

Barton Parish Council

Minutes of parish council Annual General Meeting held on thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> may 2003.

1. Constitution.
  - 1.1 The Clerk welcomed newly elected Councillors and members of the public, recording apologies for absence from Councillors David Lambert and Alasdair Thorogood, from County Councillor Michael Heseltine, and from Mr Peter Vaux. He briefly outlined the procedure for the meeting.
  - 1.2 Present were Mrs Anne McFadzean (immediate past Chair), Councillor Alen McFadzean, newly elected Councillors Michael Charlton, Campbell Dawson, Michael Holmes and Peter Wood. Also present 10 members of the community.
  - 1.3 Newly elected Councillors each signed the "Acceptance of Office" form. The newly elected Council assumed office forthwith.
2. Election of Chair.
  - 2.1 Mrs. Anne McFadzean chaired the meeting.
  - 2.2 Clerk announced that 2 valid nominations had been received for the office of Chairman, 2 for the office of Deputy Chairman. In each case the nominations were the same - for Chairman Councillor Peter Wood, for Deputy Chairman Councillor Alasdair Thorogood. The Chair invited other nominations but none were proffered. She asked members to vote and in each instance the vote was unanimous.
  - 2.3 Councillor Peter Wood accepted the office of Chairman, thanking the outgoing Chair and Council for the work that they have done since taking office.
3. Schedule of future meetings.
  - 3.1 The Clerk reported that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30\* May 2002 had been adopted at the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held 4\* July 2002. Consisting primarily of reports from groups now reporting to this meeting, it was suggested that action be accepted. It was agreed.
  - 3.2 Proposed by Cllr Dawson, "The Parish Council normally shall meet on the last Thursday monthly. The next ordinary business meeting of BPC scheduled for 29\* May 2003." Agreed unanimously.
4. Reports given to the AGM.
  - 4.1 The Immediate past Chair of Barton Parish Council - Mrs Anne McFadzean. The printed report is appended to these minutes, together with a brief further statement of the allotment issue as it appears following the judgement after the Public Inquiry and the necessity of raising the precept for 2003/2004 to meet legal costs. (Her report that a shield or trophy has been given by BPC to Barton Primary School should be read in the light of 4.4 below.)
  - 4.2 The Village Hall Management Committee - presented by Mrs Val Ramshaw, Chair of VHMC. The printed report, together with the record of Accounts, is appended to these minutes. Mrs Ramshaw spoke of the renovation work undertaken, of the pantomime presented and of the current effective use of the premises by many organisations.
  - 4.3 Rowlandson & Eggleston Trust - the Clerk on behalf of Mr Peter Vaux, Chairman of the Trust, who had sent his apologies, read a written report. This is appended to these minutes. Mr. Vaux requested that Mrs Gwen Cook, whose 4-year term of office ends in March 2004, be re-appointed as a Parish Council representative on the board of trustees. Proposed by Cllr Charlton, "Mrs Gwendolyn Cook be appointed as a Parish Council representative to the Board of Trustees of the Rowlandson & Eggleston Trust with effect from March 2004." Agreed unanimously.
  - 4.4 School Governors - Mrs Audrey Forsyth. The written report is appended to these minutes. Mrs Forsyth reported that the School Governors would be glad to award "The Jubilee Trophy" for swimming merit (an activity which involves most of the

children) when this has been received from BPC.

- 4.5 County Councillor Michael Heseltine - having given his apologies, the Clerk read his report on the work in which he has particular responsibility within the NYCC. His report is appended to these minutes. (Cllr Heseltine arrived at the meeting a few moments after his words had been read!)

The Chairman thanked all who had contributed reports for the work

5. Closing items.

- 5.1 The Chairman invited Councillors to introduce themselves to the assembly, each saying a brief word about their background and association with Barton, each promising best efforts in this office.

- 5.2 Clerk asked leave to obtain Council approval of the use of the Village Green by the Churches of Barton for an event in June - a "Pets Praise" children's service. Chairman asked for show of hands from all present. Agreed without formal resolution.

- 5.3 The Chairman invited all present to express concerns which they felt should be raised at future BPC meetings and the following were asked: -

- a) Speed restrictions in parts of the village such as Marygate and Church Lane, it being noted that NYCC has promised significant developments of speed restrictions along Silver Street:
- b) Methodist Chapel, safety matters regarding approach paving:
- c) Allotments; from different viewpoints, two persons requesting that the issue be brought to a conclusion.

- 5.4 The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance and spoke briefly of the commitment asked for from Councillors to enable the PC to be effective and united in working for the community in Barton.

- 5.5 Clerk asked the Chairman to process the change of signatories for the bank account.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed. The Council adjourned to meet next at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2003.