



# Barnack and Pilsgate

## Annual Village Meeting 2022

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### Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held at 6.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Village Hall

1. Those in attendance: 18 Residents (including representatives of local organisations); 7 Parish Councillors - Margaret Palmer (Chair), Sophie Moore, David Laycock, Sonia Lane, Susie Caney, Kimberley Cameron, Iris Payne; Parish Clerk Debbie Lines.
2. Apologies for absence: Ward Councillor David Over
3. Welcome by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Margaret Palmer.
4. Minutes of the previous meeting 12.4.22 – Approved.

Reports: all reports are available on the Council website (see link at end of minutes)

5. Chairman's report: "What has Barnack Parish Council done during 2021-22?" Margaret gave a powerpoint presentation high-lighting the Council activity during the past year.
6. Talk by Daniel Worley, Peterborough Conservation Officer: "Heritage Assets Barnack". Daniel gave a powerpoint presentation explaining the Heritage Assets and how they fit with the Local Plan.
7. Barnack Sports Court, update by Cllr Sophie Moore. Sophie advised that the contractors have not yet handed over the new facility and so should not be used by residents. Once it is ours, the sports court will be available for use, outside of school hours, for tennis, basketball, 5-a-side football, netball and other sports. We've already had an enquiry to set up a Walking Football regular session.  
The facility will be run by a sub-committee of the Parish Council. It will be set up as a Membership Club with an online booking system which we are in the process of designing. In the first year residents of Barnack and Pilsgate will get it free (provided they sign up by 31.7.22) and there will be a £25 p.a. fee per household for residents of Ufford, Bainton, Ashton and Southorpe.  
Look out for more information on the Parish website and noticeboards in the next few weeks.

Local Community Organisations:

8. Barnack Community Association by Sally Hullock:

Sally explained how the BCA manage the upkeep of the Village Hall, including plans to refurbish the hall, in particular to open up the ceiling which has historic roof joists currently hidden behind plaster.

Covid was still impacting the use of the hall during the year and some groups were lost, however, some new ones have joined, such as NCT. A quiz will be held in October.

The Jubilee weekend plans continue and hopefully all residents have seen the posters on Facebook and the village noticeboards. All are welcome from Barnack and surrounding villages. The Celebration at the Cricket Club on 4<sup>th</sup> June is being managed to break-even. The BCA thank BPC for a contribution towards the cost of the event.

Later in the meeting Sally reminded everyone that the Beacon lighting will take place at 9.45pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the Cricket Club. We hope all residents will make their way up there in time to see it lit, the timing of which is co-ordinated across the whole country.

9. Barnack St. John the Baptist Church by Rev Gary Alderson. (see also full report on website)

Gary was pleased that the church was able to hold services outside during summer 2021, and that the congregation then moved indoors in the autumn. Numbers are nearly back to normal now.

*Gary thanked Carole Summers, Mike Mills and David Laycock for their assistance. He then made a special thank you to John Ward who is standing down as a Church Warden after many years.*

*During the year the church has hosted the Stamford Singers and has done lots of work with the school, leading some of the school assemblies. Gary was pleased that following financial assistance from BPC the church tower is now pigeon-proof, so the bells can be rung and church clock will be mended and working again soon. He thanked BPC for working with the church on this and reminded residents that the church, as well as being a religious building, is also a community asset.*

#### 10. Royal British Legion by Brian Palmer

*Branch activities had been impacted by Covid, but Armistice Day on November 11<sup>th</sup> was well attended. The Poppy Appeal raised the sum of £6,492. The organisation of the appeal is a major task and Brian thanked Columb Hanna and his volunteers for their work. Brian offered condolences to the wife and family of Branch Treasurer, Ken Waller, who died in November.*

*This year flags were flown on various occasions, including Holocaust Memorial Day 27<sup>th</sup> January, Armed Forces Day 26<sup>th</sup> June, Merchant Navy Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Battle of Britain Day 15<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Brian explained that the purpose of the RBL is to support those who have served their country. The Branch currently has around ninety members. Brian invited anyone interested to please get in touch to join them.*

*As well as flying the flags, the group hold talks and socials during the year at the Millstone and at the Bluebell in Helpston. The annual lecture was on November 19<sup>th</sup> by Dr. Duraid Jalili of King's College, London. His subject was Security risks in the modern world.*

*Brian invited all residents to attend the War Memorial on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. The event is in memory of Lt. Cdr John Eyton-Jones a Sea Harrier pilot who died in the Falklands conflict in 1982 when his plane went missing. He trained at Wittering and his family lived in Barnack.*

#### 11. Barnack Primary School, report by Amy Jones – read by Mike Mills

*Amy advised that she and Colette Firth (Executive Head) are pleased that the school has moved from 'requires improvement' to a 'good' school and are now eagerly awaiting Ofsted's return!*

*The school has seven classes (Reception - Year 6) with 169 pupils currently attending. Numbers are increasing.*

*The building works funded by the Local Authority have improved the school infrastructure and added a classroom. The total cost of these works, including the fencing to the playing field, is more than £800,000.*

*The work includes the new Barnack Sports Court and the school thanked the Parish Council for supporting the school with this, and Debbie Lines for working to ensure the grant was received from Augean. The new court will be of benefit to both the community and the school children.*

*Amy explained that the curriculum centres around a "Big Question". This creates meaning and purpose with real-life situations often being brought to the front as well as abstract concepts.*

#### 12. Friends of Barnack Church, report by Liz Young – read by Mike Mills

*Fund raising was impacted by Covid, however, savings were used to donate £500 toward repairs to the Church roof.*

13. Women's Institute, report by Margaret Broadbelt – read by Debbie Lines

*The current membership is 25 and regular attendance usually around 14 to 17.*

*Covid has impacted them with fewer and smaller meetings. However, they have had meetings at the pub, and talks about The Royal Flying Doctor Service, church architecture and from the rector. The Book Club remains popular as do lunch outings. The Games Club meets fortnightly. Keep Fit sessions in the Village Hall are well attended.*

*The WI are always open to recruit new or younger members.*

14. Public Forum:

- Doris Hamilton asked for a copy of the accounts.  
The Clerk replied these have to be published and available to residents later in the summer in line with statutory requirements. Please see the website and notice boards in mid-July.
- St. John Burkett pointed out that the Chairman's speech had not mentioned the Work Party on Chapel Lane who cleared the weeds. He also felt that Margaret should have mentioned the formation of a Hills & Holes Liaison group.  
Margaret advised that Ruth Angrave from Natural England is setting up a resident group. Anybody interested should get in touch.  
She also said that Natural England themselves were not happy with the work the Contractors did putting up the fencing. Piles of vegetation debris were left lying. Fire hazard signs have now been put up and hopefully it will be cleared soon.
- Mike Mills said the Parish Council does a lot for the village, and thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work.
- It was requested that the new poo bin by entrance to Hills & Holes near the Cricket Club could be put in place in time for the Jubilee. Clerk to write to Natural England with this request.

*The Meeting closed at 8.25pm*

*This is a true record of the meeting ..... Chairman*

**Link to Reports and Presentations: <http://www.barnackparishcouncil.org/parish-council/parish-council-documents/>**