

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 9 February 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Draft Minutes to be confirmed at next meeting.

1		Attendance.
	A	To record those present. Chairman, Harry Brassey. Councillors, Eddie Barker; Martin Bloom; Phil Broughton; David Laycock. Ward Councillor, David Over. 3 Residents.
	B	To record apologies for absence. Vice Chairman, Margaret Palmer. Councillor, Ivor Crowson.
2		Declarations of Interest and Dispensations. None
	A	To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda.
	B	To receive written requests for Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
	C	To grant any requests for Dispensation as appropriate.
3		To confirm Meeting Minutes of 12 January 2015. Agreed.

4		Matters Arising.
	A	Planning matters correspondence. <i>Noted.</i> Aidan Patrick Fogarty Trust. <i>It was agreed to request prompt resolution of the Trust's donation so that an urgently needed fence for Pre-School could be erected. Action - Clerk</i>
5		Presentations.
	A	Police Report. <i>There were two reported incidents during January: Afternoon 16/01/15, burglary at property on Bainton Road. Overnight 23/01/15, break-ins at Allotments sheds.</i>
	B	Ward Councillor's Report. <i>Helpston railway crossing, proposed bridge will be cheapest possible option by Network Rail. Gigaclear, the fibre optic broadband provider has commenced laying cable.</i>
	C	Paul Johnson, Francis Jackson Homes: School Road/Millstone Lane Development. <i>Councillors and residents discussed all aspects of the proposals with the developer.</i>
6		Open Forum – for the Clerk to address issues raised by Residents. <i>Q. Is the City Council bound to keep a conservation area up to a certain standard? Village pavements are in bad state of repair and not up to the standard expected in a conservation area</i> <i>A. Brian Rowcroft of the City Council, will be asked to visit and conduct a survey.</i> <i>Q. What is happening in Barnack regarding railway crossings closure?</i> <i>A. WSP the Network Rail consultants are attending the March meeting.</i>
7		Correspondence.
8		Planning.
	A	14/02244/FUL, School Road/Millstone Lane, Construction of 3 dwellings. <i>It was agreed to make the following comments to the City Council. Action – Clerk.</i> Thank you for extending the comments deadline for this application, it has allowed the Council, the Developer and Residents to fully examine all aspects of this proposed development. It is felt that this development, although welcome in principal, is not in keeping with the village and the constraints of its surrounds because: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The houses are too large and roof lines are higher than adjacent properties (Blacksmith's Cottage and Greystones) 2. Should houses be built up to the pavement with the loss of a listed wall, to be in keeping with the rest of the street scene or if they are going to be this large is it best to keep the wall to move them back from the road edge?' 3. The junction of School Road and Millstone Lane is heavily used by pedestrians and vehicles at peak times. Many of these pedestrians are schoolchildren under 11 years of age, negotiating a busy road crossing, with, on one side, no pavement. The proposed development only exacerbates the hazards faced by these children and their families. Not to mention, other pedestrians. 4. Surely, it is now time to conduct a traffic survey of the area? 5. The Millstone Inn attracts many customers at certain times and vehicles traversing and parking in the lane can cause severe traffic problems. Additionally, the School receives many vehicles, depositing and collecting children,

