

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Barnack Parish Council held in
The Village Hall, Barnack, on Monday 10th February 2020 at 7.00pm.

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

1) ATTENDANCE

In attendance – Chair: Harry Brassey (HB), Councillors: Martin Bloom (MB), Phil Broughton (PB), David Laycock (DL) and Sophie Moore (SM). Ward Councillor David Over (DO).

Parish Clerk: Susie Caney (SC).

One resident, Mike Mills (School) and Sally Hullock (the BCA).

Apologies of absence were received from Ivor Crowson (IC) and Margaret Palmer (MP).

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS – None.

3) TO CONFIRM MEETING MINUTES OF 13TH JANUARY 2019 – The Minutes were resolved unanimously to be a true record of events and duly signed by the Chair.

4) MATTERS ARISING

5) OPEN FORUM (for the Clerk to address issues raised by Residents.)

Hills and Holes - Stuart Smith, a volunteer from Natural England, reported that there have been two recent dog attacks on grazing sheep – one on 31st Jan, which resulted in a rare breed sheep dying, and another on 2nd Feb which was self-reported by the dog owner resulting in swift medical attention for the sheep. Lack of care from dog walkers means that precious volunteer time is being spent on 'policing' the site, instead of carrying out the work they need to be doing. Stuart took on board comments about the map not being clear and will mention this to NE. BPC will continue to raise awareness via social media channels. **Action** – SC.

Fun Run - Mike Mills confirmed that the Fun Run is on track for 25th April with a team of volunteers taking on different aspects of the event. More marshals are needed at this community event – please get in touch if you can help. BPC agreed to help with tidying Chapel Lane in preparation of the run by notifying Aragon and requesting a maintenance visit. A community litter pick will be organised beforehand too. HB suggested contacting Velcourt to ask if they could trim back the path along the edge of the field. **Action** – SC & HB.

School update – Mike Mills updated the meeting with how the new interim arrangement at school is going. Lots of positive change and better communication. The school fence project is moving on and a MUGA meeting has been arranged for next month.

Table tennis - SH has been offered a table tennis table for the village and the BCA are looking into suitable locations. The sports pavilion or school grounds were suggested as potential locations.

Church news - Rev Dave Maylor is retiring at the end of April and moving to Scotland.

Village Shop – Mike Mills visited Barrowden community shop with two Barnack residents, but until a location is found the project can't be taken forward.

6) BARNACK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

a) VE Day Commemoration Plans. The event will be a community one involving village organisations and the church. DL advised that he could organise bell ringers.

b) Request for funding for Village Hall maintenance. Sally Hullock reported on the list of priority works that need carrying out on the hall. The flat roof has a tear and the boiler needs replacing. After discussing figures, it was agreed that Sally would get like-for-like quotes to enable a clear comparison before BPC can consider the request for funding.

7) OUTSTANDING ITEMS

a) Telephone Kiosks and Defibrillators – Western Power supply connection and defibrillator access. The devices have now been registered with East of England Ambulance NHS Trust. Western Power will connect the Barnack kiosk to the mains supply later this month. BPC will organise a first aid session for residents. **Action** – SC.

- b) Grit Bins – outstanding maintenance. *PCC have replaced the broken grit bins, but unfortunately yellow bins are not suitable for a conservation village. BPC will request they are replaced for green bins. Action – SC.*

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) NALC, Chief Executive Bulletin. *Noted.*
- b) Cllr Over, Cross Keys – resident access on Uffington Road. *A query was raised with Cllr Over regarding a property needing parking access at the front of the property. This was forwarded to Cross Keys Homes, but the property is privately owned.*
- c) PCC, Well Winter Packs. *Information packs have been put together to help residents stay well over winter. If you would like a pack, please get in touch with the parish clerk.*
- d) Amy Jones, Barnack CE Primary School – letter of thanks. *Mrs Jones wrote to BPC to thank the community for the money donated from the Christmas Tree event.*

9) PLANNING

- a) Linden Homes – 18/00377/REM, ongoing updates throughout the scheme. *No recent updates.*
- b) 19/01714/HHFUL, Sandalls View, Stamford Road – Construction of outbuilding for use as home office. *Permitted.*
- c) 19/01719/HHFUL, 7 Bainton Road – Proposed first floor extension. *Application withdrawn.*
- d) 19/01703/HHFUL, Pilsgate Grange, Stamford Road – Demolish side extension and rebuild same dimensions, using same materials due to severe foundation failure. *No objections.*
- e) 20/00150/CTR, 1 Canon Drive – Tree works, reduce crown and reshape cherry tree. *No objections.*
- f) 20/00066/CTR, 5 Owen Close – Tree works, pollard of large malus, fell of purple prunus. *No objections.*

10) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) Consultation schedule update. *The consultation begins on 1st March. BPC will circulate information to residents and local businesses later this month. Action – SC.*

11) BURIAL GROUNDS

The clerk will follow up memorial repair works and the removal of the soil heap with Richard Harding. Action – SC.

- a) Dog fouling within the cemetery. *Reports of dog mess and dogs running off-lead in the cemetery have been received. Dogs must be kept on a lead within the cemetery and any mess picked up. Additional signs at the Little Northfields end of the cemetery will be put in place. Action – SC.*
- b) Interment, Mrs James. *Noted.*
- c) Missing bin. *A black bin has disappeared from the cemetery and is due to be replaced by PCC later this week.*

12) FINANCIAL

- a) To approve reports. *Approved.*
 - i. Monthly Finances, January 2020.
- b) To approve quote from Status Design for replacement information board in The Square, £375.00. *Approved.*
- c) To approve payment of the following outstanding accounts. *Approved.*
 - i. £122.88, Clerk Pay and overtime for January 2020.
 - ii. £299.26, Glasdon Gateways, outstanding VAT balance.
 - iii. £42.99, Margaret Palmer, Councillor expenses (printing).

13) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FINANCIAL

- a) To approve payment of the following outstanding accounts. *Approved.*
 - i. £267.00, BJ Print & Design Ltd, printing of Neighbourhood Plan copies and leaflets.
- b) To approve payments made since last meeting. *Approved.*
 - i. £240.00, Zoe Noyes, document formatting.

14) REPORTS

- a) Ward Group – Tree planting proposal and donation to Barnack Youth Club. *The Ward Group will be looking into rolling out a tree planting proposal in support of the John Clare Country Vision. It was agreed at the last Ward Group that £340 would be donated from the Ward Funds to the Youth Club.*

- b) Parish Council Liaison – PCC and communication with the parishes. *Our liaison link, Sylvia Radouani, will be leaving PCC due to redundancies and service cuts. BPC will write to Sylvia to thank her and wish her well. Action – SC.*
- c) Hills & Holes – Sheep worrying incident. *Reported in item 5 above.*
- d) Traffic Calming – Update on meeting with Highways, installation of national speed limit signs. *Highways’ John Bourke met with HB to update BPC on the speed cushion installation plans. John is liaising with Skanska over their installation quote. Members agreed payment for Brian Pearsall to assist HB install the national speed limit signs to the gateways. Action – HB.*
- e) Communications:
 - i. Barnack Community Website. *The new website will be live by March.*
 - ii. Parish Council Election, vacancies and community information. *Posters will be placed on noticeboards advising residents of the upcoming election. A note will go in the next issue of the Parish News.*
HB confirmed that he will be standing down from the Parish Council from May. SC is also resigning from the post of Clerk, effective from May. A job advert will be drafted and circulated as soon as possible. Action – SC.
- f) Other meetings not listed.

15) VILLAGE MATTERS (for the Clerk to address issues raised by Councillors.)

Village walls – *There were reports of youths walking along the tops of drystone walls around the village. There is concern that after the wet weather and poor condition of some of the walls that it could be dangerous to the children, as well as costly if the walls collapse. SC will raise this with those involved. Action – SC. HB will speak to Dave Burton to see if he can cut the ivy back from the wall along Walcot Road. Action – HB.*

Southorpe Tanker – *It was agreed that BPC would write in support of Southorpe PC and residents following receipt of the latest information from SPC regarding the tanker and drainage issues. Action – SC.*

Streetlights - *A faulty streetlight has been reported to PCC.*

16) OPEN FORUM (for the Clerk to address issues raised by Residents.) No items.

17) OTHER ITEMS

- a) Barnack Pre-School Building – maintenance and heating. *Members approved a quote from Woollard Electrical to carry out work to the heating system at Pre-School. BPC will liaise with Lizzie Muirhead and Colin Woollard. HB has a quote for treating the wooden exterior of the building and it was agreed to source two further quotes with Lizzie. Action – SC.*
- b) Barnack CE Primary School – purchase of bin for grounds. *BPC would like to purchase a replacement bin for the footpath leading to the front of school. A budget of £200 (ex VAT) was agreed for the school to make a choice of the most suitable bin. Action – SC.*
- c) Barnack Fun Run – see Agenda item 5 above.
- d) Maintenance:
 - i. Main Street drainage issues – update. *BPC will follow up with Anglian Water. Action – SC.*
 - ii. Church wall repair. *BPC approved Alex Rippon’s quote for the repair job, following his repair works to the side section of wall previously.*
 - iii. Uffington Road and potholes. *The potholes have been reported.*
 - iv. Date for village litter pick. *The community litter pick will take place on 7th March from 1.30pm at Manor Farm Yard, Bainton Road. Adverts will be displayed shortly. SC, SM, HB and DL are able to help. Action – SC.*

18) HEALTH & SAFETY

19) DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th March 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
Residents are invited to attend.

MEETING CLOSED AT 21.37.