

**Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2007 in Barton Village Institute in the Committee Room.**

Present: B Burrell-Corey, P Glithro (acting Chairman), A MacFadzean, G Hunter, Kate Proudfoot (clerk). Marty Gibb a member of the public was also present.

1. Apologies: A Thorogood, C Dawson (will arrive late due to meeting at Richmond.)
2. Declaration of interest by councillors on any of the agenda items to be discussed- **Cllr MacFadzean declared an interest in item 5.2.**
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on the Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006 – **Agreed & signed as a true record.**
4. Clerks Report:
  - 4.1 Trees (Item 5.1 Nov 06)- Bill received for work completed- £1398.00-**Approved.**
  - 4.2 Positioning of replacement trees to be decided & Beverley Booth RDC informed. - **A discussion was held & it was decided to place one tree in the triangular area between the Chapel & the beck and the second Tree along the side of the Green by the access road to Jubilee Tce. Clerk to inform RDC.**
  - 4.3 Burns Depot (Item 5.4 Nov 06) –Clerk wrote to Wrigleys & Mouchel Parkman re the increase back to £30K but has had no response from Wrigleys. –**Noted.**
  - 4.4 Casual Vacancy (Item 5.5 Nov 06)- no response from newsletter – **Noted.**

5. Chairmans/Clerks Report:

5.1 BVI Charity Commission (Item 4.5 Oct 06)- Cllr Hunter gave a report on his finding on reading through the files. He commented on the time this had been going on & pointed out that both sides had a responsibility to clarify the situation.

The Chairman invited Marty Gibb to join the discussion & after a debate over the question of the responsibilities of the Parish Council & BVHMC with the aim of starting afresh – **It was decided to organise a meeting in March if possible between BPC & BVHMC in the presence of Sheena Spence from YLCA Clerk to arrange meeting.**

**Marty Webb left the meeting at this point.**

5.2 Allotments- **please note Cllr MacFadzean left the room while this was discussed.** There is a desperate need for a new mower for keeping roadways & open spaces neat & tidy. The old mowers, which were rescued from a tip, have now been packed up. A new re-conditioned power-driven mower can be bought for about £150-200, so Allotment members are applying to the pc for a machine to be purchased out of the surplus Allotment monies of £600. (Please note the Allotment figure is £604.50 as in 2004 the Clerk did not subtract £60 for fencing from account in mistake)-**There were no objections and this was approved.**

5.3 Bank Change- glitch in mandate form from Richmond Yorkshire Bank- **Clerk to go to Yorkshire bank to clarify position.**

5.4 Date for next PC meeting as the Pantomime taking place last week in Feb 07- **the Chairman suggested that the meeting be kept to same date but held in Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm- Approved.**

5.5 RDC –Election Information. Date 3<sup>rd</sup> May 07; cost est. £1500. Fee of £50 for uncontested elections. Six-month rule casual vacancy must be filled at next election. Election workshops available for prospective candidates. Polling station staff- anyone in community over age of 18 contact Electoral Services for application form.

**Cllr Dawson arrived at meeting.**

The acting Chairman Cllr P Glithro announced that he would be resigning before May due to Personal reasons. Cllr Hunter said that this would be a sad loss to BPC.

5.6RDC- Register of Electors- **Noted.**

5.7 RDC- Invitation to apply for RDC Grant for the implementation of energy saving measures in the community buildings. Deadline 19th Feb 07. - **Clerk to fill in form.**

5.8 Letter to Mr Darling re Post Office Closures in our area from Ian Strong YRCC expressing concern. –**Noted.**

**8.30pm County Councillor Heseltine arrived from another meeting. The Chairman welcomed him.**

5.9 Letter from M Heseltine- good wishes for the New Year, grant applications decided 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 07. NYCC started new web site'Grantnet' accessed through NYCC.- **noted.**

5.10 Letter of thanks from CAB re donation- **Noted.**

5.11NY minerals & waste Development Framework Core Strategy Preferred Options CD. Comments in by 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 07. CD Rom placed in circulation file. - **Noted.**

5.12 Chapel Row- desecration of Village Green by contractors erecting Conservatory at The Old Chapel- complaints had been made as to the state of the Village Green outside the Chapel as damaged by the contractors. It was noted that no permission had been sought to place skip & materials on Green when in fact skip etc should have been on road. The Residents of The Old Chapel have confirmed that the Green will be re-instated to original condition. Also noted that water main is under that area that has previously caused problems that have been sorted but if afterwards any problems arise, contractors should be made aware their liability. - **Clerk to send letter re above.**

