

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 11th November 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. David Over, Ward Councillor, Police Sergeant Jeremy Tinsley and three local residents.*
- 2 To record Apologies for Absence. *None.*
- 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 Meetings Procedure. *It was agreed to abandon the process of proposing and seconding motions and instead resolve items by Members' show of hands.*
- 5 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2013. *Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.*
- 6 *Open Forum.*
 - a. *Dennis Smith: Church Cottage has the original Barnack Beauty apple tree in the grounds. He prunes the tree regularly but this spring noticed that the Tree Protection Order had been removed by PCC. The property is for sale and he is concerned that the tree may not be cared for by the new owners. Margaret Palmer offered to contact PCC to establish the circumstances for future protection.*
 - b. *Multi-Use Games Area, any progress? Waiting for quotes to carry out work and the drawing up of an agreement with the owner.*
 - c. *Paynes Field wildlife corridor, any progress? Clerk to chase PCC for progress.*
 - d. *Graffiti on road sign by war memorial. Clerk to contact PCC to arrange clean up.*
 - e. *Pavement on Stamford Road between Old New Inn and War Memorial is uneven and hazardous to pedestrians. Clerk will report this to PCC for action.*
 - f. *Dog poo bins needed at top and bottom of Pilsgate Path. Clerk to request action by PCC.*
- 7 Police Report. *By Sergeant Jeremy Tinsley.*
 - a. *No crimes recorded within last month. Three vehicle incidents reported the police.*
 - b. *New Sector Commander, Inspector Matt Johnson.*
 - c. *PCSO operations: Lack of staff, number of Pcsos has been cut by three (14 down to 11) means withdrawal of local PCSO. They have been re-deployed to concentrate on individual responsibilities.*
 - d. *Barnack's issues are: lack of visible police presence and poor response to 101 calls. The Sergeant will feed back the Council's concerns.*
 - e. *Different methods of contact, 999, 101 or email (Sgt Tinsley's direct dial 01733 424553)*
- 8 Ward Councillor's Report.
 - a. *PCC Boundary review, 4 out of 6 parishes in Barnack Ward have sent in submissions and all support the plan for a new one councillor ward. City Councillors are considering this proposal.*
 - b. *Honours, we rarely propose people from the Ward, at the next ward meeting it would be good to decide on some worthy recipients.*

- c. *Precept (parish council income) PCC still have to make large cuts and so grants are likely to be reduced or lost.*
 - d. *Police, our local MP, Shailesh Vara is planning to tackle the lack of a rural police presence and the poor 101 service quality. Additionally, David Over will pursue the issues with the Police and Crime Commissioner.*
 - e. *Parish Councils should protest to PCC City Councillor David Seaton about cuts to grants which are likely to cause dramatically reduced services in rural communities.*
- 9 Matters Arising.
- a. *Barnack School premises: out of hours use. Still, no response has been received from the School. It was agreed to wait for a response until the December Council meeting.*
 - b. 101 services: *Reply by Police and Crime Commissioner. Clerk to write to the Chief Constable, with concerns about reductions in policing and the 101 service not showing improvement.(copying in the Commissioner)*
 - c. A1/Green Drift junction: *Letter to Highways Agency regional office answered and read out by the Chairman. A review of the junctions on A1 is taking place.*
 - d. Weighbridge Office at Station Yard. *Awaiting action plan to forward to owner.*
 - e. Litter Bins: Missing bin from Stamford Road lay-by to be replaced by PCC. Bin requested for western entrance to Hills and Holes to be considered. *Lay-by bin has been replaced.*
- 10 Correspondence:
- a. Police.
 - i. Advice on anti-social behaviour.
 - ii. Happy Halloween.
 - iii. Home security awareness.
 - iv. Police Panel meeting 6th November.
 - b. Christmas refuse collections. *Brown bin collection usually suspended for one month but this year it will be for two months. Council agreed that this is when we need it, much too long a period. Clerk to write to PCC and protest.*
 - c. Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste local plan. *Should PCC be consulted? Wildlife officer is investigating.*
 - d. Heritage November Bulletin.
 - e. Register of Electors – alteration.
 - f. RAF Wittering Christmas lunch invitation.
- 11 Planning:
- a. *No planning items are ongoing.*
- 12 Burial Ground Matters
- a. Maintenance plan. *Removal of fence by owner of adjoining property: new fence has now been erected and room has been left by the owner for the Council to plant a hedge along the line of the existing Cemetery hedge. It was agreed to consider the purchase of a bench, notice board and new hedging. Prices to be submitted to next meeting. It was also agreed that the Clerk may purchase a tape measure and pegs.*
 - b. Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial. *Agreed*
 - c. *It was agreed to remove flowering plants from the war memorial green and replant them in the cemetery.*
 - d. *As discussed previously, it was agreed to spend £232.99 on bulbs and plants for the churchyard.*
- 13 Financial
- a. To Approve payment of outstanding accounts: *Agreed.*
 - i. £339.54, Robin Morrison: Clerk's salary and expenses for October 2013.
 - ii. £64.20, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for October 2013.
 - iii. £905.00, Elwood Brothers: Churchyard 3 cuts £390.00, Cemetery 2 cuts £260.00, War Memorial 2 cuts £30.00, Cemetery hedges 10 hours £200.00, Cemetery weed killer spray £25.00. Already paid.
 - iv. £25.82, Margaret Palmer: Pilsgate Path expenses.

