

# **BARTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2004.**

### **1. Constitution.**

- 1.1 Present were Cllr Peter Wood, Chairman, Cllrs Michael Charlton, Campbell Dawson, Michael Holmes, Philip Glithro and Alen McFadzean, Clerk Alan Spivey and Barton residents Ray Dixon and John Tomlinson.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Michael Heseltine and Cllr Alasdair Thorogood
- 1.3 Parish Clerk. The Chairman thanked Alan Spivey for his work since June 2000 as Parish Clerk and Authorised Financial Officer and requested that he attend the PC meeting in April for a formal farewell. It being necessary to appoint an interim Parish Clerk and Financial Officer, the following resolutions were unanimously carried: -
- 1.4 **Proposed by Cllr Peter Wood "Barton Parish Council appoints Cllr Philip Glithro to be interim Parish Clerk."**
- 1.5 **Proposed by Cllr Alen McFadzean "Barton Parish Council appoints Cllr Peter Wood to be interim Authorised Financial Officer."**
- 1.6 The Annual General Meeting was arranged to take place prior to the meeting of the Parish Council on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004. It was agreed that invitations to those reporting should be sent out during April.

### **2. Minutes of PC meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004.**

- 2.1 At 9.5 of the minutes, Cllr Dawson pointed out that the B6275 from the A1 roundabout and slip road to Stapleton roundabout has been reclassified as the C12 road.

### **3. Clerk's report.**

- 3.1 Written confirmation of legality of paying fees regarding allotment lease still awaited. (Ref 3.4 of 26/2/04)
- 3.2 Cllr Dawson reported no progress regarding easements recommendations. (3.6 of 26/2/04) He also stated that no reply has been received from NHBC regarding Silver Meadows. (5.2 of 26/2/04)
- 3.3 Cllr Glithro indicated no further action as yet regarding Methodist Church request. (5.1 of 26/2/04)
- 3.4 Clerk reported the withdrawal of Planning Application 1/93/191A/FULL of 1 Waterfall Tce. (8.5 of 26/2/04) and those residents who provided copies of their objections to RDC had been thanked by letter.
- 3.5 A letter from Co Cllr Heseltine invited attendance at the Richmondshire Area Committee meeting on 31/3/04 when the points raised will be dealt with. These are Public Footpath notices, Bus Timetables and Winter Service of the C12 road.

### **4. Chairman.**

- 4.1 The Chairman reported that meetings have taken place with the Village Hall Management Committee. He, with Cllr Charlton, is to work with 2 or 3 from VHMC to research funding issues for refurbishment. Most sources of funding will need to be initiated by the VHMC.
- 4.2 VAT questions are being looked into to ensure that whatever action is taken is within the HMCE regulations governing PCs with regard to refunding of VAT.

### **5. Correspondence.**

- 5.1 Letters re Parish Plans and Vital Villages update from Countryside Agency, Standards Board and Electoral Issues from RDC Legal Officer, re Standards Board from the Office of Deputy Prime Minister and the notice regarding the Area Committee meeting were noted and placed in the file to circulate.
- 5.2 Also placed in the circulation file was a letter regarding VAT from RDC, being dealt with by Chairman.

### **6. Planning Applications.**

- 6.1 Notice received that full planning permission has been granted for developments at 26 Marygate. (See 6.1 of 29/1/04)
- 6.2 Noted that application re 1 Waterfall Tce is withdrawn. (see 3.4 above)

- 6.3 From 7 Jubilee Terrace, application 1/93/192A/FULL, from the Post Office applications 1/93/152C/FULL and 1/93/152D/FULL had been circulated and studied. No observations were to be raised with RDC.

## 7. Financial Statement.

- 7.1 The Accounts for the year 1/4/03 to 31/3/04 had been circulated and corrections or observations invited by the Clerk. **The Chairman proposed the adoption of the accounts.** Resolution carried unanimously.
- 7.2 It was agreed that two cheques be signed to pay the postponed salary to the Clerk, £600.00 for the quarters ending 30/9/03 and 31/12/03 to be charged to this financial year, £300.00 for the quarter ending 31/3/04 to be paid from the forthcoming financial year accounts.
- 7.3 It was noted that £1,250.00 + £2,000.00 from next precept shall be held in a separate account to be set up in the forthcoming financial year for Village Hall refurbishment. (See 7.4 of 29/1/04 and 8.5 of 26/2/04)

## 8. Meeting with Yorkshire Water representative.

- 8.1 Cllr Dawson reported an on-site meeting to request full reconditioning of land adversely affected by recent services improvement, stating that YW has agreed to the work being done by their contractors.

## 9. Bus Shelters.

- 9.1 The Clerk was asked to contact Martin Garside (RDC Environment) to establish what action must be taken before 31/3/04 for repair of or funding for the care of 4 bus shelters in Barton – to report to Chairman.

## 10. Allotment Site.

- 10.1 Cllrs Wood and Thorogood commended the draft lease presented by Mr Hall. It has been found agreeable by Cllr McFadzean speaking for the allotment holders, he having spoken with the Secretary of the National Association. It was proposed that Cllrs Wood and Thorogood sign on behalf of the PC. The suggested date for this action being 6/4/04.
- 10.2 Details of intending site holders, allocation of plots, arrangements for setting and collection of rents was placed in the hands of a small committee composed of Cllrs Wood and Thorogood and 2 or 3 office holders of the Barton Allotment & Leisure Gardeners Association, which committee shall report back to the PC as necessary.
- 10.3 The Chairman opened the meeting to invite participation of Messrs Dixon and Tomlinson.
- 10.4 It was agreed that rent due to Mr Hall shall be paid in 2 equal parts on 1<sup>st</sup> day of April and October annually. In this financial the first payments shall be £250.00 each, the first payable upon signing of the lease.
- 10.5 **The above proposals having been made by the Chairman, the PC voted unanimously that 10.1 to 10.4 constitute the resolution of Barton PC.**
- 10.6 The Chairman reported receipt of a request for the erection of a greenhouse on a site gardened by Ray Dixon. Mr Dixon did not wish this request to jeopardise the lease signing. The Chairman agreed to forward the request to Mr Hall with this in mind.

## 11. Business to refer to next meeting.

- 11.1 Cllr McFadzean asked when the newly installed lighting in Jubilee Tce was to be connected, this having been moved from its previous site in private grounds in Cedar Grove. Cllr Dawson reported that NEDL had the matter in hand.
- 11.2 Cllr Charlton requested that PC meetings commence earlier, suggesting 6.30 p.m. Following discussion it was agreed that 7 p.m. was favourable, to commence forthwith.
- 11.3 Chairman raised problem with re-surfacing work by the ford which, being uneven, leads to water on road. Cllr Dawson has spoken with Mr Woodford who will visit to assess the problem. Cllr Dawson asked that the footpath leading from Marygate to the footbridge should be re-surfaced. This to be raised with Mr Woodford.
- 11.4 Cllr Glithro raised a problem with children removing stones from Mr Lawson's wall behind the Wheelhouse, to dam the beck. Clerk indicated that this is a recurrent problem, that Mr Lawson has been asked to cement the stone wall, that potential civil engineers might be about in Barton and that local residents might both speak (kindly, of course!) to children when these are practising engineering skills, or remove the dams! The issue promises to engage many future councils.
- 11.5 Cllr Holmes asked what positive steps may be taken to appoint a clerk. Chairman suggested an advertisement in local newspapers.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m. and Barton Parish Council adjourned to meet next at 7.00 p.m. on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2004.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ 29<sup>th</sup> April 2004