

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 March 2019 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Present:

Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chmn), Jackie Parker, Graham Bett, Carina Jukes, Ben Powell, Celia Derbyshire, Joanne Woolley.

Yvette Wellard (Clerk).

Three members of the public.

PC/10/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Co. Cllr Dobson and District Cllr Lee.

PC/11/19 Declarations of Interest

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

PC/12/19 Public and District Councillor Contributions.

Janine Stanley had been invited to brief the meeting on the village web site which she edits on behalf of the Parish Council. She explained that the current site had been set up and funded by Mark Evison who was the sole administrator. New software will be required for Wordpress from next year and Mrs Stanley will not have the time to keep up with the changes which will need someone with web site experience. Mr Evison had also indicated that he wished to hand over administration of the site.

Mrs Stanley left the meeting.

PC/13/19 Approval of the January Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th January 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

PC/14/19 Matters Arising.

The were no matters arising.

PC/15/19 Finance:

a) Approval of Payments.

Proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Powell, the following items were agreed for payment:

Clerk's salary February / March	149.62
HMRC October - March (Clerk's PAYE)	112.00
Admin expenses April - March	84.06
March newsletter printing	40.10
Eon	122.86
Grimes Gas x 2	118.00
Water Plus (STW)	17.57
WAVE (Anglian Water)	64.43
Community Heartbeat Trust	151.20
Mower fuel	12.43

b) Finance Report.

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall was now exempt from payment of business rates and had received a refund of £3,375 for payments made over the last 7 years. Cllrs agreed that this money should be set aside for improvements to the Village Hall. The receipts and payments report was circulated and discussed. Expenditure for the Parish Council and the Village Hall was all within or very close to budget, with savings made on electricity and mowing expenses. It was noted that thanks to all the volunteer help, decorating of the hall had been done for only £84.

The combined Village Hall lettings and fund raising for the year was £1,691, giving an estimated shortfall of c.£500 on the year's running costs for the hall which would be covered by the Parish Council.

c) Electricity Prices.

The Clerk presented a comparison of current prices for all electricity companies. The Clerk was asked to check whether the current supplier, Eon would be willing to lower its price to match SSE, but if not, it was proposed by Cllr Bett, seconded by Cllr Woolley and agreed to switch the Village Hall's electricity contract to SSE for a saving of c.£300 p.a.

d) Caretaker's Salary.

Proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire it was agreed to pay the Village Hall Caretaker an annual gross salary for 2018-19 of £312.50 (£250 net wage, £62.50 PAYE).

e) Purchase of new glasses for the Village Hall.

The Committee submitted a request for new drinking glasses at a cost of £76.38 for 48 wine glasses and 48 half pint glasses. Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Jukes, the purchase was approved.

f) Village Gateway Signs.

The Committee had raised a total to date of £4,234 towards the cost of new village name signs. The first sign, including installation, would cost £3,085 (exc. vat) and a second sign using the same artwork would be £2,035 if purchased together (a saving of £300 on installation). Proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Derbyshire, it was **RESOLVED**: that in order to make the £300 saving by purchasing both signs together, the Parish Council would provide a loan of £885 to the Committee, to be repaid from the proceeds of the next 2-3 fund raising events. The Clerk would arrange insurance for the new signs.

g) Parish Council Printer.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's printer was broken, not taking in the sheets of paper. It was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Jukes and agreed that the Clerk could spend <£50 on a new printer.

PC/16/19 Administration:

a) Committee Report.

Cllr Parker reported that the St Patrick's Day supper had been cancelled due to lack of support. The next planned event was an Easter Egg Hunt with afternoon tea on 20th April. The Committee had registered for Live and Local and 4 committee members would be attending this year's launch to see which performances would be suitable for Barnby Village Hall.

Committee members would be spring cleaning and decorating the kitchen, week commencing 18 March.

b) Village Hall Lettings and Maintenance.

No maintenance issues had been reported. In spite of having no regular group bookings this year, income from lettings and equipment hire totalled £713 which compared well with previous years.

c) Village Green and Sports Field.

Following a site visit and discussion about a new noticeboard on the Village Green, Mike Keeling, ViaEM had supplied maps showing the extent of the adopted highway across the whole of the Village Green, even though it is owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that this could mean that the County Council should subsidise the cost of mowing any of the adopted highway areas within the village which are maintained by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to seek further clarification from Mr Keeling.

d) Footpaths, Roads, Services

Mr Keeling had visited the village with Co Cllr Dobson to approve the siting of the new village signs. He had also agreed the repair of the sign post at the end of Long Lane and confirmed that Long Lane was being considered for inclusion in the county's gritting schedule for next year.

e) Bus Shelter and Noticeboards.

During the site visit, Co Cllr Dobson said that she would ask for the bus shelter to be repaired and suggested that a small noticeboard could be installed on the inside wall. The Clerk advised that All Saints' Church will be purchasing a new noticeboard to be erected outside the church railings next to the public footpath. The PCC is happy to share the noticeboard with the Parish Council in return for using the PC's noticeboards to give maximum publicity for all.

f) Village Web Site.

Following the information provided by Mrs Stanley, it was suggested that it may be time for the Parish Council to consider a new web site. The **Chairman** would speak to Mr Evison to thank him for his support over the past few years and to ask his advice on the best way forward.

g) Local Elections.

District and Parish Council elections were due on 2 May. Details had been included in the March newsletter and the Clerk would provide a link for downloading the forms.

PC/17/19 Planning Applications.

19/00135/LBC - 2 replacement windows to the rear of The Willow Tree public house.

Cllrs had no objections to the plans.

PC/18/19 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

PC/19/19 Matters for immediate note or the next agenda.

No further matters were raised.

Date of the next meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 9th May at 7:00pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm