

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 8 June 2015 at 7.00pm.

Draft Minutes for confirmation at the next meeting.

1) **Attendance.**

a) To record those present.

Chairman, Harry Brassey. Vice-Chairman, Margaret Palmer.

Councillors, Eddie Barker, Martin Bloom, Phil Broughton, Ivor Crowson, David Laycock.

Barnack Pre-School representative, Helen Watts.

PCC Head of Development and Construction, Nicholas Harding

Ward Councillor, David Over.

5 local residents.

b) To record apologies for absences. ***None.***

2) **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations.**

a) To receive Declarations of Interest from Councillors in 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.***

3) **To confirm Minutes of Meeting 11 May 2015. Agreed.**

4) **Discussion.**

Planning matters with Nicholas Harding:

1. Mistakes by Planners with notifications - both applications and permissions (Planning Application for Church View, Main Street: Lawful Development Certificate, for Land off Uffington Road: Permission for Development, Junction of School Road/Millstone Lane)
2. Visits to the Parish, without consultation, by PCC officers to inspect various aspects of applications (Highways Control Engineer, School Road/Millstone Lane)
3. Lack of discussion concerning collection of S106 from a development and 'remote' decisions regarding traffic calming (Planning Officer, Millstone Lane) - although S106 has now ceased, this example is indicative of the relationship between PCC and Parish - we need to change the process, so that the Parish Council may be more involved.
4. The present need for the Parish Council to 'make all the running' in discussion with PCC in respect of applications and the impression given that we are considered not capable of a useful contribution.
5. Not treating the Parish Council as a 'Key Stakeholder' in planning matters (although, not a legal obligation, surely in keeping with the Parish Charter)
6. PCC not recognising the general role of the Parish Council in representing its residents. On many occasions parishioners have approached the Council to discuss planning issues and they rely on its role as 'their' elected body.
7. What assistance will PCC give the Parish Council in creating a Neighbourhood Plan?

The listed items were discussed in detail and it was agreed:

- i. *The Parish Council should use the online 'weekly lists' planning updates to be informed of all applications affecting the Parish.*
- ii. *Any future applications which, in the Parish Council's view, required an extra oversight could be referred by the Parish Council to either Nicholas Harding or the Planning Team Leader, Lee Collins.*
- iii. *Assistance with a Neighbourhood Plan could take the form of: help with costs, publicity and up to 10 days of a PCC officer's time.*

The Parish Council expressed its thanks to Nicholas for attending the meeting and giving an overview of planning matters and explaining PCC's responsibilities and capabilities.

5) **Open Forum** – for the Clerk to address issues raised by Residents.

- a) Planning application refused even after neighbours and Parish Council had no objections. *Nicholas Harding to reply to resident.*
- b) Gigaclear making a mess and blocking access. *Councillors feel that the contractors are doing an exceptionally good job.*
- c) Could we have second open forum at end of meeting to comment on matters discussed during meeting. *It should be possible to have a short time-bound session at the end of a meeting.*
- d) School Road/Millstone Lane development, is stone wall protected? *Planners have decided new houses should be in line with the pavement and neighbouring houses.*

6) **Outstanding Items.**

- a) Pilsgate Path, notice banning horses. *Awaiting action from PCC.*
- b) Bishops Walk and Main Street junction, vehicle parking problems. *Police notified.*
- c) Main Street bend just past Orchard Road, white van parking in road. *Police notified.*
- d) Pilsgate Path culvert. *PCC Drainage Department have inspected and there is no danger of flooding at present, but the ditch further upstream should be cleared by land managers.*
- e) Barbed wire at field entrances. *Burghley will pursue tenant to have it removed.*
- f) Solar panels, *PCC now have extra staff to enable contact to be made with residents advising them of the proposed Article 4 Direction in respect of roof-mounted solar panels. Castor and Ailsworth Parish Councils have also raised this issue.*

7) **Correspondence.**

- a) Email from resident: lack of dog poo bins at Hills and Holes causing problems. *Natural England have constructed concrete bases in preparation for installation of new bins.*
- b) Greater Peterborough University Technical College. *Noted.*
- c) People's Health Trust, information on funding availability. *Noted.*

8) **Planning.**

- a) 15/00663/LBC, Millstone Inn, Internal Alterations. *No objections.*

9) **Burial Grounds.**

- a) To approve purchase and installation of bench for £300.00 plus £150.00. *It was agreed to locate the new bench on the bus shelter slab on Main Street adjacent to The Limes wall.*

