

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 10 March 2014 at 7.30 pm

Draft Minutes for confirmation at next meeting

- 1 To record those present. **David Roxburgh, Chairman; Harry Brassey, Vice-Chairman; Eddie Barker; Phil Broughton; Ivor Crowson; David Laycock. David Over, Ward Councillor and three 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 10 February 2014. **Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.**
- 5 Tree Preservation Order: Woodland north of Linden Close. Presentation by John Wilcockson, PCC.
 - a. **A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is an Order made by a Council in respect of a tree(s) because the tree is considered to bring amenity value to the surrounding area. The Order makes it an offence to cut down, uproot, prune, lop or damage the tree in question without first obtaining the Council's consent. A TPO can apply to a single tree, a group of trees or woodland.**
 - b. **This Order is made initially for six months (from 06/12/13) during which time; representations may be made to Peterborough City Council (PCC).**
 - c. **The Order was made after a request from a local resident and it was decided by PCC that the site offered public visual amenity value and long term potential.**
 - d. **To date, two objections and approximately fifty emails of support have been received (although many of these are not from local residents)**
 - e. **Negotiations have been held between PCC and the objectors but they still oppose the Order.**
 - f. **All evidence, including objections will be presented to PCC Planning Committee for confirmation after the six months provisional period.**
 - g. **Objectors may each make presentations of up to three minutes duration to the Planning Committee.**
 - h. **The Parish Council in response to Mr Wilcockson's request to support the Order; agreed by a vote of four against and two abstentions, to refuse the support and make the following statement:**
"The Council is against the Order because the trees within the woodland are not significant and the site is not likely to be managed as the owner does not live locally. Furthermore, requests for Tree Protection Orders for trees of more significance (including the original Barnack Beauty apple tree) in the Parish have been turned down in the past and with the likely approval for the proposed felling of a mature sycamore at Hollow View, Wittering Road ((14/00260/CTR) the Council is concerned at the inconsistency shown by PCC in it's judgements."
- 6 Ward Councillor's Report.
 - a. **PCC 2014/15 Budget passed last week.**
 - b. **Brown bins for gardening waste will not be emptied free of charge in future. PCC will operate a service which residents may pay to receive.**

- 7 Police Report. *Calls for service: Animals - 3, Alarm - 1, Concern - 1, Domestic - 1, Road related - 4. Crimes – 2, two vehicles targeted at the Hills and Holes, one had number plates taken and the other had a window broken and a handbag stolen.*
- 8 Open Forum. *Residents question in grey.*
- a. *Why not have a Tree Preservation Order as item 5 above? Because access to farmland beyond may be required in future.*
- 9 Matters Arising.
- a. Village Hall car park wall repairs, application for financial assistance. *It was agreed to donate £500.00.*
- b. Bus stop outside The Old Farmhouse, to agree new location. *It was agreed to request PCC to relocate the bus stop to a position previously chosen by the Council, on the corner of Station Road and Main Street (as the Clerk's email of 12.02.14) because:*
- i. *The bus stops there anyway and always has done.*
- ii. *The Village Plan envisages a Bus Shelter at this location and there would not be enough space to the left of The Limes entrance.*
- iii. *Farm vehicles use The Limes entrance many times a day and a bus stop at PCC's suggested location (as Darren Deadman's email of 14.02.14) will cause an obstruction.*
- iv. *Local residents are vehemently opposed to any bus stop between The Old Farmhouse and The Limes entrance because it will cause traffic problems and harm their properties. Action – Clerk.*
- v. *It is requested that the final position is marked and confirmed by all parties before installation.*
- c. Uffington Road between the railway crossing and River Welland Bridge. *As no response has been received from Lincolnshire Highways; it was agreed to progress chase. Action – Clerk.*
- d. Uffington Road, white line. *PCC state that, the road is not wide enough for a centre line.*
- e. Insurance for Council projects. *Came & Company, the Council's insurers have confirmed that the proposed Multi-Use Games Area, Community Orchard and Traffic Calming project are covered by the Council's existing insurance policy.. The Friends of Hills and Holes group is not covered as it is an organisation within Natural England.*
- f. Notice boards renovation. *The Clerk reported that a full specification has been drawn up and tradesmen have been invited to submit a quotation.*
- 10 Correspondence: *Noted.*
- a. Ecops, update – some good cops news.
- b. Ecops, Safer Stronger Neighbourhood meeting (formerly known as police panel meetings) All Saints Church, Church Road, Wittering at 7pm on 15/04/14.
- c. Ecops, theft of heating oil.
- d. Ecops, update on oil thefts.
- e. Youth Fund announcement by Police and Crime Commissioner.
- f. Open Data consultation.
- g. Funding Central February bulletin.
- h. DIS 827.
- i. Heritage March bulletin.
- 11 Planning:
- a. 14/00028/CTR, 11 Whitman Close, tree work, application withdrawn.
- b. 14/00260/CTR, Hollow View, Wittering Road, tree work consultation. *It was agreed to make a comment that, unless there is a good reason for removing an established, healthy tree, the Council objects to granting this application. Action – Clerk.*
- c. 14/00309/CTR, 10 Whitman Close, tree work consultation. *It was agreed to make no comment as the tree has been damaged by recent storms. Action – Clerk.*
- 12 Cemetery Matters
- a. Maintenance: to agree action plan. *Item carried over.*
- b. Fence repair. *It was agreed to request that Elwood Bros trim back ivy against fencing 'gap' and relocate the bench and any pavers to allow hedging to be planted in a straight line.. Action –*

