

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 13 January 2014 at 7.30 pm

Draft Minutes subject to approval at next meeting

- 1 To record Members present: *David Roxburgh, Chairman; Harry Brassey, Vice Chairman; Eddie Barker; Phil Broughton; Margaret Palmer and three Residents.*
- 2 To record Apologies for Absence. *Ivor Crowson, David Laycock.*
- 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 9 December 2013. *Signed by the Chairman.*
- 5 Chairman's Resignation: *David Roxburgh announced that he would be standing down both as Chairman and as a Parish Councillor at the end of the Council's year on 31 March 2014 as he would be spending less time in the Parish. Councillors expressed their thanks for his hard work on behalf of the Council.*
- 6 Open Forum. *(Public questions in grey)*
 - a. *Wittering Road/Stamford Road crossroads footpath proposal. Where is it planned to be? How will this work? Why do we need a path? Families have managed to negotiate this junction for years. This is not merited. Other residents feel it is a dangerous junction and the Council is considering options in response to requests. Traffic has drastically increased and the situation has changed in recent years.*
 - b. *Railing along raised footpath opposite war memorial, why? This is a conservation area. Residents regularly use footpath and railings are not required. This is being considered in response to requests but no plans have been made to date.*
 - c. *Can we get a bus shelter at the terrace? The bus stop is in an exposed location and many people use it in all weathers. It is a question of funding but the Council continues to seek ways of finding the resources to install a bus shelter.*
 - d. *Bus stop post at the terrace is very tall, is it possible to reduce the height? The Council will make enquiries with PCC.*
 - e. *There are several dead trees on the B1443 are they going to be replaced. Yes.*
 - f. *Is there any traffic calming action planned soon on B1443 Stamford Road? Yes, the Parish Traffic Calming plan will be presented to Residents soon and, if agreed, implementation will commence within a few months.*
 - g. *In wet or icy conditions the surface on Uffington Road between the Uffington railway crossing and junction with the A1175 is very slippery. Is it possible to have non-slip tarmac laid on bends and the approaches to the bridge over the River Welland? This is a very busy road with increased traffic at school times, is it also possible to provide a regular gritting service? Clerk will send a request to Uffington Parish Council and Kesteven District Council.*
 - h. *Some residents feel strongly that speed cushions are not wanted on Wittering Road. The Council is considering all options for Traffic Calming.*

- i. Youths in hard play area at the school at 7pm on 11/1/14. Always report incidents so that the Police will react accordingly.*
- j. What is progress on MUGA? Awaiting quotes and setting next meeting date for the committee. Once planning permission is obtained it is hoped work could be completed by the end of summer 2014.*
- 7 Police Report. *PCSO Mary Webber sent the following to cover the period 11/12/13 to 12/01/14.*
 - a. Calls for service - 11. Made up of: Road Related - 5, Suspicious/Messages – 1, Concern – 1, Animals – 1, Domestic – 1, Pre plan – 2.*
 - b. Crimes – 4. Made up of: Burglary 17/12, Station Road; Burglary 16/12, London Road, Pilsgate; Theft 17/12, London Road Pilsgate; Assault 24/12, Orchard Road, Barnack.*
 - c. Next Police Panel Meeting is on Thursday 16 January at 7pm in Maxey Village Hall.*
- 8 Ward Councillor's Report. *The Ward Councillor did not attend.*
- 9 Matters Arising.
 - a. Village Hall car park wall repairs, application for financial assistance. Carried over to next meeting.*
- 10 Correspondence:
 - a. Response to Action Plan by Neville Scott. The Council thanked Mr Scott for his contribution regarding pavements, which will be considered in the final version.*
 - b. Invitation to Buckingham Palace Royal Garden Party. It was agreed to nominate Margaret Palmer.*
 - c. Police.*
 - i. Council Tax increase.*
 - ii. Counties sharing resources.*
 - d. Locality funding news.*
 - e. Water Management, Flood Maps.*
 - f. Government statement on Local Council finances.*
 - g. DIS Extra 824*
 - h. SLCC bulletin.*
- 11 Planning:
 - a. 14/00028/CTR, 11 Whitman Close, tree work. No comments.*
 - b. 13/01299/HHFUL, 1 The Old Stackyard, Pilsgate, house extension. No comments.*
- 12 Cemetery Matters
 - a. Maintenance Plan. Report on capital grant*
 - b. Capital Expenditure Plan.*
 - c. Planting Plan.*
- 13 Financial
 - a. To approve payment of outstanding accounts: Agreed.*
 - i. £492.05, Robin Morrison: Clerk's salary and expenses for December 2013.*
 - ii. £103.80, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for December 2013.*
 - iii. £10.00, Parish News, distribution of Action Plan.*
 - iv. £103.00, BJ's Print & Design Limited, printing of Action Plan.*
 - v. £3.60, Margaret Palmer, postage of documents to Natural England and PCC.*
 - vi. £2.00, Robin Morrison, postage of documents to Natural England.*
 - vii. £180.00, Peter Glassey, planting of beech and mixed hedging in Cemetery. Already paid.*
 - viii. £408.84, Aveland Trees Ltd, hedging materials. Already paid.*
 - ix. £36.95, Ark Wildlife, Bat Box. Already paid.*
 - x. £250.89, Ark Wildlife, Bat Boxes. Already paid.*
 - xi. £299.00, Helpston Garden Centre, Bench for Cemetery. Already paid.*
 - b. To Note monies received: Noted.*
 - i. £50.00, Memorial Fee for Keith Gerald Harris.*
 - ii. £278.39, Bank Account interest.*
 - iii. £32,140.26, Pilsgate Path grant from Natural England.*

