

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 9 December 2013 at 7.30 pm

Draft Minutes for approval at next meeting

- 1 To record Members present. ***David Roxburgh, Chairman; Harry Brassey, Vice Chairman; Eddie Barker; Phil Broughton; Ivor Crowson; David Laycock; Margaret Palmer plus 7 residents.***
- 2 To record Apologies for Absence. ***David Over, Ward Councillor; PCSO Webber.***
- 3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:
 - a. To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors in items on the Agenda. ***None.***
 - b. To receive written requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. ***None.***
 - c. To grant any requests for Dispensation as appropriate. ***None.***
- 4 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11 November 2013. ***Signed by the Chairman.***
- 5 Open Forum. ***(Public comments in grey)***
 - a. ***Traffic Calming measures what is the progress? Meeting with Peter Tebb of PCC on 6 January to discuss plan and firm up proposals and obtain costings.***
 - b. ***Vehicle speeds are creating hazards particularly at night. Stamford Road is not well lit. Additionally, the footpath is too narrow and not lit. Could street lighting from War Memorial to crossroads with School Road be improved? Traffic Calming measures are badly needed.***
 - c. ***Pavement height opposite War Memorial on B1443 creates a hazard for pedestrians, is a railing needed?***
 - d. ***What are the plans for the War Memorial junction? A proper survey is required to establish options for any new layout.***
 - e. ***Speeding getting worse, vehicles overtaking moving cars (resident was travelling at 29mph) on Walcot Road. Concerns expressed on behaviour of drivers.***
 - f. ***Traffic calming measures needed on Wittering Road and Residents asked if roads around the crossroads with Stamford Road and School Road could be designated 20mph zones. Speed watch needs to be deployed at peak times. Eddie Barker appealed for more volunteers to operate the equipment.***
 - g. ***Pedestrians crossing from Wittering Road to School Road cannot see oncoming traffic from Stamford Road and Walcot Road. A footpath is needed on Wittering Road Junction and beyond to make pedestrian crossing safe.***
 - h. ***Paynes Field: Wildlife Corridor. Residents received a letter from David Wilson Homes landscaping contractor; the first correspondence they have received about this matter. Update by the Chairman on events so far: Residents revealed that the 'Corridor' was on their deeds. Discussion on maintenance of the Corridor and resolution of responsibilities and boundaries. Letter from Louise Lovegrove of PCC of 4/12/13 read out. Discussion on situation: original scheme envisaged garden/hedge/corridor but it is in fact garden/corridor/hedge. Easiest option is to accept things as they are and for residents to maintain their own property. Council agreed to write to PCC with a summary of the evenings' discussion. Action – Clerk.***
 - i. ***Traffic Calming, speed cushions, whereabouts on the B1443? Could there be one on entrance to the village and one by War Memorial?***

- 6 **Police Report emailed by PCSO Mary Webber: During the November there were 8 calls for service: Domestic related – 3, Concern – 2, Road related – 1, Animals – 1 (dogs fighting) Pre-plan – 1 (pest control) during the period there was one crime raised and this related to a domestic incident.**
I would like to make you aware of a number of shed/garage burglaries which have taken place in Helpston and Glington in the last two weeks. If you could remind people to check their security on sheds and side gates.
- 7 Ward Councillor's Report. ***David Over did not attend the meeting.***
- 8 Matters Arising.
- a. ***Bus Stops: Delaine Bus Company has said they will ask PCC to install bus stop posts and then fix 'flags' and timetables outside the Cemetery, The Limes and The Grange. Information on grants for Bus Shelters is being sought. Action – Clerk.***
- 9 Correspondence:
- a. ECops Alerts: Distraction burglaries/ Promoting eCops/ Thefts of catalytic converters/ Theft of bronze cross from church.
- b. School Governors' letter in response to Council minutes, which they felt did not reflect a meeting attended by the Council Clerk, was read out by the Chairman. ***The Council believed that there was no perceived material difference between the minutes of the School Governors and the Council. It was agreed to write and concur with the Governors' sentiments that they were not being obstructive and to suggest that an improvement in the signage at both entrance gates which explained the rules more clearly, would possibly help to deter after hours visitors. It was also agreed that locking the gates promptly at 'closing time' would help to reinforce the rules. Action – Clerk.***
- c. Brown bins new arrangements for December to March.
- d. Fly tipping of tyres on verges and farmland, update.
- e. Barnack Primary School letter of thanks for new Pilsgate Path event.
- f. Anne Fowler: Gunshots at the Hills and Holes. ***It was agreed to write and explain to Mrs Fowler that although the incident was unfortunate, shooting is permitted on a private estate and indeed, this is part of life in the countryside. Action – Clerk.***
- g. Iris Craig: Bus stops in Barnack and incident with van. ***It was agreed to write to Mrs Craig and express concern at the occurrence and explain steps the Council has taken. Namely, contacting Delaine Buses, who (providing PCC funding) will erect bus stop posts with flags and timetables. Further the Council has made enquiries regarding installation of bus shelters and will do whatever it can to improve facilities for bus passengers. Action – Clerk.***
- h. Capalc Agm 9 December 2013.
- i. DIS Extra 823.
- j. Funding Central.
- k. Proposed Solar Farm at Wittering, invitation to a public meeting 13/12/13.
- l. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Older People's Services.
- 10 Planning:
- a. 13/01822/TRE, 9 Bishops Walk, Preserved Trees Consultation. ***No comment.***
- b. Woodland to the north of Linden Close, Tree Preservation Order 08/2013. ***Council agrees.***
- c. 13/01783/CTR, Allotments, Conservation Area Trees Consultation. ***No comment.***
- d. 13/01554/HHFUL, Pilsgate House, Stamford Road, Extension. ***No comment.***
- e. 12/01685/FUL, Church View, Main Street, Extension. Advisory note, ***no comment.***
- f. Compass Barn, Ufford, Village Envelope. ***Letter and report on committee outcome.***
- g. North Lodge, Ufford and adjacent land. ***Report by Margaret Palmer: hedge has been reinstated.***
- 11 Cemetery Matters
- a. Maintenance Plan.
- b. Capital Expenditure Plan. ***Approved.***
- c. Planting Plan. ***Approved.***
- d. Keith Harris memorial proposal. ***Approved.***

