

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in The Village Hall, Barnack
on Monday 14 April 2014 at 7.30 pm.

Draft Minutes for confirmation at next meeting

- 1 To record Members present. **Harry Brassey, Vice Chairman; Eddie Barker; Ivor Crowson; David Laycock; Margaret Palmer and four Residents. Harry Brassey Chaired the meeting.**
- 2 To record Apologies for Absence. **Phil Broughton; David Over, Ward Councillor; Mary Webber, PCSO.**
- 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 March 2014. **Agreed and signed by the Chairman.**
- 5 Ward Councillor's Report. **None.**
- 6 Police Report. **Sent in by PCSO Mary Webber:**
 - a) **Period 11/03/14 – 14/04/14.**
 - b) **Calls for Service – 7, made up of: Animals – 1, Suspicious circumstances – 1, Messages – 2, Road related – 3.**
 - c) **Crimes – 1, 13/03/14 – Burglary at the Cricket Club, Groundkeeper's hut broken into and a strimmer stolen.**
- 7 Open Forum.
 - a) *A Resident said they are very disappointed at the Council voting to disagree with the Tree Preservation Order on woodland north of Linden Close. They asked if any other Residents had complained, and whether the Council would reconsider its decision.*
 - b) **The Chairman reiterated the reasons for the Council not supporting the TPO:**
 - *The majority are self-sown Sycamore and possibly a Walnut or two on the boundary.*
 - *Sycamores can grow to a very large size, well over 100ft and with them being so close together they are totally inappropriate for this site.*
 - *If they do survive; as they mature they will in due course block out light from the houses on the south side of Payne's field.*
 - *Also, being so close together they will block out the light to the ground underneath them so nothing of any consequence will proliferate there it will just be barren ground, which is already happening, no wildlife, insects or plants.*
 - *They will also take moisture and nutrients from the fine row of Horse Chestnuts which are already under stress from the new houses in Linden Close.*
 - *The area is already turning into a tip as it is unmanaged.*
 - *The amenity value is minimal and the trees are not blocking any unsightly buildings or areas.*
 - *Not one Village Resident has come to discuss it with us, just an anonymous application to Peterborough City Council.*
 - c) *Bus stop post at the Terrace is too high and needs to be shortened.*
 - d) *The footpath between the War Memorial and Pilsgate has been narrowed by grass growing over the paved area and needs clearing.*

- e) *The footpath on Stamford Road between the War Memorial and the Allotments: weeds need clearing along the wall.*
- f) *Are residents allowed to remove old notices on lamp posts?*
- 8 Matters Arising.
- a) Bus stop outside The Old Farmhouse. *Awaiting PCC to relocate the post to the agreed new position.*
- b) Notice boards renovation. *Clerk is obtaining final quotes.*
- 9 Correspondence: *Noted.*
- a) Ecops: Burglary at Wothorpe.
- b) Ecops: Red Cross fundraising.
- c) Ecops: Good arrest on diesel theft.
- d) Ecops: Rural crime report.
- e) Ecops: Clare's law.
- f) Ecops: Advice on cold callers.
- g) Land sales via www.spectacularland4u.com.
- h) Parish Conference, feed back.
- i) PCC Resilience Service.
- j) DIS 830.
- k) Heritage April bulletin.
- 10 Planning:
- a) 14/00393/CTR, Tresham Lodge, trees notification. *PCC Tree Surgeon is investigating and the Council agreed to support the application if PCC think the planned work is appropriate.*
- b) 13/01299/HHFUL, 1 The Old Stackyard, Pilsgate, building of extension, Permitted. *Noted.*
- 11 Cemetery Matters
- a) Terms and Conditions, to agree new wording. *It was agreed to implement the document and post it on the new Cemetery notice board. It was also agreed to place an extract on Parish notice boards, the Parish News and Village Tribune, explaining the new rules governing Floral Tributes, Flowers, Vases and other items. The Council will contact families in respect of graves that are hampering efforts to maintain the Cemetery in good order and discuss how to improve the situation.*
- b) Fence repair. *It was agreed not to erect new fencing to make up the shortfall left by a neighbouring Resident.*
- c) New bench, to agree position. *It was agreed to locate the bench on the right of the main footpath in front of plots 555 and 566 and to reposition the Hamill's bench.*
- 12 Financial
- a) To Approve payment of outstanding accounts: *Agreed.*
- i. £380.85, Robin Morrison: Clerk's salary and expenses for March 2014.
- ii. £73.40, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for March 2014.
- iii. £500.00 Community Association: donation for car park wall repairs.
- iv. £180.00, Community Association: Village Hall rent for meeting 2013-14. Already paid.
- v. £30.00, Peter Glassey: trees and hedge maintenance.
- b) To Note monies received:
- i. None received in March. *Noted.*
- c) To Approve reports: *Agreed.*
- i. Accounts for the year 2013-14.
- ii. Bank Reconciliation & Budget Control.
- 13 Reports from Meetings Attended.
- a) Parish Council Liaison, 26/03/14. *Councillors did not attend.*
- b) Ward Group next meeting, 7pm 23/04/14, White Hart, Ufford. *Harry Brassey and Margaret Palmer will attend.*
- 14 Highways and Village Matters - For Clerk to address issues raised by the Councillors.
- a) *Fly tipping on verge near Summerhouse Corner.*
- b) *It is requested that PCC place a rubbish bin at Summerhouse Corner.*

