

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 10 February 2014 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; David Over, Ward Councillor; 22 Residents.*
- 2 To record Apologies for Absence. *Margaret Palmer.*
- 3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:
 - a. To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on 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 13 January 2014. *Signed by the Chairman.*
- 5 Traffic Calming Plan, options for Barnack and Pilsgate, by Peter Tebb of the City Council.
 - a. *Uffington Road: street lighting opposite Paynes Field is the best in the village, which would permit two sets of Speed Cushions with chamfered sides, 75mm high and between 1.5 and 1.8 metres wide as road is under 5 metres wide and the Cushions mustn't meet in the middle. Advisory Signs would be needed on approaches to the Cushions.*
 - b. *Stamford Road between the War Memorial and Wittering Crossroads: as road is just over 5 metres wide, Cushions could be wider than those on Uffington Road but the street lighting needs improving. Approach to crossroads from Walcot should have a single set of Speed Cushions.*
 - c. *War Memorial junction: as there is no possibility of moving the Memorial a revised plan is needed to examine setting out of a new junction, particularly to slow vehicles to and from Pilsgate via the C40. It is also hoped to remove the B1443 left hand slip road at this junction.*
 - d. *B1443: currently, Vehicle Activated signs are at either end of the village it is hoped to replace these with speed indicator signs and relocate the existing signs elsewhere in the Parish.*
 - e. *Pilsgate: most speed occurs when vehicles are travelling uphill. Vehicle Activated signs would help to address this. Speed cushions cannot be installed because it is a public bus route.*
 - f. *Walcot Road: because this road is unlit southbound after Saxon Road, physical features such as Speed Cushions are not permitted. The only likely solution is Vehicle Activated signs.*
 - g. *Costs: pair of Speed Cushions, approximately £2,500.00, Vehicle Activated signs without installation of post, approximately £2,500.00 each. Total plan excluding new War Memorial junction, approximately £25,000.00.*
 - h. *Public Questions: All issues raised would be considered by the Council.*
 - i. *How long to implement the plan if money available? Completed by May/June 2014 at the earliest.*
 - ii. *B1443 Station Road is very difficult to enter from private driveway due to fast traffic, in fact it is terrifying. Is there another measure if Speed Cushions aren't allowed? Peter Tebb would consider options available.*
 - iii. *War Memorial junction needs a sign preventing lorries and large vehicles approaching from the south on the C40 from turning right onto the B1443. Because of the need to 'shunt' their vehicles to make the turn, the adjacent stone wall is constantly being*

damaged and on some occasions this results in livestock escaping from the field. Peter Tebb would consider options.

- iv. *School, rear entrance on B1443. This is a very busy road at peak times and a pedestrian crossing or other solution is needed to provide a safe crossing place for school children. Peter Tebb stated that a Zebra Crossing would cost between £25,000.00 and £30,000.00.*
- v. *Pilsgate needs to be a priority for traffic calming as vehicle volumes and speed are increasing dramatically.*
- vi. *War Memorial junction and Wittering Road why not cut the speed limit to 20mph? Although PCC is considering 20mph speed limits throughout villages until that decision is made the lower limit is used sparingly to have the best effect.*
- vii. *B1443 and School Road are already 20mph zones why not complete the loop and bring Jack Haws Lane and part of Stamford Road into line?*
- viii. *Speed Cushions must be placed 'back' from junctions and not be too close. Signs that show vehicle speed in other parishes seem to be very successful.*
- ix. *Wittering Road should have Speed Cushions near the crossroads. There are no streetlights and so they will not be considered.*
- x. *Busy roads in the parish are a result of increased traffic on the A1 and A47. Additionally, exit roads from the A1 at the A47 junction and Showground slip are 'choked' at peak times which causes drivers to divert through Barnack.*
- xi. *Painted road signs – why don't we use them? There are several signs already in existence but they have faded and are barely visible.*
- xii. *Countdown markings – why not use them for Barnack and Pilsgate?*

i. *What will happen now? Further discussions will take place to evolve a fully costed plan taking into account the comments made. The Chairman explained that there is a need to balance reductions in traffic speed that will increase safety with preservation of the style of the village within the existing financial constraints.*