6.Circulation File:

6.1 NY Minerals & Waste CD-ROM- see item 5.11

6.2 NY Fire & Rescue Service Action Plan 07-08

6.3 Country Air

6.4 NYCC- Richmondshire Area Committee- minutes of meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 06.

**All the above noted.**

7. Planning Applications.

7.1 Full Planning Permission for Erection of 2 Storey extension to dwelling Limekilns, Barton, Richmond, N Yorks DL10 6NB. - **Noted.**

7.2 Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England & Wales) Regulations 1999.

Planning application accompanied by an Environmental Statement for the mineral extraction as an extension to Barton Quarry connected by a conveyor tunnel under Kneeton Lane; the enhancement of the Estate parkland & public access to part of the grounds of Middleton Lodge Estate; the renovation & conversion of the Stable Block into a restaurant, functions rooms & an estate shop; the creation of a themed quarry garden with a 50 m high fountain & water feature in a landform created by the mineral extraction area; the reconstruction & renovation of a Georgian walled garden into a working kitchen gardens & the renovation & conversion of the outbuildings on the walled garden into 2 holiday cottages at Middleton Lodge, Middleton Tyas.

Clerk contacted R Pillar & requested in writing extension to 5<sup>th</sup> March 07.

This was discussed and the Parish Council agreed to object to the application- **the clerk is to draft a letter of objection (& send a copy to County Cllr Heseltine) & circulate it to the cllrs before next meeting, also contact Sarah Dickinson of Residents committee.**

8. Finance.

Spreadsheet produced balance is £15,301.18 with allocated funds of BVI £4351.59, BVI Legal Fees £2000, Allots £604.50, Capital funds £250. Does not include payments to be approved this meeting.

8.1 Precept & budget-discussion was held as to whether we increase the Precept to cover the cost of BVI renovations. It was decided to go for a 5% increase to help towards cost & giving a Precept of £10,800- **Approved.**

**It was also decided to present the reasons for the 08/09 for renovation cost at the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk also to contact other PC's to ascertain how they fund their village halls.**

8.2 Clerks Salary & expenses Oct/Dec- £330 salary plus Expenses of £116.78. Total = £446.78- **Approved.**

8.3 HMRC- Clerk spoke to them re PAYE & if earning less than £346 per month no tax or NI liability & do not need to register with HMRC. HMRC have sent clerk P46 form to fill in & file. -**Noted.**

8.4 CE&CM walker grass cutting season 2007 price per cut £130. Ins doc included. -**Approved.**

8.5 allarb invoice- £1398.25 (see item 4.1)- **Approved.**

**9.10pm Cllr Dawson left the meeting.**

9. County Councillor M Heseltine.

County Councillor Heseltine pointed out an error in November's minutes (Item 10) that the Budgeting Public Consultation was County Council not RDC. **Noted & approved.**

- Cllr Heseltine explained the rushed business of the govt through an act to enable 2 tier councils to become unitary councils, bids from the District & County councils have to be

in by 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 07 & then there will be 12 weeks of consultation before a decision is made in June.

On Tuesday there was a meeting re the above & County had a vote of 42-16 to put in a bid for Unitary N Yorkshire. If this goes ahead it will mean elections in 2008 for a new north Yorkshire Council & we will be required to elect 2 cllrs for County position, 144 members – boundaries will be revised & then council will revert to normal size – end of County Council & RDC leads to increased list of responsibilities for PC's.

- Budget 4.9% increase, just below capping level. There is continuous pruning of funding from rural areas to fund urban areas & any deficit goes to council tax to support work with elderly & youth.

Cllr Hunter asked if a Unitary Authority could lead to a decrease in council tax- answer was yes.

Cllr MacFadzean raised the issue of the recent A66 road closures to High sided vehicles not being enforced by Police presence, & matrix signs being ignored leading to dangerous situation.

Cllr Heseltine promised to look into the matter.

10. Items notified.

10.1 NYCC Richmondshire Area Committee meeting Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 10am  
Manfield Village Hall.

11. Items notified for next meeting.  
None.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

**BARTON PARISH COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET ON THURSDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.30PM IN THE METHODIST CHAPEL**

**Minutes approved by Chairman.....**  
Clerk.....Date.....