

Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting

Held on 27 January 2005 at 7pm

In Barton Institute Committee Room.

1. Constitution:
 - 1.1 There were six members present; Peter Wood (Chairman), Cllr Campbell Dawson, Cllr Michael Holmes, Cllr Alen MacFadzean, Cllr Alasdair Thorogood, Kate Proudfoot (Clerk). Apologies were sent by Cllr Phillip Glithro. Marty Gibb was present representing VHMC.
 - 1.2 A vacancy still existed for a Parish Councillor.
 - 1.3 Confirmation of appointment of Kate Proudfoot as Clerk to Parish Council.
 - 1.4 The Chairman Peter Wood announced his resignation from the Council due to other commitments which will be effective from the end of March 2005. He will still be willing to look after the website and the newsletter.
2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 November 2004 and items outstanding.
 - 2.1 Bus Shelters (Item 2.1 - October 2004). Cllr Dawson will pursue this matter with Martin Garside of RDC.
 - 2.2 Trees - see 3.3
 - 2.3 Dog Bin and land (Item 2.4 October 2004) Persimmon Homes (York) sent letter stating that they have no information in their archives that this land belongs to them. Cllr Dawson is to supply original copy of the letter to send back to Persimmons re the land.
 - 2.4 Burns Depot (Item 3.3) - no progress. Wrigley's the solicitors are pursuing the developers.
 - 2.5 Village Hall (Item 3.4) A discussion was held (meeting closed) with Marty Gibb a member of the BVHMC over the Trustee position of the Village Hall and it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between the Parish Council and BVHMC when we received further information on the Trustee situation from the YLCA. The YLCA has been asked for help in clarifying the position of Trustee and Custodian Trustee, but for the time being the status quo will remain the same. It was decided that the BPC will pay for the guttering that is in a dangerous condition out of monies set aside for grants for BVI. BPC has no objections to BVHMC arranging for groundworks to proceed. The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed that the YLCA documents be made available to Marty Gibb. Reference was made to a letter dated 19th May 2004 from the YLCA - Sheila Spence. The insurance is being dealt with by Alan Spivey. There has been received a quote from Houghall for £ 320 for the trees, but this is now no longer relevant as the trees have been dealt with. Marty Gibb left meeting at this point.

- 2.6 Insurance (item 3.1) – it is confirmed that all the land and property covered by the policy should be kept in good, safe and secure order. trees should have a visual check every three months as well as after stormy weather, with a professional report every three to five years. We have had two quotes for the tree maintenance, one from Ballards for £ 600 – who are not VAT registered, and other from Houghall for £ 620 (inc Vat), for specifications, observations and recommendations etc. The Houghall quote was accepted as we can reclaim VAT resulting in an overall cheaper cost than Ballards. Note: amendments to standing orders are to increase from £300 to £1,500.see 6.3 below.
 - 2.7 Beck (Item 3.2). C.E & C.M Walker were instructed to clean beck. Cllr Dawson will talk to Neil Bacon from environment and planning unit to see if any funds are available to help with this task. It was brought to out attention that the beck alongside Green Lane between Barton and Watermill terrace is overgrown, therefore a letter is to be sent to Shaun Liddle of Environmental Health pointing this out.
 - 2.8 Burns depot (item 3.3). The outcome is awaited. The solicitors are still working on this
 - 2.9 Methodist church footpath (item 8.1). Linda Curran, champion for the disabled was not able to assist. The YLCA advised that the DDA does not override the village green laws and therefore it cannot be done, and it is therefore Methodist church responsibility. Cllr Glithro is aware of this.
3. Chairman/Clerk's items.
 - 3.1 Easement – Mouchel's pursuing property developer and nothing further to report.
 - 3.2 The chairman advised Corporate Unit of his new position of vice – Chairman of A1 community works ltd- RDC code of conduct /declaration of interest register updated.
 - 3.3 TPO plans showing affected trees and areas protected have been received from RDC. Now filed in folder.
 - 3.4 The poster re Xmas tree recycling was placed in Post Office.
 - 3.5 Traffic calming. We have had no response from Ian Beighton from a letter dated 18th Dec 2004 re the timescale on the traffic calming. A letter from Mr & Mrs Richardson was noted re speed of traffic through the village.
 - 3.6 £500 grant from NYCC for bench seat /renovation has been agreed. We need to know where to place bench as well as to arrange renovation work.
 - 3.7 Discovery I.T bus – advised that it was welcome in Barton and suggested parking adjacent to Methodist Church.
 - 3.8 NALC Clerk to Parish contract/terms received and signed. New contracts now in place and modified to suit our needs. Pay structure review increase from £7.7 to £7.8 p/hour. New electoral register received and filed.
 4. Correspondence for circulation/attention.
 - 4.1 Letter from Mr & Mrs Richardson (and supported by other residents), 60 Silver St re traffic calming – concern re speed along Southern end of village. (see 3.5)
 - 4.2 Richmondshire bio-diversity action plan filed. No response.

- 4.3 Richmondshire Parish forum 9th Feb 2005. Notice to be put up in village.
- 4.4 Booklets 3.
- 4.5 YLCA Tsunami relief, letter read out and noted. Now filed.

5. Planning applications

- 5.1 Approval of 1/93/141D/FULL;1/93/141C/FULL;1/93/141E/FULL: in respect of Dairy housing ;Parlour /Dairy & Collecting Yard; and Slurry Store. No objection
- 5.2 Approval of 1/93/200-/FULL in respect of insertion of dormer windows, 2 Church Meadows. No objection.
- 5.3 Application 1/93/201-/FULL Erection single storey extension 8 Wells Green, Barton. Note Cllr Dawson left room at this point. No objections raised to application.
- 5.4 Proposed development 1/92/202-/GD Highways Agency Traffic Officer Outstation. 14th Jan comments were sent out.

6. Finance.

- 6.1 Spreadsheet produced: balance in hand £5,553.92 (includes £3275 Village Hall, and £ 144.50 allotments). Vat claim yet to be made of £534.
- 6.2 Accounts payable. KJ Proudfoot salary to 31.12.04 - £ 77.42.
- 6.3 Amendments to Standing Orders. Proposed to increase 2.6 from £300 to £1,500 has been approved by the YLCA and accepted unanimously by PC.
- 6.4 Precept. (Circulated). £10,000 now ratified. Precept forms to be sent out immediately.
- 6.5 Grass cutting 2005. CE & CM Walker increase to £ 122 plus VAT per cut, passed by PC and letter to sent acknowledging acceptance.

7. County Councillor – Michael Heseltine not present at meeting.

8. Items notified.

- 8.1 Methodist Church footpath. Cllr Phillip Glithro informed.

9. Items notified for next meeting.

- 9.1 Cllr Dawson raised issue of litter at Barton lorry park and proposed meeting with park owners to provide bins, notices etc.

10 Meeting closed 8:45

Barton Parish Council next meet 24th February, 2005 7P.M

Minutes Approved Chairman

Clerk to the Parish Council Date