

BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM THE ONLINE (Zoom) PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020 at 7:00pm

Attendees: Cllr Janette Barlow, Cllr Jackie Parker, Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr Karin Chaplin, Cllr Carol Speakman, Cllr Graham Betts, Cllr Powell
Public: None

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Contributions from the public, District and County Councillors

None.

4. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2020 (online) were approved as being a true record of the meeting – proposed Cllr Parker, seconded Cllr Chaplin.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

6. Finance

Payments made since last meeting (July):

ICO Annual Fee £35.00 confirmation paid (agreed in July's minutes) (PC)

Water Plus £18.00 (for April-July / standing charge) (VC)

SSE £144.74 (for mid May-end July / estimate so readings tbc) (VC)

Elections recharge (NSDC) £735.77 – confirmation paid (agreed in July's minutes) (PC)

Mowing - £11.77 (Aug) (PC)

It was unanimously agreed that the payments were / should be made. Proposed Cllr Powell, seconded Cllr Jukes.

7. Planning matters:

There are no new planning matters to review – the following are listed to record that comments have been submitted for them

- i) 20/01452/OUTM - *Land Off A17 Coddington Nottinghamshire - Development of site for distribution uses (Use Class B8) including ancillary offices and associated works including vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking and landscaping.* The Parish Council was not a consultee, comments have been submitted to share concerns about traffic and safety with access with the A17.
- ii) 20/01405/FUL – *Land off Main Street, Balderton - Material change of use of land for stationing of caravans for residential occupation with associated development (new access, hard standing, utility block) – retrospective.* The Parish Council was not a consultee, comments have been submitted to object to proposals due to concerns about suitability of site, access and safety, and potential traffic impacts.

Cllr Bett expressed he felt that some of the views raised in the letter about the Hollowdyke Lane / Fen Lane development may not directly relate to planning matters and may not be considered by the Planning Dept.

8. Website accessibility

The Clerk gave an overview of legislative changes required to ensure that websites are accessible for those with disabilities such as visual or hearing impairments. There have been previous discussions about the potential for changing website providers, and this will now need to be agreed because the

current provider has advised that they are not supporting / leading the compliance changes. The technical changes would, therefore, need to be made by an outside provider with technical expertise that could cost thousands of pounds. As the cost of making the changes would be huge in comparison to the Parish Council's income, and there is low traffic / low demand for users requiring the changes, being compliant would place a disproportionate burden on the Parish Council and, therefore, exemption from accessibility legislation can be claimed. However the accessibility statement which has been written will enable website users to request alternative formats if required as it is important to try and cater for needs wherever feasible to do so. Options for creating new websites and meeting accessibility requirements in the future include asking NSDC to host a page on their site (which would also ensure transparency code regulation terms are met), and setting up a new site which will offer more support (e.g. Hugo Fox). Costs of this could be kept to a minimum as both websites could be free, with the option of purchasing a domain name if needed. Consideration does need to be given to the impact on emails (address and files/information). **Action – Clerk to create a plan highlighting possible options and considerations; Clerk to circulate details of accessibility legislation and statement; Clerk to work with NSDC to ensure a page is created with them that meets transparency code and accessibility legislation requirements.**

9. Considerations for reopening the Village Hall

It was unanimously agreed that the Village Hall should remain closed for the foreseeable future, but this will be reviewed on a regular basis and in line with Government guidelines. Cllr Speakman advised that the Caretaker has highlighted some areas needing repair, for example: the porch and some areas needing re-pointing as water is causing damp inside the building. These will need to be assessed to understand the extent and urgency of works needed. **Action – HC to contact the Caretaker to confirm the issues and ensure the Parish Council is kept informed of concerns as soon as possible. Cllr Barlow to contact a local resident who is a builder to get an idea of approximate costs.**

10. Defibrillator

Cllr Powell confirmed that the defibrillator has been checked and that all parts are in order / within 'use by' dates.

11. Dog mess

The amount of dog mess on the playing field and village green is not acceptable, and not fair for those who are clearing up the mess left by other e.g. when mowing. A discussion was held about the use of a camera (CCTV style) to deter dog owners from leaving mess behind, and to identify those who may not be clearing up after their dogs so they can be educated (and reported to NSDC if no improvements are seen). The main concern is for health and safety, especially of children using the playing field as well as the green. Cllr Speakman advised that there is a dog fouling 'map' although Barnby doesn't appear included on its schedule for review. Cllr Speakman also advised that a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) could also cover footpaths. **Action – Cllr Parker and Derick Parker will look at the installation of camera(s); Cllr Barlow will speak to Jane Sipe about whether or not dogs could/should be banned from the playing field; Clerk to contact the Community Protection Team / Dog Warden for advice and look into what the PSPO could offer.**

12. Recognition

Everyone agreed that Les Chaplin and Derick Parker should have formal thanks for their hard work with mowing and staining the bench. The fence and post on the green are in need of repair, and if it is necessary to have the gate at all – for example, could it be turned into a fence to make it safe and be reviewed again in the future. **Action – Cllr Bett will liaise with Derick Parker to look at it and agree the best course of action.**

13. AOB

- i) Clerk read a letter received from the Church who had written to express hope of working together for the Community, and supporting each other, during difficult times. The Parish Council agreed about the importance of working for the good of the Community and whilst it was felt there should be caution with regard to committing to financial support at this moment, there is definitely a need to keep options, and lines of communication, open. Action – HC to respond accordingly.
- ii) The Willow Tree – Cllr Barlow advised that the pub is due to close which is a real shame, and that it is important to ensure that the building is kept as a pub due to it being an important community 'hub' and asset. Although it is unlikely that it could reopen during the pandemic, applying to have it allocated as an 'Asset of Community Value' status could mean that a change of use could be prevented (especially due to it being a Grade II listed building). Cllr Powell suggested that CAMRA may have further information and be a source of support, and that financial support may be available. **Action – Clerk to research options.**
- iii) Cllr Powell advised that the light (lamp post 5) at the junction of Long Lane and Front Street isn't working. **Action – HC to report.**
- iv) Cllr Powell advised that the bus stop / shelter is looking tired as the bottom is rotting and supports are fragile. **Action – Cllr Barlow to review.**
- v) Cllrs Chaplin and Parker advised that the pothole repairs are of poor quality. **Action – Cllr Chaplin to take photos and send to Clerk to report / provide feedback.**
- vi) Slow down / speed signs – it was felt that signs could be considered e.g. 'slow down for horses' between the crossroads and the end of Long Lane (A17 end), or other signs throughout the village. **Action – Clerk to find out what options are available/ what the process is; Clerk to contact YW to see if it's possible to borrow Coddington's speed gun; HC to contact Cllr Lee to find out how to set up a speed watch group, and what road options are available e.g. humps, narrowing, one-ways systems (although it is acknowledged that the latter may not resolve the issue).**
- vii) Cllr Barlow advised she is still looking at setting up a group email / information sharing group for the village using Google Hub.
- viii) Cllr Speakman suggested it would be helpful to have a list of actions to be able to review those in need of attention. **Action - Clerk to create a list.**

14. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – tbc

Please note that in line with Government guidelines, annual meetings have been suspended until 2021. Future meetings will be agreed as required during the lockdown period. As restrictions ease, the Parish Council will assess when meetings can return to normal.

...Helen Cowlan.....Parish Clerk

Meeting ended 20.15pm