Barnby in the Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

1. Attendance

Cllr Graham Bett (PC Acting Chairman), Cllr Barbara Hill, Cllr Janette Barlow. District & Co Cllr Maureen Dobson, PCSO Mike Munro, PCSO Tom Pettit, Yvette Wellard (PC Clerk) 7 Members of the Parish.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Jones.

2. Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2013 were agreed.

3. Open Forum.

3.1 Anti-social behaviour on Back Lane which was first highlighted at the previous Parish Meeting was still a problem. Following last year's complaints, some residents had received a letter from the housing authority asking them to keep a record of all incidents. This had only been partially done, but residents felt there should be more involvement and support from Newark and Sherwood Housing.

Cllr Dobson reported that things were moving, and apologised for the length of time taken to go through the necessary procedures in order to achieve results. The police had been made aware of the air rifle incidents and any further complaints should be reported to PCSO Munro immediately. Steven Feast, N&S Homes would be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting, and housing officers would be visiting residents to discuss their complaints. It was essential to keep a diary for evidence as requested. PCSO Mike Munro would provide an article for the newsletter on dealing with anti-social behaviour.

- 3.2 There were reports of children driving round the village roads on a battery operated vehicle, sometimes in the dark. PCSO Munro would have a word with those involved.
- 3.3 It was suggested that the 'no through road' sign in the village should be more prominent. There had been at least one incident of a lorry having to turn round outside the church and damaging the gates. There was a request for the Barnby village sign on the A17 to include the full name of Barnby in the Willows and for all the road signs to be cleaned. Cllr Dobson would discuss Barnby's signage with Mike Keeling and request cleaning. The village name sign on Newark Road was obscured by hedging. The Parish Council would ask Mr Jukes to cut his hedge back.
- 3.4 It was thought that the directional sign for the Barnby turning on the A17 coming from the east had been placed too close to the junction and was not clearly visible because of the trees. Traffic leaves the dual carriageway at Beckingham at high speed, and interactive speed signs are needed to improve safety at the Long Lane junction. Cllr Dobson reported that a decision had been made that there would be no interactive signs at the eastern end of the 40mph limit on the A17. However, it was intended to have regular mobile speed cameras, and Lincolnshire police would also be using them.
- 3.6 Cllr Hill reported problems with blocked drains which she believed were not being regularly jetted. The Parish Council would report to Anglian Water.

Approved	Chairman.	Date

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.