signs for the village. Cllrs suggested that villagers should be consulted in a questionnaire on what type of events they would like to attend and on future projects for fund raising.

c) Gateway signs.

Malcolm Lane had started work on the first Barnby gateway sign and the artwork would be available to view shortly. The Clerk would contact Mike Keeling, Via EM to arrange a visit for approval of the proposed siting of the sign on Long Lane.

d) Village Hall Maintenance

Internal walls in the main hall had been repainted, thanks to Derek Parker, Graham Bett and other volunteers. Mr Parker had also repaired the external fire door. The Clerk would make enquiries about available grants for repair, refurbishment or replacement of the windows in the coming year. It was suggested that Village Hall Committee members be asked if they would do their annual spring clean of the kitchen. The Clerk would speak to the Caretaker about the procedure for checking the condition of the hall after private lettings.

e) Village Green, Footpaths and Services.

It was reported that some people were bagging dog waste, then leaving the plastic bags at the side of the footpaths. As there are only three dog/litter bins in the village, the Clerk would enquire whether NSDC would supply another one for Back Lane as part of its new Cleaner Safer Greener initiative.

PC/71/18 Correspondence

i) Notification from Highways England of essential safety improvements to the A46 roundabouts, commencing January 2019, scheduled for completion July 2019. The work will involve lane closures, speed restrictions and diversions.

ii) A letter from The Willow Tree concerning the owners' struggle to make the pub viable. They were particularly concerned that the Village Hall was hosting a New Year's Eve party for the village, taking trade away from the pub's planned event and asked the Parish Council to work with them to keep the pub open for the village. The Clerk would draft a response to explain that the New Year's Eve party was a private event, and had not been organised by the Village Committee as they thought. Cllrs recognised that whilst it is not within the remit of the Parish Council to support a business, it is important to maintain a strong community, and for all parties to work together to preserve the village's assets.

PC/72/18 Matters for immediate note / next agenda

i) The Clerk drew attention to a Growth Liaison meeting organised by the District Council for parishes affected by the Middlebeck and Fernwood developments. Barnby had not been included in the invitation and Cllrs requested that the Clerk make the organisers aware of the omission.

ii) The Clerk was asked to check planning conditions for the large shed which had been erected at the rear of School House.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

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VILLAGE HALL CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. CONSTITUTION (REVISED 1991)

1.1 The hall is the property of the Barnby in the Willows Parish Council and shall be known as Barnby Village Hall.

1.2 The hall shall be administered by the Parish Council for the purpose of providing and maintaining premises for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Barnby in the Willows without distinction of political, religious or other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

2. COMMITTEE (REVISED NOVEMBER 2018)

2.1 A non-executive committee known as Barnby Village Committee shall be appointed by the Parish Council for the purpose of organising social activities and fund raising for the benefit of the village, and shall be responsible to the Parish Council. 50% of funds raised shall be to support the Village Hall running costs and 50% for other projects agreed in advance with the Parish Council.

2.2 The Committee shall consist of 10 members and the Parish Council Chairman and Clerk, ex-officio. Committee members shall be appointed by the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council meeting and reviewed annually. A casual vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by the Parish Council at its next meeting.

2.3 At the first meeting following the APC, the Committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer for the collection of income and receipts.

2.4 The Committee shall meet as and when required. All meetings shall be held in the Village Hall and shall be open to the public for participation at a given point on the agenda. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of 6 members.

2.5 Notice of meetings shall be posted on the Parish Council noticeboard and the web site, allowing three clear days' notice. Minutes of the meetings shall be posted on the Parish Council web site pages.

3. HIRE OF HALL - TO BE REVIEWED