- c. To Approve reports:
 - i. Bank Reconciliation & Budget Control. *Approved.*
 - ii. Budget & Precept for 2014/15. *Council approved the Budget for 2014/15 based on maintaining Administrative expenses at 2013/14 levels, the Application of Funds Policy and a monthly Precept Demand of £1.83 for each household.*
 - iii. Pilsgate Path. *Awaiting public path creation agreement as per section of the 25 Highways Act for signing by the Chairman.*

14 Reports from Meetings Attended.

a. *Parish Council Liaison meeting attended by David Roxburgh: Explanation of precept by Bruce Bainbridge of PCC, there is no limit to Parish Councils' ability to increase their share of Council Tax..*

b. *Traffic Calming: David Roxburgh meeting with Peter Tebb of PCC: To review current draft plan. PCC will create a plan for the village and in particular for the War Memorial junction. PCC is investigating the possibility of 20mph zones for villages and the city, outcome to be announced in March. Peter Tebb is attending the February Council meeting to present the plan – work could start as early as April.*

c. *Solar farm at Wittering: Public meeting attended by Margaret Palmer. This is presumed to be better than a wind farm although construction traffic may cause congestion on A1 and Wittering Road. No pylons will be needed as existing underground cabling is already in place.*

d. *Friends of the Hills and Holes: Meeting attended by Margaret Palmer who volunteered to be the Parish Council representative on the committee to ensure local interests are represented.*

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

a. *Notice Boards. Due to difficult working conditions and health and safety hazards presented by existing boards it was agreed to obtain quotes for reconditioning the boards and the alternative of purchasing new ones.*

b. *Signs on Mill Road and Drift Road junction still missing.*

c. *Chapel Lane spinney, rubbish has accumulated and needs clearing. It was agreed that councillors would carry out a litter pick and place rubbish in the Cricket Club car park for collection by PCC.*

d. *Verge at Pilsgate leading to new footpath; litter is accumulating, it was agreed to ask PCC to clear it. Action – Clerk.*

e. *Whitman Close, stone wall adjacent to pavement on Walcot Road is overgrown with ivy, which is causing substantial damage.*

16 Environment.

a. *Multi Use Games Area. As item 5j above.*

b. *Traffic Calming. As item 13b above.*

c. *Report by Margaret Palmer:*

Peterborough Environmental City Trust is planning to plant trees as follows:

i. *Three trees to replace small dead saplings on road verges - two on the B1443 near the junction with Mill Road, on the outskirts of Pilsgate; one on the Uffington Road near the level crossing. I suggest oak, small-leaved lime and field maple.*

ii. *Barnack cemetery - one fastigiated copper beech (called 'Dawyck' beech in my tree book) to replace the dead one in the hedge beside the houses. The original stake marks the spot. Now that the beech hedge has been extended there isn't space for another tree on the opposite side of the cemetery.*

iii. *Two Barnack Beauty apple trees to be planted near the back gate of the cemetery, in the grassy area at the end of Little Northfields. We've put in canes as markers.*

iv. *A white beam to replace one that is badly damaged and dying, also at the end of Little Northfields. The tree that is there at present is about three metres high but very straggly. It should be pretty easy to dig out, but if not it could just be cut at ground level.*

17 Open Forum.

a. Traffic calming, where would speed bumps be? Pilsgate to war memorial, B1443 near rear entrance of school, final plan to be presented soon.

b. Paynes Field could trees be planted on west side to screen residents' gardens from rear of gardens on north side of Bainton Road? Some trees have already been planted, it is probably best to see how things look in the growing season.

c. Do bus stop posts need to be so high? We will investigate.

d. Friends of Hills and Holes who are volunteers? Some outsiders want to be on the committee although many local people are volunteering.

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

19 Meeting closed at 10.07pm

20 This is a true record of the meeting Chairman 10 February 2014