

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of Barnack Parish Council held on
Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.00pm, via Zoom video conference.

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

1) ATTENDANCE

In attendance – *Chair: Harry Brassey (HB), Vice-Chair Margaret Palmer (MP), Councillors Martin Bloom (MB), Sophie Moore (SM), Phil Broughton (PB), Parish Clerk: Debbie Lines (DAL). Members of the public: Sally Hullock (SH)*
Apologies: David Laycock (DL)

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS – *None.*

3) TO CONFIRM MEETING MINUTES OF 14TH DECEMBER 2020 – *The Minutes were resolved unanimously to be a true record of events and it was agreed they would be signed by the Chair when safe to do so.* *Action: DAL & HB.*

4) MATTERS ARISING *None*

5) OPEN FORUM *(for issues raised by residents)*

- a) *Broken lights at school (from December meeting) – MP advised that these have now been fixed but are left on all night. Clerk to write to school requesting reduced use.*
- b) *Mud at cemetery – access by a truck for essential maintenance has churned up the ground outside the cemetery in Little Northfields. Council agreed this was due to the excessive wetness of the ground. Area to be monitored and if the grass doesn't grow back in the spring, then seed to be sown.*

6) OUTSTANDING ITEMS

- a) *Barnack Pre-School – Quotes for wood treatment. To be obtained when Covid restrictions are lowered in the spring.*
- b) *Request for seven additional benches around village – update on progress One bench in process of being ordered.*

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) *NALC, CAPALC & PCC – Coronavirus bulletins. Noted.*

8) PLANNING

- a) *Linden Homes – 18/00377/REM, ongoing updates throughout the scheme. Discuss implementation concerns re new hills and hole area. Linden Homes advise work on the sowing of wild-flower seed will be done in the Spring. MP to draft letter requesting involvement from the Council regarding the on-going management of the site to assist with on-going compliance, not just with the hills & holes area but also with the area of the basin, other plantings and wildlife bat and bird boxes. The council noted that the back footpath is now open and the notice board could now be installed. Clerk to organise.*
- b) *20/00304/HHFUL, Alderley Lattimers Paddock Pilsgate - Erection of new garage and log store. Awaiting decision.*
- c) *S20/0908, Revised submission Simon Boon Homes – Land off Kettering Road, Stamford. Awaiting decision*
- d) *20/01220/HHFUL Owen Close, Barnack – side extensions and new porch Permitted*
- e) *20/00762/FUL – Appeal. The Bungalow, Stamford Road, Stamford. Awaiting decision*
- f) *20/01472/HHFUL 2 2 Bishops Walk, Barnack – conversion of garage and erection of carport. No objections.*

- g) 20/01583/TRE 19 Bishops Walk, Barnack – reduce height of lime tree. *No objections.*
- h) 20/01561/HHFUL New Inn House, Barnack - Demolition of outbuilding, proposed construction of summerhouse including swimming pool, extension to garage to be used as a storage area and associated tree works. *Confirm height of structure is compliant with planning legislation as this can be seen from the right of way. Otherwise no objections.*
- i) 20/01596/HHFUL 33 Uffington Road, Barnack – proposed dropped kerb. *No objections.*

9) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) Update on progress. *The 'Regulation 16' consultation is to be launched by PCC within the next couple of weeks and will last six weeks. PCC are writing to all the organisations on the previous ('Regulation 14') consultee list. MP will hold 2 or 3 copies of the Plan to share with Barnack residents if required. PCC will post hard copies to organisations, on request*

10) BURIAL GROUNDS

- a) Renovation and reinstatement of memorials *R Harding advises work will continue shortly*
- b) Maintenance: on-going bench renovation *Work continues as weather allows.*
- c) Burial 17.12.20 Anthony Jessie Bainbridge
- d) Deed of Exclusive Right of Burial –
- e) McRoyall
- f) Burial 8.1.21 Stewart McRoyall
- g) Complaint: Glenda Green *The position reviewed with grave digger who is comfortable with location. Regarding slippage of gravestone, advice is for the stone to be re-set more centrally behind the grave plot.*