6 Open Forum.

a. *Community Orchard proposal presented by Charles Clark: It is hoped to plant six fruit trees in the Parish during the winter of 2014/15. Potential locations include, Pilsgate Paddock and the roadside end of the allotments land. Thanks to hard work by residents there are now 435 Barnack Beauty apple trees in the Parish, up from a low point of 4. Charles Clark is going to discuss potential locations with the landowner, Burghley Estate. A copy of the full proposal by Charles Clark and Margaret Palmer is available from the Clerk to the Council.*

b. *Friends of Barnack Hills and Holes, report on a meeting chaired by Christopher Gardener of Natural England. A new organisation was formed with a constitution and committee being agreed. The Friends aim to support the staff of Natural England through assisting with management of the reserve, running events, promoting projects and conservation. Their website address is: <http://fbhh.org.uk/>*

c. *School flashing sign on B1443 not operating at the right time. Action – Clerk.*

d. *What is the cost of a Crossing Warden near the school? Action – Clerk.*

7 Police Report. Submitted by PCSO Yane Pohun: Period covered 14/01/14 – 10/02/14. Calls for service - 4. (Silent 999 – 1. Violence – 1. Flytipping – 1. Suspicious – 1) Crimes – 0. Priorities agreed at Panel Meeting on 16/01/14 – Speeding on B1443, increase Police visibility and improve community engagement in area. Councillors and Residents reminded to report all non urgent incidents using the 101 service so that Police have a full picture of crime in the area.

8 Ward Councillor's Report.

a. *Council tax is frozen for 2014/15 and 2015/16, which means three years of no increase. Government income to the City is being cut this year by 18% and as a result there is a deficit of £20 million. To balance the loss of government income may mean an increase in Council Tax after 2015/16.*

b. *Police have withdrawn from rural areas. Pcsos have also been moved. The 101 telephone service is now working properly, please use it.*

c. *Brown bin collections are ending, resulting in a saving of approximately £800,000 per annum. A proposal to find funding is up for discussion at the next Ward Group meeting on 23/04/14. As general waste is not going to landfill anymore but being incinerated to produce energy, garden waste may be put into black general rubbish bins.*

d. *Ward Boundary review, the City Council is supporting the plan for Barnack Ward to kept as it is and not be incorporated with larger villages.*

e. *Broadband, various schemes are being considered, namely: BT superfast broadband planned to be operating by 2015; Cityfibre intending to lay down cable and explore how to service villages; Peterborough Hospital to Stamford Hospital fibre optic link may include villages; Helpston planning a Wi-Fi service which may be available to surrounding villages.*

f. *Parish Council financial reserves, the City Council have not got the power to take any reserves but can reduce any grants or assistance. Further, the City Council wants Parishes to raise their precept (Council Tax income) but is considering capping future Parish precept demands.*

g. *Traffic calming, it may be prudent to investigate better value options instead of expensive speed cushions and electronic signs. Perhaps by using signage and road markings, cost effective results can be achieved. The fact that Barnack has a school should mean that financial assistance is possible. We already have Speedwatch equipment and using it is an effective way to slow traffic, should it be used more often? School Crossing Patrols are a good way to help families cross roads without expensive highways changes.*

9 Matters Arising.

a. *Village Hall car park wall repairs, application for financial assistance. The Community Association did not attend. Action – Clerk.*

b. *Bus stop outside The Old Farmhouse, to agree new location. It was agreed to propose that the bus stop outside The Old Farmhouse be moved to a location between concrete manhole covers and a street light to the right of The Limes entrance at the junction of Main Street and Station Road. Action – Clerk.*

10 Correspondence:

a. Barnack Ward Plan.

b. Broadband contract.

c. Parish Council Liaison: notice of budget meeting 6.30pm on 11/02/14 in the Town Hall.

d. Budget: notes of discussion between David Over and David Seaton.

e. Ecops: Street Lighting Survey. Results may be seen at:

http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource_centre/document_library/nhwn_suzy_lamplugh_trust_perceptions_of_safety_report/?cat_id=21

f. Jessie Goodacre, Paynes Field planting to rear of gardens.

g. Boundary Commission, Electoral Review of Peterborough.

h. David Over, Peterborough City Council, Boundary Review submission.

i. DIS Extra 825 & 826.

j. Funding Central bulletin.

