

Barnby in the Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

1. Attendance

Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chairman), Jackie Parker, Graham Bett, Carina Jukes, Ben Powell, Carol Speakman.
Co. Cllr Maureen Dobson, District Cllr Betty Brooks, Dist Cllr John Lee.
Yvette Wellard (Clerk), 2 residents of the parish.

Apologies were received from Karin Chaplin.

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2018 Parish Meeting Proposed by Carina Jukes, seconded by Janette Barlow, the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2018 were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

- i) Following the Village Hall Committee's request for more support, the two fund raising committees had combined to become the Barnby Village Committee with all money raised being divided equally between the Village Hall and other improvement projects for the village.
- ii) Residents had been asked in the newsletter what activities they would like to have in the village, but there had been little response. Cllr Speakman offered to deliver a questionnaire and suggested holding a coffee morning to conduct a survey.
- iii) The Church had purchased a new noticeboard for the front of the churchyard which could be shared with the Parish Council.
- iv) Draft minutes were now published on the web site prior to approval.
- v) Stray dogs and dog mess continued to be a problem. Cllr Lee said that the warden was visiting quite frequently and would act on any information provided. He offered to provide more signs for display around the village and suggested that the Parish Council could ask the Coddington cubs for some of the plastic containers which they had been making into poo bag dispensers.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked the Committee members for all their hard work organising events to raise funds for the two gateway signs and for the upkeep of the Village Hall; the volunteers who helped clean and decorate the hall and kitchen; Derick Parker for repairs at the hall and especially for the refurbishment of the phone box; Les Chaplin and Derick for mowing the Village Green and field; Danny Seymour for conducting regular checks on the defibrillator, Chris Joyce for gritting the road at the junction of Long Lane; Mark Evison and Janine Stanley for maintaining the web site. Regrettably, speeding traffic in the village and on the lanes was continuing to be a problem. The Village Hall was sadly under-used with no regular classes or groups, and suggestions for activities would be welcome.

5. Finance Report.

The Clerk provided copies of the unaudited accounts for 2018-19. Expenditure was in line with the budget for the year. Although there had been a drop in regular lettings of the Village Hall, savings had been made on electricity, gas and mowing expenses. The Village Hall was now exempt from paying rates and had received a refund back-dated for 7 years. A grant of £500 towards the village signs was received from the Revolt campaign group which had had funds left over for distribution to neighbouring village projects.

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6. Open Forum.

- i) Cllr Dobson congratulated the village on finally getting the new signs in place. She reported that the bus shelter had been repaired and would be re-stained later. ViaEM had offered to mow the Village Green and verges 5 times a year.
- ii) Mrs Stanley reported that the light in the defibrillator kiosk was not working.
- iii) Mr Starkey requested more information and training on the use of the defibrillator. Cllr Dobson suggested approaching Philip Jessop, Newark Community First Aid to ask for a refresher course to be put on in Barnby,

The meeting closed at 7:30pm