- v. £70, Margaret Palmer: ice cream
 - vi. £3.70, Margaret Palmer: Pilsgate Path expenses.
 - vii. £14.45, Anglian Water: Cemetery water bill 02/08/13 – 24/10/13. Already paid.
 - viii. £126 Status Design
- b. To Note monies received: *Noted.*
 - i. £57.36, Bainton & Ashton Parish Council: Scribe Accounts software share.
 - ii. £543.75, PCC: Burial Grounds Capital Grant.
 - iii. £57.36, Ufford Parish Council: Scribe Accounts software share.
 - iv. £200.00, RJ Scholes: Interment fee.
 - v. £50.00, RJ Scholes Interment fee.
 - c. To Approve reports:
 - i. Bank Reconciliation & Budget Control. *Agreed.*
 - ii. Pilsgate Path. *Agreed.*
 - d. To agree Laptop computer and Printer disposal. *It was agreed to donate the laptop to Barnack school and scrap the printer. Action – David Roxburgh.*
- 14 Reports from Meetings Attended.
- a. Police Panel meeting 6th November 2013. *No Councillors attended.*
- 15 Highways and Village Matters - For Clerk to address issues raised by the Councillors.
- a. *Street light outside 4 Canon Drive not working.*
 - b. *Street light outside Steeple Cottage, Main Street not working.*
 - c. *Street sign, Whitman Close broken.*
 - d. *Uffington Road between junction with Bainton Road and Uffington railway crossing needs white centre line, vehicles are constantly straying into the path of oncoming traffic.*
 - e. *Consultation on tree planting to all 13 houses in Whitman Close, 7 responses received; as all say no, it was decided to abandon the scheme.*
 - f. *Pavement at western church gate and at junction of Bishops Walk and Main Street are covered in leaves and presenting a hazard to pedestrians. Pavement sweeping requested.*
 - g. *Walcot Road pavement between Saxon Drive and the Cricket Club entrance, vegetation overgrowing is hazardous and forces pedestrians to leave the path. Cutting back is requested.*
- 16 Pilsgate Footpath update. *Waiting for Ringway to complete surface dressing.*
- 17 Parish Action Plan. *It was agreed to publish the plan as an insert in the Parish News with a covering letter by The Chairman. Also to be sent to all councillors & David Over.*
- 18 Traffic Calming Plan. *Draft plan has been costed at £37,000. PCC have been asked to review the War Memorial junction layout with a view to include traffic calming measures. If implemented, War Memorial changes could mean a revised price of £20,000. Furthermore, if the Ward plan is implemented in all parishes, PCC funding may be available.*
- 19 Website. *It was agreed to obtain a quote from David Chadwick to update and maintain the Parish Council website. Action – Clerk.*
- 20 Open Forum.
- a. *Rear entrance to school notice clearly states the rules, why not place a copy at the main entrance?*
 - b. *Speed cushions as part of Traffic Calming plan, should start at Old New Inn.*
- 21 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th December 2013 at 7.30 pm.
- 22 *Meeting closed at 10.04pm.*