11) FINANCIAL

- a) To approve: *Approved*
 - i) Monthly Finances, December 2020
 - ii) Review and discuss 2021-22 Budget *Budget files have been circulated to all the council. Council agreed that the year on year increase of the precept would be no greater than 2%. Any excess expenditure in the budget would be met from reserves or from obtaining grants.*
 - iii) FSCS transfers. £55k to Bath Building Society. £25k transfer between Unity Deposit and Current accounts. *Noted*
- b) To approve payment of the following outstanding accounts: *Approved*
 - i) £257.98 Clerk pay and expenses for December
 - ii) £7.20 Zoom bill reimbursement S Caney
 - iii) £71.94 Litter picking equipment – reimburse D Lines
 - iv) £174.90 SLCC books (previously approved 14.9.20 14.g)
 - v) £355.00 Garden4less oak bench
 - vi) £80.00 Reformation Ltd – bench fixing kit
 - vii) £80.00 Vouchers re Christmas tree assistance. Reimburse clerk.
- c) To approve payments made since last meeting: *Approved*
 - i) £410 SLCC CiLCA Qualification for Clerk
 - ii) £300.00 Wothorpe Garden Centre (s.137 Christmas Feel Good Project)
 - iii) £18 Unity Bank charges
- d) To note monies received: *Noted*
 - i) £950 Bainbridge Plot 873 Deed of Exclusive Right of Burial
 - ii) £428.42 Ward Group transfer. For new bench.
 - iii) £300.00 McRoyall interment fee

12) REPORTS

- a) Ward Group *DO advised that the funds have now been spent and accounts closed. He advised PCC refuse teams are short-staffed and as a result there may be some delays to bin collections and fly-tipping removal.*
- b) Hills & Holes *Over-use of the site during lock-down is of concern with risk of damage to flora and fauna. Responsibility is with Natural England. MP will call them to discuss whether police could be requested to attend at weekends.*
- c) JCC / Barnack Nature Recovery Plan – *Thank you Nature programme and bug hotels Council approved MP plan, including request to adjust sections around sale of bug hotels. MP to send article to Parish News, to include mention of videos, garden surveys etc as per the plan.*
- d) Traffic Calming – *review revised costings Clerk advised that letter of complaint re cost escalation has been sent to Gillian Beasley. She has delegated to Stephen Cox for review. DO advised he would send a letter of support.*
- e) Communications and website *None*
- f) MUGA Management *Meeting held with school and architects on 7.1.20. Material specifications and quotes to be sent to Clerk shortly. Clerk to issue notice updating residents of progress via Facebook and Parish News.*

13) OTHER ITEMS

- a) Millstone Pub Update *MB advised that the sale has now completed. Clerk to write to new owner requesting update, specifically in relation to potential to add village shop or café.*
- b) Good Neighbours Scheme – *discuss. Sally Hullock. SH advised that she will stay in close contact with the GNS and they intend to work closely together in the future, particularly during the current Covid crisis. Council agreed to express an interest in joining in the future, but not at this stage. Reschedule for discussion in June.*
- c) Neighbourhood Watch – *discuss Council agreed not directly run a scheme.. Residents should be encouraged to get involved via notices on Facebook and other social media. Clerk to action.*
- d) Information Board in Square – *update Ready to install, weather permitting. The glue requires warm weather.*
- e) Barnack Sports Pavilion – *replacement shed No updates re cricket club shed replacement. In the interim, the Parish Council have agreed to use the Cemetery hut for storing parish equipment as this was previously unused.. This has been cleaned out and is ready for use.*
- f) Home from Home update *None*
- g) Pre-school update *None*
- h) Village maintenance - *cleaning gateways, verge tidying. Map being prepared. None.*
- i) May 2021 Councillor elections *Awaiting confirmation of date from government. Clerk will advertise and promote when clear if these are going ahead in May or later.*

14) HEALTH & SAFETY *None*

15) VILLAGE MATTERS

- a) For the Clerk to address issues raised by Councillors
 - i) Windmill preservation *MP to discuss with tenant with a view to Council writing to Burghley asking what their intentions are with respect to the on-going use and maintenance of the windmill.*
- b) For attending public to comment on matters discussed *None.*

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 8th February 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom video conference.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM

Signed as a true record..... Chair

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