Clerk. It was also agreed to request Peter Glassey straighten the hedge planting line and fill in any gaps. Action – Harry Brassey.

c. Notice board: to agree location. **It was agreed to place the new notice board on railings to the left of the main gate. Action – Harry Brassey.**

d. Rules: to agree any wording changes regarding placing of flowers, pots and ornaments. **It was agreed to add extra conditions from the PCC Rules for Management of Cemeteries. It was also agreed to display a notice regulating the placing of items in the Cemetery on notice boards and graves. Action – Clerk.**

13 Financial

a. To approve payment of outstanding accounts: **Agreed.**

i. £341.21, Robin Morrison: Clerk's salary and expenses for February 2014.

ii. £68.20, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for February 2014.

iii. £443.30, PCC: Grit bins installed in 2012.

iv. £380.00, Elwood Bros: work to churchyard during January 2014. Already paid.

b. To note monies received:

i. £209.07, PCC: Natural Environment Grant for Bat Boxes. **Noted.**

c. To Approve reports:

i. Bank Reconciliation & Budget Control. **Agreed.**

14 Reports from Meetings Attended.

a. No meetings attended

b. Ward Group next meeting, 7pm 23/04/14, White Hart, Ufford. **Noted.**

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

a. **None**

16 Environment.

a. Verges maintenance. **Councillors to notify the Clerk of any damaged verges for onward reporting to David Over.**

b. Community Orchard. Report on progress so far. **Noted.**

c. Friend of Hills and Holes: Committee membership. **It was agreed to request that a Parish Councillor be on the committee and that the Council nominee is Margaret Palmer. It was noted that insurance cover for the Friends is the responsibility of Natural England. Action – Margaret Palmer.**

17 Multi Use Games Area. Report by Harry Brassey. The Working Group now has quotes from three suppliers. Next Working Group meeting is on 12/03/14.

18 Traffic Calming. It was agreed to contact Peter Tebb of PCC to obtain a revised plan. Action – Clerk. It was also agreed to form a Working Group to include interested parties such as local residents, the police and PCC. Harry Brassey offered to chair the group and Ivor Crowson also volunteered to be a member.

19 Open Forum. Residents question in grey.

a. *Footpath entrance at Pilsgate needs signage to slow traffic.*

b. **A resignation letter from David Roxburgh was given to Councillors and he expressed thanks to Councillors and the Clerk, saying he has enjoyed his time as Chairman and appreciated the support and involvement of Council members. The Council agreed he has been an excellent Chairman and thanked David for his sterling work on behalf of Barnack and Pilsgate residents. A card and gift of bottles of wine were presented to David. These were purchased by Members, the Clerk and David Over, Ward Councillor.**

20 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14 April 2014 at 7.30 pm.

21 Meeting closed at 21.25.

This is a true record of the meeting.....Chairman 14.04.14