

# **BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 March 2017 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.**

### **Present:**

Cllrs Graham Bett (Chairman), Janette Barlow, Celia Derbyshire, Robert Jones, Carina Jukes, Ben Powell, Jackie Parker, Yvette Wellard (Clerk).

**PC/21/17 Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from County Cllr Dobson and District Cllr Lee.

**PC/22/17 Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.

**PC/23/17 Public Contributions.** There were no members of the public present.

### **PC/24/17 Approval of Minutes.**

Proposed by Cllr Jukes, seconded by Cllr Powell, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **PC/25/17 Matters Arising.**

**PC/15/17 Bus Services** Cllr Jones reported that although the service was limited, the phone-a ride system was working satisfactorily.

**PC/18/17 Pot holes** It was noted that the pot holes on Newark Road had been marked for repair.

### **PC/26/17 Finance:**

#### **a) Payment of Invoices**

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

Clerk's salary, February	69.77	
March Newsletter	10.80	
Caretaker	250.00	
Eon	354.47	***
G Shelbourne (VH tiling/floor trim)	232.20	
G Bett – Paint, door strip	39.03	

\*\*\* Cllrs questioned the exceptionally high quarterly charge for Village Hall electricity. The Clerk was asked to query the rates charged on the current electricity plan.

#### **b) Budget**

Income and expenditure for the year to date was noted. Cllrs expressed concern at the drop in income from Village Hall lettings and fund raising. It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Barlow and unanimously agreed to increase letting charges from £4 (residents) / £6 (non-residents) to £6 / £8 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

### **PC/27/17 Administration:**

**a) Village Hall** – Repair of brickwork over the front door was still to be done. A small hole in the window was noted. The Village Hall Committee was organising a Forties tea party at the end of March.

**b) Village Green and Playing Field** – Mr Derick Parker had been offered a ride-on mower which would be available for the village to use and could be stored under cover behind the Village Hall.

**c) Environment** – Street names on Dark Lane and Front Street were missing, and others were in need of cleaning. A list of jobs for the village spring clean would be finalised at the next meeting. It was suggested that a seat should be installed in the bus shelter.

**d) Defibrillator** – There was still no response from BT on adopting the phone box – applications face a minimum three month waiting list.

### **PC/28/17 Correspondence**

There were no items of correspondence.

### **PC/29/17 Items for immediate attention**

Cllr Derbyshire highlighted the amount of rubbish littering the Newark ring roads. The Clerk would bring this to the attention of the County Council.

**Date of the next Parish Council Meeting** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

*The meeting closed at 8:35pm.*