		<p>this causes many traffic and parking problems at peak times. Whilst not changing this situation, the new development will add to the highways chaos.</p> <p>6. Blacksmith's Cottage has a stone wall which adjoins the development site. The Cottage's land level is some 2.7 metres below that of the site, this raises concerns about the future health of the wall and considerable doubt about the wisdom of building right up to it.</p> <p>7. As the proposed houses are much higher, they will have sight lines which overlook surrounding properties.</p> <p>8. Materials have not been specified, this makes objective comparisons very difficult. It is essential that they are built of stone and Collyweston slate (or similar) in the middle of the conservation area</p> <p>9. We consider that Barnack's Village Design Statement and Supplementary Planning Document should figure largely in any planned development in this area and would urge that care is taken to meet their requirements.</p> <p>10. This is an area ill-suited to the present, growing volumes of pedestrians and vehicles (the School intake has grown by 50% in the last few years) and any new housing at this location should attempt to fit in with concurrent issues and parking problems.</p> <p>11. We are keen to try and relieve the extra traffic problems that will be created and wish to make a claim under the S106 provision for funds to this end.</p>
	B	15/00134/CTR, 3 Allerton Close, Trees work. <i>It was agreed to make no objections.</i>
	C	14/02183/FUL, Solar Farm, Land south of Wittering Ford Road. <i>It was agreed to make the following comments: The Council have no objections to this development, but wish to express concern over the possible routes which could be used by construction traffic. Could planning permission be granted on condition that only the A1, Barnack Drift and Wittering Ford Road be used and that the junction of Barnack Drift and Mill Road be improved with an increased width and length of slip road? Action – Clerk.</i>
	D	15/00140/CTR, Old Station, Station Road, Trees work. <i>It was agreed to make no objections.</i>
9		Burial Grounds.
	A	Maintenance.
		<p>i. Capital improvement plan 2015/16. <i>Carried over to next meeting.</i></p> <p>ii. Notice Board, to approve purchase. <i>It was agreed to accept Harry Stebbing's quote for £1,651.75 and order a notice board for displaying Cemetery information. Action – Clerk.</i></p> <p>iii. Double Depth graves. <i>It was agreed add a new item to the Cemetery Rules: all graves to be dug to double depth. Action – Clerk.</i></p>
		<p>iv. Hedge planting update. <i>It was noted that hedging gaps had been filled with beech whips by Peter Glassey.</i></p>
	B	Exclusive Rights of Burial, to approve the following:
		i. Eckworth family: 2 grave spaces. <i>Agreed.</i>
10		Financial.
	A	To approve reports.

		i. Finances for January 2015. <i>Agreed.</i>
		ii. Precept Demand. <i>It was agreed to increase the Precept by £1,667.84 to cover loss of grants from the City Council. This would mean an increase in Council Tax of £3.86 annually per dwelling in the Parish and would ensure that the costs of running the Parish Council would be met. Action – Clerk.</i>
		iii. Unity Trust Bank update. <i>Accounts now funded and operational.</i>
	B	To note monies received. <i>Noted.</i>
		i. £441.00, Eckworth family, 2 grave spaces.
		ii. £262.50, Constance Eckworth, Interment.
	C	To approve payment of the following outstanding accounts. <i>Agreed.</i>
		i. £955.44, Robin Morrison: Clerks salary and expenses for January 2015.
		ii. £203.80, Hmrc: Clerk's tax for January 2015.
		iii. £2.80, Margaret Palmer, Parish Council Liaison meeting, bus travel.
		iv. £3.28, Robin Morrison (Colemans) Stationery.
11		Reports from Meetings attended.
	A	Ward Group. <i>None.</i>
	B	Parish Council Liaison. <i>None.</i>
	C	Hills & Holes Committee. <i>None.</i>
	D	Police Panel. <i>None.</i>
	E	Muga. <i>None.</i>
	F	Traffic Calming. <i>Next meeting of Working Group 12/03/15 at Millstone Inn.</i>
	G	Other meetings not listed. <i>Rural Vision meeting, by Harry Brassey: This programme is not representative and must be driven by rural parishes, not the City Council.</i>
12		Other Items.
	A	Meeting format.
	B	Website. <i>It was agreed not to proceed with a new website but to form a Working Group, to examine the Council's communication needs and possible use of media such as Facebook. Action – Phil Broughton.</i>
	C	Neighbourhood Plan. <i>It was agreed to form a Working Group. Action – Harry Brassey.</i>
	D	Annual Meetings. <i>It was agreed to invite the City Council Chief Executive, Gillian Beasley to be guest speaker at the Annual Parish meeting on 11 May. Action – Clerk.</i>
	E	New litter bin at Summerhouse Corner. <i>It was agreed to request the City Council install a litter bin free of charge at Summerhouse Corner but not to pay the annual fee of ££263.52 for emptying.</i>

		<i>Councillors will monitor the amounts of rubbish collected. Action – Clerk.</i>
	F	Council Archive. <i>It was noted that a large archive of Parish Council records is held at Northampton Records Office and that it will be relocated to Peterborough Archive at the City Library. Action – Clerk.</i>
13		Village Matters – For the Clerk to address issues raised by Councillors as book <i>Bench on pavement outside church has broken wood work.</i> <i>Dog poo bin on Chapel Lane has not been emptied for months.</i>
14		Date and time of next meeting – Monday 9 March 2015 at 7.00pm.
15		<i>Meeting closed at 21.44</i>