

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 January 2016 in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

PC/01/16 Attendance and Apologies

Members present: Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Dave Shaw, Rob Jones,
Celia Derbyshire, Janette Barlow, Ben Powell, Carina Jukes.

In attendance: Yvette Wellard (Clerk), District Cllr David Payne

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

The Chairman announced the death of Mr Keith Lord, a former Chairman of the Parish Council and paid tribute to his 19 years of service to the Council, and his commitment to the community.

PC/02/16 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Jukes was not involved in any discussions of the planning application for Gables Farmhouse.

PC/03/16 Public and District Council Contributions.

There were no members of the public present, and Cllr Payne had nothing to report.

PC/04/16 Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 12 November 2015.

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Shaw, seconded by Cllr Barlow, the minutes were agreed to be signed by the Chairman.

PC/05/16 Matters arising.

114/15. Cllr Derbyshire said there was nothing further to report on the wind turbines. South Kesteven District Council was waiting for more information from Energie Kontor.

PC/06/16 Finance.

a. Payment of invoices

Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Jones, the following payments were approved:

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Clerk's salary, November / December	137.80
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE	137.60
Les Chaplin, November mowing expenses	65.93*
Notts County Supplies – VH sundries	43.56
Grimes gas x 2	104.00
NSDC Election costs	61.42
NSDC Village Hall Licence	70.00
Eon	123.98

* £60 as the agreed 50% cost of repair and service of mower.

b. Agreement of 2016/17 Budget

Copies of the projected end of year figures and the draft budget were received. The Clerk was asked to price new chairs for the Village Hall as possible additional expenditure.

c. 2016/17 Precept

In view of the repairs and maintenance needed at the Village Hall, it was proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Shaw and unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 2% to £2,500.

PC/07/16 Village Hall

a. Review of Charges.

It was agreed that there would be no increase in the letting fees for 2016/17. Cllrs discussed the blanket rate of £20 for use of the kitchen and whether this should vary depending on which facilities were used. It was agreed to keep the charge at £20 for full use of cookers, dishwasher, tableware etc, but as with the hire of equipment, partial use of equipment could be subject to a donation. This would be reviewed after 6 months.

b. Maintenance.

i) It was agreed that the gents' toilet should go ahead using the water heater recommended by the electrician, as a more compact heater would require new wiring for a higher voltage.

- ii) The Chairman would speak to the contractor about the guttering which was still outstanding.
- c. Cllr Shaw reported on the Village Hall Committee's plans for two further fund raising events in February and March to boost income for 2015/16.
Cllr Payne left the meeting.

PC/08/16 Village Green and Environment.

a. Mowing Report

The Parish Council had received an email from the owner of the house next to the Village Green, who was unhappy about the Green being mown on a Sunday afternoon as his wife was unwell, and it disturbed her rest.

Mr Chaplin's mowing report also referred to this incident, when the two men had exchanged words. He explained that it was not his usual practice to mow on Sundays, but on this occasion, wet weather had caused delays, and he had no other time to do it. Members were sympathetic to both parties, and asked the Clerk to write to the homeowner, assuring him that this would not be a regular occurrence.

b. NSDC Survey of Open Spaces.

The Clerk would complete the survey and return it to Kelham Hall. The last survey had been done in 2002, and there had been no change since then.

c. Litter/Dog Bin Provision.

Cllrs had previously discussed installing another litter bin at the end of the footpath adjacent to School House. The Clerk reported the cost of a new litter bin from NSDC (£114) and an additional charge by NCC Highways for a post (£100) plus a charge of £57 for NSDC to fit the bin to the post. Total cost - £271. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the Parish Council could install a bin themselves using an existing post on the footpath.

d. Defibrillation Meeting.

The Community Heartbeat Trust had arranged a presentation in the Village Hall on 21 January. The Clerk would send flyers round the village.

PC/09/16 Planning

15/02099/FUL. Gables Farmhouse extension

Cllrs had previously studied the plans, and confirmed their decision that there were no objections to the application.

PC/10/16 Correspondence

- Members were reminded of an open meeting on the Devolution Agreement, to be held in Collingham.
- Cllrs noted the date of the Queen's official birthday celebrations in June.

PC/11/16 Matters for Immediate Note / Next Agenda

- Cllr Derbyshire reported comments made to her that the public did not feel welcome at Barnby Parish Council meetings. There was no specific complaint, but Cllrs noted the concern.
- It was reported that the telephone kiosk light was out and BT should be informed.
- Cllr Barlow gave her apologies for the next meeting on **11 February**.

..... Chairman

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