11 Planning:

a. *Woodland north of Linden Close. John Wilcockson of PCC will attend March meeting to explain the Tree Preservation Order.*

b. *PCC City Centre Plan. Noted.*

12 Cemetery Matters

a. *Maintenance Plan. No comment.*

b. *Capital Expenditure Plan. No comment.*

c. *Planting Plan. No comment.*

13 Financial

- a. To approve payment of outstanding accounts: **Agreed.**
 - i. £465.55, Robin Morrison: Clerk's salary and expenses for January 2014.
 - ii. £96.20, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for January 2014.
 - iii. £45.12, Aveland Trees Ltd, hedging materials. Already paid.
 - iv. £210.00, Elwood Brothers, Churchyard one grass cut £130.00, removal of low branches and clearance of leaves £80.00. Already paid.
 - v. £16.17, Anglian Water, Cemetery water bill 25/10/13 – 27/01/14. Already paid.
- b. To Note monies received: **Noted.**
 - i. £32,140.26, Natural England Grant for Pilsgate Footpath.
 - ii. £25.00, Mrs Jean Hughes, donation for Cemetery records search.
- c. To Approve reports:
 - i. Bank Reconciliation & Budget Control. **Agreed.**
 - ii. Vat refund intervals. **It was agreed to submit claims quarterly providing outstanding Vat was over £100.00.**

14 Reports from Meetings Attended.

Parish Walk with Enterprise Peterborough (Managed by Amey) on 31/1/14 by David Roxburgh:

- **Area Coordinator is Yvette Grief, Street Care Supervisor, yvette.grief@amey.co.uk, Helpdesk 01733 425425 for standard requests.**
Amey is responsible for: Street cleaning, Litter bins, Grass verge trimming, Trees, Hedges, Bulk litter pick-up, Fix-it van (weekly service) Fly tipping clearance - 2 day service, Footpath and road cleaning of leaves.
- **Highways (subcontractor Skanska) are responsible for: Resurfacing of roads and footpaths, Lighting and PCC owned stone walls.**
- **Anglian Water is responsible for: Drains.**

- a. Ward Group Social for Councillors, 7pm 13/02/14, Bainton Reading Room.
- b. Ward Group next meeting, 7pm 23/04/14, White Hart, Ufford.

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

- a. **Water on Main Street by the Church. Action – Clerk.**
- b. Verges. **Response needed to Margaret Palmer's email. Action – Clerk.**
- c. Notice Boards. **Awaiting quotations for necessary work. Action – Clerk.**
- d. Uffington Road between the railway crossing and River Welland Bridge, condition of highway reported to Lincolnshire Highways. **It was agreed to continue pressing for improvements. Action – Clerk.**

16 Environment.

- a. Multi Use Games Area Working Group (MUGA)
 - i. **It was agreed to form a Parish Council Working group consisting of: Martin Bloom (Chairman), Victoria Tyers, Harry Brassey, Jack Robinson, Helen Johnson, Ivor Crowson, Jayne Roland, and Will Armitage.**
 - ii. **Update by Martin Bloom. Progress is very slow in getting quotations. Two have been obtained: Sutcliffe £65,000 and Playdale £83,000. A further quotation is needed to meet the criteria for grant applications. A quotation is expected from Wickstead.**
 - iii. **The target is to complete work by late October 2014.**
 - iv. **Three quotations for a land survey have been received at between £400.00 and £500.00.**
 - v. **An ecological survey is required which will cost approximately £500.00. The optimum time for this to be carried out is in the spring.**
 - vi. **The group is confident that grant funding is available.**
 - vii. **We must pay the landlord's legal fees, current price is £1,000.00 but it is hoped to get a reduction.**

17 Open Forum.

a. Could we plant trees along the Paynes Field boundary within the hedge? This is now the property of homeowners and not something the Parish Council can influence.

b. Bus stop should not be installed opposite The Terrace, it will prevent hedge cutting. Noted.

c. Litter picking needed on verges. Action – Clerk.

d. Friends of Hills and Holes. Committee membership should contain at least one member of the Parish Council. Noted.

18 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10 March 2014 at 7.30 pm.

19 Meeting closed at 21.57.

This is true record of the meeting..... Chairman 10 March 2014.