

Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting

Held on 31 March 2005 at 7pm

In Barton Institute Committee Room.

1. Constitution:

- 1.1 Present were Peter Wood (Chairman) Cllr Philip Glithro, Cllr Alen MacFadzean Cllr Campbell Dawson Kate Proudfoot (Clerk). Cllr Alistair Thorogood (arrived 7.25pm)
There were no apologies.
- 1.2 There are now 3 Parish Councillors vacancies.
- 1.3 Formal resignation letter of MR Holmes presented. Thanks were given for his work and time.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24 February 2005 and items Outstanding.

- 2.1 Bus Shelters (Item 2.1 Feb 2005) Martin Garside is looking at the situation and we will send letter as a reminder to him.
- 2.2 Trees (Item 2.2 Feb 2005) Letter sent Andy Shaw as a reminder.
- 2.3 Dog bin (Item 2.3 Jan 05) ordered and awaiting delivery to Cllr Dawson.
Letter received from Persimmon Homes re land ownership of which they are unsure! Cllr Dawson suggested writing to the Land Registry Office for guidance and forms to make a claim re land.

3. Chairman/Clerks items:

- 3.1 Waterfall Bridge. Letter received from Mouchelparkman re the strengthening of the bridge requesting info re timing of work and query as to adjacent landowners. Letter was sent with the necessary details.
- 3.2 Hyperion Homes (Item 7 Feb 2005) Reply received and they will be shortly attending to the areas highlighted.
Concerns were raised over the sinking curbs etc on the site.
- 3.3 Letter from Dr P Clarke (Clerk and Financial Officer RTC) re selling assets to fund move to Colburn Mon 4 April 2005.
- 3.4 For distribution- Standards Board Code for the Future for consideration & comment.
YLCA RDC Standards Committee – selection of Rep?
Possibility of Cllr A MacFadzean- though large commitment must be thought through carefully.
Defra CD Rom re broadband-waste of money as 90% of countryside now covered by it.
White Rose update No2/05

YLCA Advice note re freedom of information and DP regs- we can charge for a request to look at docs, though we must consider if it is really in the public's or PC's interest (i.e. is it commercially sensitive?)

4. Correspondance for circulation/ attention.

4.1 Richmondshire Area Committee Mon 4 April 2005 at 10.30am at Hawes Community Primary School.

4.2 County Council Election Thurs 5 May 2005- notice posted for the depositing of papers with electoral office.

4.3 Richmondshire Independent Group – leaflets re function and role of said group.

4.4 NYCC- requesting comments re winter service 2005-6.

5. Planning applications: Nil

6. Finance:

6.1 Spreadsheet produced. Projected Balance after payment expenses but pre Allotment rent and Clerks salary: £5847.10

This includes monies allocated:

£500 bench & renovation costs

£84.50 Allotments

£3275 grant to village hall for repairs.

£5000 Precept payment due into bank account on 1/04/05, of which £2000 allocated as grant to VH for repairs (making total grant £5275)

6.2 Allotments- rent account for 6 months period commencing 6 April 2005. Cheque to issue for allotment rent- £250.

6.3 P Wood expenses £50.13 & chq agreed last month for P Glithro.

6.4 Alliance & Leister 'new' mandate forms still awaited. A letter to be sent to chase the mandate as no response from letter dated 12 Feb 2005.

Signatories for cheques are Cllr Thorogood & Cllr Holmes. The Chairman suggested that as pro rem Cllr Holmes still on council so he can still sign cheques- passed unanimously.

NB Bank balance for this new year is reasonable but expenses over coming year such as the tree work and maintenance.

7. County Councillor M Heseltine.

Not present.

8. Items notified.

8.1 Footpath sign top of Marygate still in state of disrepair- if not sorted by next meeting a letter to be sent again.

8.2 Problem of holes on Green- holes midway between lamppost and tree, letter to be sent to Yorks. Water re filling in of hole.

8.3 Blocked drains by the Green on Chapel Row- still blocked and also the drain outside the shop, Cllr Dawson to chase up.

8.4 Training of Clerk- Cllr M Holmes has the Quality Council papers, Clerk to contact him re this subject.

8.5 Slippery surface signs- no news yet from County Councillor Heseltine.

9. Items notified for next meeting.

9.1 New Chairman needs to be resolved ASAP.

9.2 Cllr Glithro has 2 people in mind to approach re new Parish Councillors, Philip Walton and Bob Burrell.

What is the approach? Chairman pointed out that at the moment there is only one formal vacancy (M Charlton)

The vacancy must be advertised and if no names come forward the Parish Council can co-opt a candidate.

9.3 An e-mail was received from Anne MacFadzean (Parish Council rep on the Rowlandson and Eggleston Trust) pointing out funds are available to the young as well as the elderly of the village i.e. tools for apprentices and books for students. Article to be placed in next newsletter.

9.4 Date for the AGM meeting to be decided with reports from E&R Trust from Peter Vaux, School Governors- Audrey Forsythe and BVH from Val Ramshaw.

9.5 Mazars are late with the Audit forms they will with us shortly.

9.6 Silver Street sign near the King William bus shelter in disrepair, Cllr Dawson to sort out.

9.7 Litter bin to be put by shops.

9.8 Dog fouling still big problem- the PC can fine people, notice to be put in Newsletter.

9.9 Next newsletter to be produced as soon as possible with an article on the need for Parish Councillors.

10. Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Barton Parish Council will next meet Thursday 28 April 2005 at 7pm

NB Cllr P Glithro noted that we owe a great debt of gratitude to the retiring Chairman Peter Wood and that he would be sorely missed. Peter accepted and appreciated the comments and said that the job took a large personal commitment.

10 Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Minutes approved Chairman.....

Clerk to the Parish Council..... Date.....