

Barnack and Pilsgate

Annual Village Meeting 2016

Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held at 7.00pm
on Monday 9 May 2016 in Barnack Village Hall.

Draft minutes to be approved at the next Annual Meeting.

1. Those in attendance: **24 Residents (including Representatives of local organisations and Parish Councillors)**
Natural England Representative: **Chris Gardiner, Senior Reserve Manager.**
2. Apologies for absence: **Parish Councillor, Phil Broughton.**
3. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Harry Brassey.
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 May 2015. **Approved and signed by the Chairman.**
5. Presentation by Chris Gardiner, Natural England: **“Barnack Hills and Holes.”**
6. Chairman’s report. **(Available upon request from the Council Clerk)**
7. Reports from local organisations (summarised below):
 - a) **Cricket Club, Malcolm Holmes** – *The Cricket Club has had a successful season with the Juniors (Under 7s to Under 11s). The Under 11s won Team of the Year and Under 9s came second in their league. This year’s season began last Friday with 100 children signed up. Senior Cricket has also had a good season with a First Team win. The Cricket Club would like to thank the village for their continued support. They will be lighting the beacon at the Pavilion for the Queen’s Birthday celebrations on Sunday 12th June.*
 - b) **Tree Warden, Charles Clark** – *The trees already planted along the village verges and hedgerows are growing well. The School has been advised on the care of their two remaining Barnack Beauty apple trees. Efforts to install a village community orchard have foundered due to suggested sites being potential building plots. Further suggestions welcome, as this would still seem a village asset worth pursuing.*
 - c) **British Legion, Charles Clark** – *The Branch continues to flourish with a membership of 100 to which are affiliated 300 officers and cadets from the Stamford Endowed Schools CCF. The Branch has generated over £10,000 this year for charities including The RBL Poppy Fund, RAF Wittering’s Families Fund, the National Arboretum Learning Centre and Selly Oak Rehabilitation Unit. Their aerial flight of vintage aircraft performs at local events and the Legion are currently collaborating with RAF Wittering in the celebration of the airfield’s Centenary anniversary. The British Legion has donated a commemorative bench with plaque as part of the newly reconstructed War Memorial in Wittering churchyard. Visits to service establishments and museums are regularly organised and they are visiting the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden during the Summer. New members, with or without military connections, are always most welcome.*
 - d) **Youth Club, Kerrie Garner & Michelle Goodwin** – *This is the second year of running the Youth Club as parent volunteers. New members have joined, so there are now four adults on a rota. It has been a successful year averaging 26 youngsters per session. Many children from the village move on to different secondary schools, and Youth Club gives them an opportunity to get back together. Year 11s continue to join in and are great role models, offering a mature element to the group. Barnack Youth Club has links with*

Kings Cliffe Youth Club, enabling them access to training and new ideas. Eight volunteers attended first aid training last week. Kerrie expressed her thanks to the Parish News, Community Association and the residents for their support and for embracing Barnack Youth Club.

(Barnack Fun Run – The Chairman, Harry Brassey, took the opportunity to thank Kerrie for her work in organising the successful Barnack Fun Run. Kerrie also expressed her thanks to the volunteers, the residents, the School, the Parish Council and local organisations for their help and support.)