10) **Financial.**

- a) To approve reports.
 - i) Monthly Finances, May 2015. *Agreed.*
- b) To note monies received. *Agreed.*
 - i) £300.00, Southorpe Parish Council, burial grounds maintenance contribution.
 - ii) £125.00, Mrs EP Harley, Exclusive Right of Burial fee.
 - iii) £150.00, Mrs EP Harley, Interment fee for Mr M Harley.
- c) To approve payment of the following outstanding accounts. *Agreed.*
 - i) £754.12, Robin Morrison: Clerks salary and expenses for May 2015.
 - ii) £170.60, HMRC: Clerks tax for May 2015.
 - iii) £79.99, Microsoft: Office software. (paid by Clerk on credit card)
 - iv) £37.74, Adnams: Annual Meetings refreshments. (paid by Harry Brassey)
 - v) £76.00, Harrison & Dunn: Council post box. (paid by Clerk on credit card)
 - vi) £24.00, Morrisons: Annual Meetings refreshments. (paid by David Laycock)
 - vii) £630.00, Elwood Bros: April Burial Grounds Maintenance. (Cemetery £280.00, Churchyard £280.00, War Memorial £20.00, Roundup Spray £50.00) Already paid.
- d) Authorised signatories with Unity Trust Bank. *It was noted that Councillors are making arrangements to complete their account registrations.*

11) **Reports.**

- a) Ward Group. *Not attended.*
- b) Parish Council Liaison Working Group. Attended by Harry Brassey and Margaret Palmer. The main topic of discussion was the Rural Vision and Parish Charter (see 12d below).
- c) Hills & Holes Committee. *Report by Margaret Palmer. The programme of events is on the Friends' website.*
- d) Police. *Not attended.*
- e) MUGA. *Report by Martin Bloom: 'We continue to investigate possible sites. Use of School grounds has been refused by the Governors. Currently, we are researching suitability of sites at the Cricket Ground and a field off Chapel Lane. Agents of the Peterborough Diocese (owners of the field) have said, if the Parish Council supported a new housing development of 40 or 50 dwellings, they would build a MUGA at no cost to the Parish. While in no way endorsing this proposal, or the prospect of a new housing development, the Council agreed to call a village meeting on 13 July so that residents may discuss options for siting the MUGA.'*
- f) Traffic Calming. *Next meeting 17/6/15.*
- g) Rural Crime update. *Noted.*
- h) Other meetings not listed. *None.*

- i) Social Media. *Phil Broughton has produced an open letter to be sent to all local organisations, asking them to contribute to a debate on what is needed.*
- j) *David Over, Ward Councillor, reminded the meeting that PCC now has no overall majority on the Council and that, although Conservatives are the largest party, leadership of the Council is in a state of flux.*
- k) *Helen Watts thanked the Council for the donation towards erection of a new fence for the Pre-School and showed pictures of the fence.*

12) Other Items.

- a) Forest for Peterborough. *Peterborough Environmental City Trust, appeal for tree planting land. Noted.*
- b) Telephone Box adoption. *Clerk to research options.*
- c) Defibrillator. *It was agreed that having the equipment would be beneficial to the community. Clerk to research options.*
- d) Rural Vision and Parish Charter. *While welcoming moves to improve co-operation between PCC and rural parish councils, the Council felt there is lack of clarity in the draft document about 1) the extent of the proposed devolution of services and 2) the support available from PCC to help parish councils carry out new duties. Also, the Council would prefer greater emphasis on maintenance of rural character, local culture and heritage and less on growth. It was agreed to submit these comments to the PCC Community Capacity Team and to copy them to Parish Councils in Barnack Ward and to the Ward Councillor.*
- e) Uffington Road, new notice board. *It was agreed to consider the purchase of a notice board. Clerk to obtain quotations.*
- f) To agree donation of a Refrigerator and Dishwasher to the Community Association at a cost of approximately £400.00. *Agreed.*

13) Village Matters - for the Clerk to address issues raised by Councillors.

- a) *Pot holes on Wittering Ford road.*
- b) *Police, Highways Authorities and local media should be advised that the missing sign and sharp turning at Barnack exit slip on southbound A1 is dangerous.*
- c) *Churchyard, dangerous headstones, who is responsible?*
- d) *Chapel lane junction at Main Street end is becoming overgrown, weeds need cutting back.*

14) Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 13 July 2015 at 6.00pm. Commencing with MUGA open meeting.

15) Meeting closed at. 9.40pm.