

Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting

Held on 26th May 2005

In Barton Institute Committee Room.

1. Constitution:

- 1.1 Present were Alasdair Thorogood (acting Chairman), Cllr Campbell Dawson, Cllr Bob Burrell-Corey, Cllr Brian Sargent & Kate Proudfoot (Clerk). Also present was County Cllr Michael Heseltine. Cllr Philip Glithro & Alen MacFadzean gave apologies.
- 1.2 The acting Chairman welcomed the two new Parish Councillors. Cllr Dawson proposed Cllr Thorogood as new Chairman but he declined as he felt he could not give the level of commitment needed at the present time, the same was felt by Cllr Dawson. It was decided to leave the status quo until the next meeting before which Cllr Thorogood would approach Cllr Glithro.
- 1.3 Vacancy for new Parish Councillor is to be advertised in the newsletter.

PC John Wilbor our Neighbourhood Police Officer attended our meeting to discuss the problems the Village is experiencing with children and youths. They are causing a nuisance in the rear courtyard area of the school, swinging from trees by the beck and by dismantling the stonewall and damming the Beck and also doing damage to the Allotments. PC Wilbor has spoken to the youngsters and the feedback is that there are not any facilities for the wide age range (10-16+)

Frequent visits by the Police has deterred further nuisance at the School but as the Village has numerous new developments there has been an influx of children & youths with a large cross-section of population this is bound to have consequences. There is a play area etc but this is mainly aimed at the younger children but other playthings e.g. zip slides are needed to appeal to older children. The situation is not helped by the fact that Barton playing fields and cricket pitch are out of action for this summer due to work being carried out.

Is there a possibility of using Silver Meadows land but is there a health & safety issue re the sewage works, & will access through Silver Meadows cause a problem?

PC Wilbor pointed out that it is important to communicate with the children & their parents. It was pointed out that funding is a problem but could be available if we look in the right places. We the PC should meet with the youngsters in a positive drive to address the problem before it escalates. PC Wilbor provided some names and phone numbers to contact re youth problems & funding, which will be followed up.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 April 2005 and items outstanding

- 2.1 Bus shelters (item 2.1 Feb 2005)- As there has been no response as yet to our letter it was decided to send another letter to Martin Garside.
- 2.2 Trees-(item 2.2 April 2005)- after no response to a follow up phone call it was decided to pursue the matter further.
- 2.3 Land Registry- Cllr Glithro had asked Mike Holmes for advice re the Persimmon land and he recommended that we use a Solicitor as he

thought that after 12 yrs of using the land as if it was ours we could claim it via the Land Registry. This was discussed and it was felt that it could prove expensive so Cllr Dawson is to write to the original man who said BPC could buy the land for £1 if we paid legal fees. No great need for urgency here.

2.4 Holes in the Green- Northumbrian Water visited the site and assured Cllr McFadzean that it was nothing to do with a foul water system/sewage but could be linked to road drainage or an old culvert. Northumbrian Water was to drop off a blue print plan to Cllr McFadzean to mark off where the holes were & to contact whoever was necessary. It was suggested that we fence off the area but if we do that we are accepting responsibility. It was decided to contact Mike Woodford from the County Council about capping the hole once we had heard back from Cllr McFadzean. Mike Woodford is also to be contacted re the floodwater by the Chapel.

2.5 Traffic calming- (item 3.8 april2005) not heard anything from Ian Beighton but as County Cllr Heseltine pointed out should we expect one though he said he would speak to Ian Beighton on our behalf. There was some confusion over the use of Matrix's as to whether Council or Police controlled.

2.6 Benches- a reply has been received from Alan Kay saying he could do the renovation work but not the siting of the new bench so a letter is to be sent to Alan asking for a quote for the renovation work while we think of somebody to contact re the siting of the new bench. The Cllr's were asked to give some thought to the position of the new bench. A formal note of all the village benches was made:

- Marygate (top)
- Beck – nr Ford
- Allotments
- Top of Village Green
- Top of Melsonby Rd – entrance to Village
- Blind lane
- St Cuthbert's Green.

3. Chairman/Clerks items.

3.1 Licence transfer for Barton Lorry Park- new date noted to allow applicant to sit National Licensees Cert.

3.2 Dog fouling stickers- Cllr Dawson took 2 to put in place and 2 more were kept on file.

3.3 AI Dishforth to Barton improvement Public Consultation at Scotch Corner Fri June 10 or Sat June 11 2005 –Cllr Dawson and CLLR sergeant to attend.

3.4 YLCA- Richmondshire annual meeting 2Thurs 23 June 2005 at Scorton Village Hall- noted

3.5 Jt training Conference at Scarborough Royal Hotel 30 Sept –sun 2 Oct 2005 for Clerks & PC- Suggested that we contact Sheena Spence to see if it is worth going to.

4. Correspondence for circulation /attention.

- 4.1 Richmondshire Local Development Framework: Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment. Scoping Report comments on draft to be received by 1 July 2005- in distribution folder.
- 4.2 RDC-How clean is Richmondshire review- in dist folder
- 4.3 Environment Improvement in your Parish- in Dist folder
- 4.4 NYPA – email letter- in dist folder
- 4.5 Playing field Assoc newsletter.
- 4.6 Newsletter YRCC
- 4.7 YLCA- white Rose update
- 4.8 YLCA- Additional substitute rep–Cllr Delf
- 4.9 YRCC Certificate- filed

5. Planning Applications.

None received.

6. Finance:

- 6.1 Spreadsheet produced balance in hand £9605.55 (includes £5275 Village Hall, £284.50 ALLOTMENTS, £500 BENCH RENOVATION FUND)
- 6.2 Mandate still to be completed but the acting Chairman agreed that Mike Holmes be used as signatory this time.
- 6.3 Insurance £1090.69- approved
- 6.4 CE&CM Walker- grass cutting and clearing of beck£582.80- approved
- 6.5 Clerks expenses £54.99- approved
- 6.6 Clerks training bursary £170 –approved and signed
- 6.7 Mazars audit signed & approved by Chairman

7. County Councillor Michael Heseltine.

County Cllr Heseltine left the meeting at 8.35pm. He was present for the AGM before the ordinary meeting where he spoke and submitted a written report of his years work.

8. Items notified:

- 8.1 Allotments- Mr Hall has agreed to the erection of a greenhouse on plot 19 Mrs T Alderson but wished to say that he did not want too many greenhouses erected. Cllr McFazdean had brought to our attention that the previous week had seen a considerable amount of vandalism at the allotments by youths and was disappointed by Police response. PC John Wilbor had attended this meeting earlier and discussed the problems with young children & youths. See earlier notes.
- 8.2 Notice board needs county planning.

9. Items notified for next meeting:

- 9.1 Chairman.
- 9.2 Guttering on the Village Institute-letter had been sent to Neil Kearney but have had no response as yet- Cllr Sargent to pursue.

9.3 Youth- The Chairman asked all Councillors to give hard & proper thought to the youth of the Village & to come up with any ideas for the next meeting.

9.4 The state of the old graveyard was raised to see if the Pc could improve its appearance but it was noted that RDC would only adopt the graveyard if it were in good maintained- it is up to the Church to tidy it & erect a boundary fence.

9.5 War Memorial- it was brought to our attention that the War Memorial and surrounding fencing is in a sad way. Should not BPC remedy this?

10. Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Barton Parish Council will next meet Thursday 30 June 2005.

Minutes approved Chairman.....
Clerk to the Parish Council.....Date.....