

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 January 2019 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chmn), Jackie Parker, Graham Bett, Carina Jukes, Joanne Woolley.
Yvette Wellard (Clerk).
District Cllr Lee, one member of the public.

PC/1/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Powell and District Cllr Payne.

PC/2/19 Declarations of Interest

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

PC/3/19 Public and District Councillor Contributions.

- i) Mrs Speakman asked about the Parish Council's response to NSDC's Cleaner Safer Greener survey. It was suggested that information could go in the next newsletter. Mrs Speakman also enquired about the village questionnaire which the Parish Council had suggested to put forward ideas for village events and offered her help with distribution. The Village Committee would be reminded about this at the next meeting.
- ii) Cllr Lee informed the meeting that NSDC had appointed 6 new wardens to deal with litter, dogs etc. Fly tipping was on the increase and should be reported immediately – online to NSDC, to the District Cllr or the Parish Clerk.
Cllr Lee left the meeting.

PC/4/19 Approval of the November Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Parker, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 8th November 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC/5/19 Matters Arising.

PC/65/18 The Parish Council felt that the sign post at the end of Long Lane could be repaired rather than replaced. The Clerk volunteered to clean it and would bring it to the attention of Mike Keeling (VIA) when he visits to look at signage.

PC/67/18 Cllr Bett was attending the SNG meetings which now covered a much wider area. The police reported a spate of burglaries in villages. The next SNG meeting would be held at Collingham on 31 Jan.

PC/69/18 The Clerk reported that the County Council's review of local government had been put on hold, but the initial report on the case for a unitary authority was available on the NCC web site

PC/6/19 Finance:

a) Payment of Invoices

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

Clerk's salary December / January	149.42
December Newsletter	60.00
Village Hall Licence	70.00
Village Hall paint	42.00
Eon	108.42
Performing Rights Society	108.47
NALC subscription	74.84
Mower fuel	25.86

b) Finance Reports

Copies of the Village Hall income and Committee fund raising reports were circulated and discussed. The combined VH lettings and fund raising for the year to date was £1,627.72 with two more events planned before the year end, giving an estimated shortfall of c.£400 on the year's running costs for the hall.

The Village Signs Fund stood at £1,188.43 after payment for the first gateway sign.

It had been suggested by some members of the Committee that VAT reclaimed on fund raising expenses should be added to funds generated by events for the Village Hall and other projects. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Bett, seconded by Cllr Jukes and agreed by a majority of 5 votes, that

as the Parish Council subsidises the hall, and provides support for fund raising in other ways such as insurance and grant applications, there should be no change to the financial regulations, as apportioning the VAT would create unnecessary division and complications and would not be cost effective on the Clerk's time for such a small amount of money. Cllr Parker abstained from the vote.

c) Budget for 2019 – 20

The Clerk presented the draft budget. The following increases were agreed:

Newsletter - increased printing costs +£40

Audit – new auditor to be appointed +£50

Clerk's salary – in line with national salary scale +£50

Portable appliance testing due +£100

Cllrs discussed whether a saving of £90 could be made by not having a refuse bin, but agreed that it was unreasonable to expect hirers of the hall or committee members to take rubbish home with them and sort for recycling. The Clerk had made enquiries with NSDC about rate reductions for small businesses, but a response had not yet been received.

d) Precept 2019 – 20

In view of rising costs, it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire and unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 3.45% from £2,900 to £3,000. This represents an increase from £27.89 to £28.78 per annum for a Band D property's contribution to parish expenses.

PC/7/19 Administration:

a) Committee Report

The Committee was organising the annual Inter-lanes Quiz and a St Patrick's Day supper. The Party on the Green in June would be raising funds for a second village sign for Newark Road. The next Cttee meeting would be 11 February at 2pm.

b) Village Hall Maintenance

No maintenance issues had been reported. Members of the Committee were willing to work with Councillors to thoroughly clean and redecorate the kitchen. The Committee would arrange a suitable date.

c) Village Green, Footpaths, Roads, Services

The Parish Council was grateful to Mr Chris Joyce for gritting the road around the junction of Front Street and Long Lane when needed. Cllr Bett would check grit levels in the bin. The Caretaker was using sand stored at the Village Hall for the carpark and junction of Dark Lane and Back Lane. It was suggested that Members consider purchasing grit spreaders for next year for wider application around the village.

d) Defibrillator Training

The Committee had suggested a refresher course on using the defibrillator. The Clerk would find out the cost of a having a repeat session.

e) Growth Liaison Meeting

The Chairman and Cllr Bett attended a meeting at Castle House for parishes affected by the planned developments around Newark (Fernwood, Middlebeck, Clay Lane). Hollowdyke Lane would be closed to normal traffic so that access to Fernwood would be via the B6236 and through Newark, taking additional pressure away from Barnby and Coddington. Concerns were expressed by all parishes about inadequate infrastructure for the size of the developments.

PC/8/19 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

PC/9/19 Matters for immediate note / next agenda / newsletter

Parish Council elections, 2nd May. Appointment of auditor. Review of contracts for Clerk and Caretaker and the Village Hall Constitution. Bus shelter.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 14th March

The meeting closed at 9:30pm