- e) **Outdoor Bowls Club, Adrienne Collins reported on behalf of Phil Collins** – *The Club is in its 27th year with 76 members. Barnack has one of the best greens in the area. The Club would welcome newcomers and they offer roll up sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday. Bowls and shoes can be provided. Contact the Club for more information.*
- f) **Carpet Bowls Club, Martin Bloom reported on behalf of Susan Jarman** – *The Club has had another successful year. Membership is fairly consistent and the regular Tuesday afternoon meetings were generally well attended. The internal competitions were well supported and Susan would like to congratulate the winners and thank all who took part. The evening league matches continued throughout the Winter. The Club are in the second division of the league and maintained their position coming fourth. Susan would like to thank all the team members, especially team captain John Woodcock and Pat and Brian Barton for all their work in organising matches. The Club looks forward to another good year and would be delighted to see some more new members in September.*
- g) **Community Association, Roy Chowings** – *The Community Association are a committee to look after the cricket Pavilion and the Village Hall. They have had a reasonable income from lettings from both buildings and are building up a fund for maintenance. There are two big projects currently – one is the village event on the 12th June. They would like to encourage the residents, and children, to get involved with the competitions. (See leaflet in the May Parish News). The second big project is to replace the shed alongside the Village Hall. There are plans to knock it down and build something larger and more suitable. Roy would like to say thank you to the committee for all their hard work. Their AGM is on Thursday 26 May at 7.30pm – all residents are welcome. The Community Association would love to have new members join the committee.*
- h) **Barnack School, Harry Brassey reported on behalf of Neil Fowkes** – *Another successful year for BPS, they have retained their Ofsted exemption and outstanding judgement and are identified by the ‘School Guide’ as the number one rural school in Peterborough (detailed in the Peterborough Telegraph). The school continues its steady increase in numbers, currently standing at 170 pupils, growing to approximately 180 with the new intake in September. There is still considerable spare capacity towards the top end of the school. BPS has suffered from the major cuts in local authority funding, meaning that there has been no significant expenditure on the fabric of the school itself or its environment – they are due work on the roadway, roof and elsewhere but it is dependent on the Local Authority. The school has continued to engage with the community, the church and to host the popular Barnack Fun Run. There is considerable uncertainty as regards the future governance of all schools, the school governors are addressing these issues. The school’s status as an outstanding Church School gives consistency and reassurance to our parents at a time of significant change.*
- i) **Barnack Flower Group, David Laycock reported on behalf of Joan Laycock** – *Another successful year with members enjoying a number of workshops led by Ann Taylor and Pam Ingham. Pam’s Christmas open meeting was the highlight of the year. The Christmas workshop was a self-help one with a number of members taking a leading role. The resulting items were sold at the Christmas Coffee Morning, Ufford Art Weekend and at the Group’s open meetings. Flowers have been arranged for weddings, a funeral and the major church festivals and have been very well received. The Group enjoyed an*

outing to Sandringham Flower Show in the Summer and are looking forward to a new year with more new demonstrators as well as their regular ones.

- j) **Women's Institute, Beryl Burrows** – *The last year has been quite quiet and it was agreed to hold a vote in March to see if the members wanted to move away from the National Federation as the yearly subs are fairly high. The overall decision was to stay with the National Federation as it gives them a voice that the government has to listen to, and there is a big meeting every year. Dementia is a main theme this year. The WI are keen to attract new members, including younger members – there is lots going on, it's not all just jam and cakes!*
- k) **Barnack Church, Reverend Dave Maylor** – *Barnack is part of a group of four parishes (a benefice). The building has been at the centre of the village for 1000 years and the Church are the people who continue to worship there. A group of teenagers have taken up bell ringing training at Castor, so they can ring the church bells in Barnack – it would be great to get a full team together. The Church has had successful craft and messy church sessions for Christmas and Easter. The Fete and Carol Service were well attended and every third Saturday is a coffee morning open to all residents. The Church has healthy links with the School through collective worship and 'open the book' Bible stories. The Community Church are joining together with the Parish Church and will have joint responsibility for Little Lambs playgroup and the Coffee Stop.*

8. Public Forum: questions put to the Parish Council.

- a) We have one defibrillator in the village – how many more can we have? Would it be possible to have an open training day similar to that held in Bainton last week? ***The defibrillator was given to us by East Midlands Ambulance Trust, but we are looking into sponsorship for another defibrillator to be placed at the school. We are taking up the offer of free training – depending on the amount of interest and success of the training session we may look into an open day too.***
- b) The Post Office has put in an application to change from business use to residential. When this happens we will no longer be able to get cash out in the village. Can we have a cash machine installed at The Millstone, or at the Community Centre? ***The Council will approach the pub and the Community Centre and put the question to them.***
- c) The Parish Council funded a new fence at Pre-School. Can they also fund the Youth Club or help the Community Association in the future? ***The fence was a one-off gift from a local trust that was passed on to them. When organisations write to the Council to ask for help we look at what areas we may be able to help. Home from Home Out of School Club have recently contacted the Council and we are going to look into how we can support the setting at a future Parish Council meeting.***

9. Provisional date and time of next meeting ***7.00pm 8 May 2017.***

10. Meeting closed at ***8.37pm.***