12 Financial

- a. To approve payment of outstanding accounts: **Agreed.**
 - i. £566.77, Robin Morrison: Clerk's salary and expenses for November 2013.
 - ii. £121.00, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for November 2013.
 - iii. £275.00, Elwood Brothers: Churchyard 1 cut £130.00, Cemetery 1 cut £130.00, War Memorial 1 cut £15.00. Already paid.
 - iv. £47.52, Folkestone Fittings: Bahco LTS 100 E, 100metre measuring tape.
 - v. £18.50, Royal British Legion: Poppy Wreath. (cheque number 101306)
 - vi. To agree payment of suppliers as per Cemetery Expenditure Plan and Planting Plan of 2/12/13 providing confirmation by David Roxburgh and Margaret Palmer.
- b. To Note monies received: No receipts during the month.
- c. To Approve reports:
 - i. Bank Reconciliation & Budget Control. **Approved**
 - ii. Pilsgate Path update by Margaret Palmer. **Ringway commenced final surface dressing but had to abandon work because of the weather. It is recommended to settle the final payment because the company has exceeded their contractual obligations and this doesn't include a donation of free work. The Council expressed thanks to Ringway and Stamford Stone for their commitment and generosity in making this project a success.**
 - iii. Internal Auditor. **Agreed to appoint Michael Perkins. Action - Clerk**
 - iv. Council Tax Benefit Support Grant, Nalc briefing.

13 Reports from Meetings Attended.

a. **Barnack Ward Boundary Working Group 18/11/13. Report by David Roxburgh: Expert Consultant hired by PCC agreed with the Ward Group proposal of keeping Barnack Ward as it is with one City Councillor. The next stage of consultation runs from January to April 2014 and parishes will to submit their proposals to support the Ward plan.**

b. **Barnack Ward Superfast Broadband 22/11/13. Representatives of Ward Parish Councils met Gillian Beasley, Chief Executive of PCC and its Broadband Manager. There is no change to the planned roll out in 2015, although Government funding was intended for rural areas which were uneconomic for telecoms companies to upgrade, hasn't been used in this way. There is a possibility, privately funded fibre optic cable could be laid by City Fibre Ltd between Stamford and Peterborough City hospitals along a zigzag route to incorporate villages along the way. This might happen slightly earlier than the aforementioned programme.**

c. **Parish Conference 26/11/13. Report by David Roxburgh: Keynote presentation by the Business Change Manager from Milton Keynes, on how they managed to 'parish' the town and developed area forums, parish devolution and a liaison team for supporting parishes. Further presentation by Superintendent Dan Vajzovic, explaining policing policies for Peterborough: Three main priorities, keeping people safe in their homes, protecting the vulnerable, maintaining order. With fewer resources available, parishes are not priorities and this means that communities should take responsibility for their 'own'.**

d. **Barnack Ward Group 26/11/13. Report by David Roxburgh: Community Leadership Funds awarded as follows: Barnack £1800 for traffic calming in the Parish, this being the commencement of the Ward Traffic Calming scheme 'roll-out', Barnack Pre-School £500 for fencing, Bainton Washdyke renovation £500, Ward Wildlife Group Environmental Meeting £300. The next Ward Social will be on 13 February 2014 at the Reading Room, Bainton.**

14 Highways and Village Matters - For Clerk to address issues raised by the Councillors.

- a. **Wittering Road, fly tipping bricks on verge.**
- b. **Junction of Mill Road and Drift Road signs on grassed triangle broken and need replacing.**
- c. **Whitman Close, consultation to plant trees on verge, response by residents was negative and so the project will not proceed.**
- d. **Street light not working on Main Street outside Steeple Cottage.**
- e. **Leaves on pavement next to Church wall.**
- f. **Pavement from Barnack to Pilsgate overgrown.**
- g. **Streetlight not working outside 4 Canon Drive.**

h. Parking at foot of Bishops Walk on Sunday mornings during Church services is causing traffic problems

i. Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) meeting last week. Report by Harry Brassey: we are getting quotes, which are expected to be in the region of £80,000-£85,000, a planning application is being prepared, a topographical survey is also needed, the Committee have appointed a fund raising specialist, Mr Twigg to applying for the necessary grants, his 10% fee will be covered by the funds received. The Council agreed to accept this plan.

j. Retail 'market' stall at 21 Uffington Road. The Council is concerned at the precedent being set by this business and feel it will be impossible to prevent other residents' enterprises, which may not be desirable. It was agreed to contact the regulatory departments at PCC in an attempt to control the situation. Action – Clerk.

15 Pilsgate Footpath update. *As item 12cii above.*

16 Environment.

a. PCC Natural Environment Projects Grant of £209.07 awarded towards the cost of Bat Boxes.

b. Barnack Beauty apple tree at Church View Cottage. **Protected by being in conservation area.**

c. Weighbridge Office at Station Yard. **Brian Palmer has prepared a proposal to be sent to the landowner. Action – Clerk.**

17 Parish Action Plan. To agree cost of printing £98.00 by BJ's and Parish News distribution donation £10.00. **Agreed. Action – Clerk.**

18 Open Forum.

There were no items.

19 Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 13 January 2014 at 7.30 pm.**

20 **Meeting ended at 10.31pm.**