

**BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 November 2019**

**Present:** Cllrs Janette Barlow (Chmn), Jackie Parker, Graham Bett, Ben Powell, Karin Chaplin, Carol Speakman  
Yvette Wellard (Finance Officer)  
Dist Cllr Lee and 16 members of the public

**PC/77/19 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from: County Cllr Dobson, Dist Cllr Brooks, Cllr Jukes

**PC/78/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest for the items on the agenda<sup>19</sup>

**PC79/19 Public Contributions, District and County Councillors**

i) Yvette Wellard objected to be asked to pay the hire charge at events such as the Christmas Fayre for a fundraising table to raise money for the church. It was agreed by the PC that, in future, the Church would not be required to pay any monies to hire a table

ii) It was clarified by members of the public present, interested in setting up a social club in the Village Hall, of what form the proposed venture would take:  
Twice weekly meetings, on Wednesday and Saturday evenings selling teas, coffees and providing a licensed bar. Arranged talks, bingo and bar games including pool. The proposed venture would be self-funding, staffed by Village Hall Committee members and alcohol to be kept in a locked safe

Dist Cllr Lee reported that The Newark Advertiser had contacted him regarding a proposed social club in Barnby and had asked for a comment from this evening's PC meeting. Some villagers had also contacted him regarding this. Cllr Lee expressed concerns that this would be in direct competition with The Willow Tree pub and suggested that the possibility of something along the lines of a youth centre may be more conducive

Cllr Powell had looked up legal requirements for running a social club and highlighted several things which would need to be applied for and/or approved. Cllr Lee stated that more legal guidance re licensing would be required. He had communicated with Cllr Dobson regarding this who said that the PC cannot be seen to have any involvement in running a social club and that a 'games night' would be acceptable but would have to be run separately from the PC

A member of the public stated that he had spoken with several villagers who had voiced their concerns about having a social club in the Village Hall

iii) Cllr Lee confirmed that unless double yellow lines are insitu, the District Council are unable to enforce parking restrictions in the village.

**PC/80/19 Approval of the October Parish Council Minutes**

Proposed as a true record by Cllr Chaplin and seconded by Cllr Parker, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 November 2019 were agreed and signed for by the Chairman

### **PC/81/19 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

There were no matters arising

### **PC/82/19 Interview for replacement Clerk to the Parish**

i) Yvette Wellard (Finance Officer) joined the meeting

ii) A new applicant for the post of Clerk to the Parish, Helen Cowlan, was interviewed by members of the PC. It was reported she interviewed well and that both parties appeared to be happy with the proposed job offer. It was suggested by Yvette Wellard that the person new to the position would take on 12.5hrs, Yvette would continue with the financial side of the role, taking 5hrs whilst training the new Clerk on the financials up to the end March 2020: salaries to be paid accordingly. The new Clerk would then take over fully on 17.5hrs with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

Unanimous decision to offer the post of Clerk to the Parish to the interviewee

### **PC/83/19 Finance**

a) Payments: Proposed by Cllr Barlow, seconded by Cllr Powell, the following were approved:

	£
Mower fuel	16.01
Repair of fencing	8.50
Water Plus	11.14
Live and Local	515.00 (inc VAT)

b) Receipts and Payments statement was approved with no unexpected transactions

c) Committee finance: Yvette Wellard is to set up internet banking. it was agreed that this would make purchasing and reimbursement, relating to village events and improvements, a more efficient process. It was highlighted by Yvette that, by law, the debit card can only be used by the Finance Officer

### **PC/84/19 Village Hall**

#### **a) Proposed Social Club**

A vote was taken by members of the PC who unanimously voted against having a social club at the present time.

#### **b) Committee Report:**

Cllr Parker reported that the two recent village events had been a huge success making profits as follows:

Live and Local	£300
Bonfire Night	£600

Future planned events before Christmas include: Wreath making, carol singing  
The annual Inter-Lanes Quiz on the 22 February 2020, an Easter Egg Hunt (date TBC) and a further Live and Local event sometime later in 2020

#### **c) Pool Table**

The subject of a pool table for the Village Hall was revisited and discussed. It was confirmed that this would be a semi-permanent fixture and would have to be partially dismantled in order to take it out, if/when required. A vote was taken as to whether we should accept the offer of the pool table which resulted in five votes against with

one abstention. The main reason for the votes against was due to the fact the table would not be easy to move therefore taking up valuable seats on sale for future events in the Village Hall.

**d) Events at the Village Hall:**

Cllr Speakman stated she had received concerns from some villagers regarding noise levels associated with events at the Village Hall, also with the planning and notification of the Bonfire Night event. Following further discussion there appeared to be some confusion about who had said what and to whom. As a result, it was agreed that further concerns or complaints of this nature should be directed to the PC either in person, by attending the next PC meeting, or in writing, in order to avoid confusion and for the matter to be addressed directly.

**e) Yoga class**

Potentially there is to be a Yoga class held in the Village Hall on Fridays commencing February 2020. Further details to be confirmed

**f) New Years Eve Party**

An application is to be made for a late license, 00.30hrs, for the above private letting

**g) Fire and Electrical Inspections**

i) A quote for the fire alarm system from Chubb came in at £340 + VAT for one year; DCR quoted £540 + VAT and we are still awaiting a quote from Matt Hudson

**PC85/19 Village Newsletter and Website**

i) Mr Neil Gribby has volunteered to take up production and editing of the newsletter. It was mentioned that if the PC are to fund this then associated costs must be approved by the PC prior to production. Our thanks to Neil for taking ownership of this

ii) Janine Stanley confirmed that she is no longer able to manage the Village Website, She suggested that, due to the way it had been initially set up, it might be an easier option to set up a new website, suggesting various options. It was agreed that this is something the new Clerk to the Parish could be involved in setting up. Our thanks to Janine for her work in managing this village website over the past years

**PC/86/19 New Chairs for the Village Hall**

A donation of £500 has been received from Cllr Dobson towards new chairs for the village hall. Cllr Betts and Cllr Barlow to seek out the most competitive pricing

**PC/87/19 Newer, Greener Environment**

Details are on the Newark and Sherwood website of funding available, up to 50%, towards village projects concerned with making a greener environment. It was suggested we look at the possibility of double glazing and to give some thought to other possibilities

**PC/88/19 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence or matters for immediate note

**PC/89/19 Items for Agenda of the Next meeting**

Review costs of village hall hire

**The next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 @ 7pm**

**The meeting closed at 8.30pm**

..... **Chairman**

..... **Date**