- c) *Dog poo bins needed at each end of Pilsgate Path.*
- d) *Pot holes on Stamford Road between the Wittering Road crossroads and the War Memorial.*
- e) *Bus stop outside The Old Farmhouse has been uprooted in a Road Traffic Accident.*

15 Environment.

a) Verges maintenance. *Report by Margaret Palmer on identifying flower-rich verges to be left uncut during the summer: southern verge on Stamford Road between The Terrace and Mill Road, verge beside wall on Whitman Close. There is to be a meeting with the Wildlife Trust to discuss verge maintenance.*

b) Community Orchard. *Peterborough Environment City Trust are hoping to gain funding for community orchards for parishes. This could pay for approximately twenty trees for Barnack.*

c) Friends of Hills and Holes: Committee membership. (Ref: Item 16c of March 2014 Minutes) *Margaret Palmer attended a recent meeting and suggested, at the request of the Council, that a Parish Councillor should be on the Committee. This suggestion was not met favourably. The Committee said, that they would send meetings agendas and minutes to the Council and as Margaret was involved with the Friends that was probably sufficient. The Council agreed. It was also reported that the Friends are launching their organisation on 21 April with a photographic exhibition at the Millstone Inn, Barnack and an easter egg hunt.*

16 Multi Use Games Area. *Report by Harry Brassey: as the new site is outside the Village Envelope, Jim Daley, PCC Environment Officer, has suggested a pre-app for both sites. This has been submitted with pros and cons. (quotes have now been obtained and fundraising can start. (quotes Sutcliffe play £62,922; Wicksteed £64,255; Wild Cats in the region of £60,000. Another £22,000 will be needed for a play area.)*

17 Traffic Calming. *A revised plan is still awaited from Peter Tebb of PCC. Action – Clerk.*

18 Annual meetings to agree arrangements. Last year's were: *The following was agreed:*

Refreshments at 6.30pm for a 7pm start

(food by David Laycock and drinks by Harry Brassey)

Welcome by the Chairman

Apologies for absence

Minutes of previous meeting of 13 May 2012 to be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council Chairman's report

Reports from local organisations

i. **Public forum**

Presentation of Multi Use Games Area plan

To be followed by the Annual Meeting of Barnack Parish Council

19 Open Forum.

a) *The original manufacturer (Harry Stebbing) will recommend the correct wood stain for renovation of the notice boards.*

b) *A number of residents have complained about the new Cemetery notice board being unsightly.*

c) *Was objection to new the MUGA site about a change of use from farm land to recreation area?*

d) *Will the Traffic Calming plan be open to village consultation? Yes.*

e) *Easter egg hunt in Hills and Holes; what about the wildflowers? It will be in a wooded area.*

f) *When will construction of the MUGA start? Hopefully this year, in the autumn.*

20 Date of Next Meeting: Annual Parish and Council meetings, Monday 12 May 2014.

21 *Meeting closed at 9.43pm*

This is a true record of the meeting.....Chairman 12 May 2014