

# **BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Attendees: Cllr Janette Barlow (Chair), Cllr Jackie Parker, Cllr Ben Powell, Cllr Graham Bett, Cllr Carol Speakman, Cllr Richard Cowley, Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr John Lee, Cllr Betty Brooks, Helen Cowlan (Clerk)

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Darby sent apologies and emailed the Clerk updates (see item 3).

### **2. Declarations of interest**

None.

### **3. Contributions from the public, District and County Councillors**

- A concern has been raised about the safety of the tree on the green that was kindly donated, as it appears to be rotting despite previous pollarding to try and save it. Consideration will need to be given to how to assess, and potentially, replace the tree if needed.
- *Updates from Cllr Brooks* – a consultation is underway at QMC to gain feedback from families who have experienced baby loss; a consultation is underway to establish if a kerbside collection for glass recycling can go ahead; rural crime has been an issue with drones being used as part of one incident (by perpetrators).
- *Update from Cllr Lee* – the land allocation review is assessing sites which may be put forward as part of the Gypsy and traveller Community allocation (including Chestnut Lodge and Tolney Lane) – comments are unlikely to make a difference at this stage, however, sites may not actually be put forward or gain planning permission so final outcomes cannot be confirmed or assumed at this stage. Information about land allocation and the DPD can be found on NSDCs website; proposals for devolution are open for consultation and can be accessed via NCCs website; Hollowdyke Lane remains under review but as it could cost in excess of £2.5million to make safe, NCC and developers will not change their minds about the situation. It would be down to Balderton Parish Council to fund and further assessments / analysis.

- *Updates from Cllr Darby (from email)* –

“Firstly, apologies for tonight – I am unable to attend.

I am pleased to supply my regular report to the Parish Council. A lot has been happening this month – I am still receiving the last few Highways’ Survey returns and I am collating the results to present to Nottinghamshire County Council. I continue to be in regular contact with Via East Midlands about highway maintenance issues such as road lining, potholes, streetlights, and planned road improvements. I continue to be active in my role on NCC’s Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. I am still campaigning to end the postcode lottery whereby children in Nottingham City can get up to £200 in school uniform grants but parents in Barnby can only get support if they are the victim of a fire or fleeing domestic violence, but the Conservative run county council seem reluctant to match what is available in Nottingham City”.

Details of involvement in local Food Club and warm Room schemes were also stated.

### **4. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 were approved as being a true record of the meeting - proposed Cllr Speakman, seconded Cllr Jukes.

### **5. Matters arising from the minutes**

- *Litter* – no further issues with litter on the Green have been observed but the area will be monitored.
- *Poppies* – formal thanks were given for the poppies being installed, which look lovely.

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## 6. Finance

### a) **Payments made since last meeting** (Sept):

#### Parish Council -

Mowing (petrol) £19.04

Noticeboard deposit £453 (rest due once delivered)

#### Village Hall –

Village Hall repointing works £967 (already approved)

Chubb £67.87 (fire equipment inspection)

Water Plus (supply) £20.05

### b) **Payments upcoming:**

Poppies 26 x £5 = £130 – *I will claim back upon receipt of correct invoice*

Premises Licence £70 (*early Jan*)

Hob (approx. £300-£350) – *awaiting responses for dates*

Fire Alarm / PAT testing (Dec)– *last year's costs* £342

Hall maintenance (see item 7) - £1686.50

All payments, including newsletter, were agreed – proposed Cllr Parker, seconded Cllr Jukes.

### c) **Summary of Finances**

An overview of the current position was given, including items still due for payment this financial year.

### d) **Review staffing costs**

NALC have issued updates on pay awards and have confirmed Clerks' pay increases to be backdated to April. Potential increases for next year will need to be included as part of the budget process.

### e) **Newsletter funding**

It was agreed that as an independent newsletter, which would include updates from / for other areas in addition to Parish Council updates, a contribution towards costs would be set at £30 for each newsletter and reviewed regularly (understanding that it had been advised that costs for the first newsletter had been covered separately). It is also possible that local businesses may wish to advertise and / or sponsor. Items to put forward for inclusion in the next edition were collated.

## 7. Hall Maintenance

The Conservation Team have advised that as much of the original window structures as possible should be protected, The window in most need of attention has been repaired, keeping as much of the original glass as was possible. Frames will need to be painted. Costs approved for payment as above with unanimous agreement to ringfence remaining grant funding towards repairs on other windows. Research into grant opportunities to be reviewed.

## 8. Planning matters

a) 22/02108/FUL – Fen Farm, Fen Lane retention of mobile lodge (retrospective). **Outcome – no objection (despite building not believed to be 'mobile') – Clerk to submit decision to NSDC.**

b) 22/01424/LDC - Chestnut Lodge, Barnby Rd – *Lawful Development Certificate for the formation of one access for outbuilding.* **Decision – Certificate refused (info only).** Reason for refusal stated as being due to the fact it is not needed for the current site and is not connected to any other planning requests.

c) 17 applications for traveller pitches – land off A17, Beckingham. **Outcome – appeal lodged / overview of information already circulated.**

d) Update on NSDC training session – Clerk attended a recent Planning training session which included useful information about material considerations – overview of key points given and presentation to be circulated for future use.

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## 9. Village Committee Report

Cllr Barlow provided an update about the last Committee meeting in terms of events and discussions about the Constitution. The Covid Grant had been referred to as a cushion, at which point an overview was given of how the finances are broken down including amounts being earmarked for maintenance. The Parish Council agreed that the funds continue to be ringfenced rather than being a buffer for running costs. The Committee had acknowledged the importance of planning and costing but felt that some flexibility could be given rather than a 'blanket' approach for all events with outlay having to be ticketed. The Committee suggested that it may be practical to agree a limit over which PC agreement would be needed (see Committee October minutes for details). The Parish Council agreed that agreement about ticketing should be sought when planning events, and that free events may be considered at a point when funds permitted.

## 10. Village Committee & Hall Constitutions

**Action – Clerk to update Village Committee Constitution according to item 9, and update at next Committee meeting.**

## 11. Priority Road Scheme

Suggestions provided for consideration for inclusion in the priority road scheme were agreed and will be emailed to Cllr Lee: Extending 30mph limit on Newark Rd to curtilage / village edge; extending 30mph limit on Long Lane to include the three houses / to the village sign (extending by approx. 100-200m); addition of flashing speed limit warning signs on Front Street.

Additionally, Clerk will report missing 30mph sign(s) on Long Lane near the pub.

## 12. Correspondence

- i) NALC Guidance for Budget/Precept setting – *an overview of information/guidance was given, including that Councils should consider that small and regular increases in precept may be more appropriate than freezing and then having to have large increases in one go – email to be circulated to Cllrs.*
- ii) NALC External Audit – a review of external auditors is underway which may result in a change of provider – decisions to be announced.

## 13. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

Meeting ended 21.15.

**After the meeting had closed, Cllr Barlow gave her resignation and stepped down from the Parish Council.**

.....Signed by Chair

..... Date

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