

**Minutes of the
Barton Parish Council Meeting
held on 25th November 2004
In Barton Institute Committee Room**

1. Constitution:

1.1 Present were Peter Wood (Chairman), Alistair Thorogood, Michael Holmes, Campbell Dawson and Phillip Glithro (Clerk). Apologies were received by email **after** the meeting from Michael Heseltine, who found himself locked out of the Institute on arrival, by the Scouts group who had left the building for a short time, and were unaware of the Meeting being held upstairs.

1.2 Vacancy for a Parish Councillor & Parish Clerk. Chairman reported that he had a name given to him as a prospect for Parish Clerk by Phillip Glithro, and undertook to meet Mrs. Kate Proudfoot as soon as he could.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 October 2004 and items outstanding.

2.1 Bus Shelters (Item 2.1) There had been no development so far but Martin Garside of RDC will in due course contact BPC in this regard.

2.2 Banking facilities. (2.2) As there had been no development as regards Barclays Bank the *Meeting decided that we stay with Alliance and Leicester Bank.*

2.3 Trees. We still await a Report from Houghall which has been posted to us but not received. Houghall are to send a further copy. See also 6.2

2.4 Dog Bin & Land (Item 2.4) Persimmon locally were not responding so a further letter was sent to the firm's Head Office in York on 31st October, and as there had thus far been no reply *the Chairman agreed to write again and inform the firm that we were installing a dog bin unless we had their objection within 14 days.*

2.5 Burns Depot (Item 2.5) See 3.3 below

2.6 Village Hall (Item 3.4) See 3.4 below

3. Chairman / Clerk's items:

3.1 Allianz Cornhill have been asked for guidance on trees regarding detailed surveys and any future liability we may have. We await Tree Preservation Order application form and report with regard to the Ganoderma infestation.

3.2 Cleaning out of the Beck. The Councillors were sounded out to see if they were willing to clean out the weeds and debris which was needed, but there was no appetite for this, and *it was unanimously agreed that Messrs.C.Walker be asked to do he work.*

3.3 Burns Depot – Councillors had been circularised regarding the attempt which had been made to lay a British Telecomms line which crossed the village green. It was reported that the final connection had been stopped by the Chairman and Cllr.Dawson. Both Mouchel's and Wrigleys had been advised and both are pursuing the matter. Councillors had been copied in to correspondence. *It was agreed that Messrs. Mouchel Parkman (Agents) and*

Wrigleys (Solicitors) be instructed to continue to deal with this matter on our behalf, subject to satisfactory terms and any ancillary costs being met by the property owner/developer.

3.4 Barton Institute

3.4.1 Meeting with Mr Brown (Latimer Hinks (Solicitors) full report already provided.

3.4.2 *It was agreed that we seek formal agreement with VHMC as per the draft letter as presented.*

3.4.3 Allianz Cornhill have been asked to separate BVI from BPC policy to one in the name of the Custodian Trustee = Ratification of grant to cover premium for Custodian Trustee.

3.4.4 VHMC have carried out work on trees to make space for a container, that may be subject to a TPO but there was no TPO Application in existence. Arisings had been dumped outside front of the hall. Furthermore the Container on site was resting on breezeblocks – which could be a danger if a child crawled beneath. Any load shift could cause the unit to slide off the blocks, and therefore was an insurance risk. *It was agreed that a letter be sent to VHMC from the Custodian Trustees pointing out these matters and also request early removal of arisings.*

3.4 Since building work was completed the Contractors have not carried out proper reinstatement of the grass verges on The Porch. *It was agreed that the Planning Dept of RDC were to be informed by letter and asked to pursue the Contractors to put things to rights.*

4. Correspondence for circulation/attention:

County Councillor M. Heseltine letter re Yorwaste – Landfill Tax Credit Grant Scheme; Standards Board Guidance Booklets Lobby Groups etc. (1 copy each); NYCC trees Silver Street; Miscellaneous Info Booklets and leaflets; letter from Parish Councillor Alen McFadzean to erect poly tunnel on Plot 21 (request submitted to Edward Hall.) – this had now been agreed.

5 Planning Applications:

5.1 1/93/163C/FULL Erection of extension to Dwelling at North Road Farm, Kneeton Lane, Middleton on Tyas . Cllr Dawson withdrew from the meeting whilst this was discussed

6. Finance

6.1 Spreadsheet produced: The balance in hand is £6902.85, which includes £3275 for Village Hall repairs and £144.50 surplus from Allotment rents. VAT of £534.12 had yet to be claimed.

6.2 Accounts to pay: P Wood expenses 10 June 2004 to 18 November 2004 £68.93; Houghall College £1280 (approved last meeting)

7. Items notified:

7.1 Cllr Glithro withdrew from the meeting whilst the Chairman read out a letter from the Methodist Church regarding a footpath to connect the chapel

entrance to the roadside. *It was agreed that advice be sought from Linda Curran (Disabled Champion) at RDC for guidance in view of affected registered village green.*

8. There were no items notified for next meeting.

9. The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.13pm

10. Date of next Barton Parish Council meeting is Thursday 27 January 2005, as we do not meet in December.

Signed as a true record:

_____ (Chairman) _____ (Clerk)

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