

## **Minutes of Barton Parish Council held on 24th November 2005 in Barton Village Institute.**

### Constitution

1.1 Present were Cllr P Glithro (chairman), Cllr B Burrell-Corey, Cllr A McFadzean, K Proudfoot (clerk) & Cllr G Hunter who arrived at 7.35pm with apologies. Marty Gibb was also present representing BVHMC.

1.2 Apologies were received from Cllr Dawson & Cllr Thorogood.

The Chairman gave Marty permission to present his findings re BVI & the costs of refurbishment. The cost of bringing the VI up to the standards required by the new licensing laws will be horrendous e.g. fire alarm system £4800 +VAT. An old doorway is to be opened up as a fire exit, which is fairly straightforward. Marty is applying for various grants to help towards the costs & has had a reasonable quote to replace the windows but has met with some opposition from the planning department as though the building is not listed it is of 'historical interest'. There is much work to be done & a rolling programme must be set in place & Mike Garside has assured Marty that as long as we show willing & are actively pursuing the aims we will be all right. The Chairman raised the question of whether planning permission is required for the windows & if so do we need the services of an architect, clerk to ask advice from YLCA. Money to be put aside for services of architect. The Chairman thanked Marty for all his hard work & expressed the PC's appreciation. Mr Gibb left at 7.55pm.

- 1 At 7.56pm the Chairman opened the meeting & proposed that himself & 2 cllrs deal with emergency resolutions for Dec – Jan.-Passed
- 2 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005 & items outstanding.
  - 2.1 The Chairman raised the following points:
    - 2.1.1 Light still out along footpath between Wells Green & The Porch- letter to be sent to RDC. (Item 2.91 sept 2005)
    - 2.1.2 Mrs Waller pipe to be laid before Christmas. (Item 3.4 Sept 2005)
    - 2.1.3 A letter to be sent to P Porteus re siting of bench. (Item 2.3 Oct 2005)
    - 2.1.4 Youth shelter – had anyone any feedback? Cllr Hunter pointed out it had been avoided like the plague! (Item 2.5 Oct 2005)
    - 2.1.5 War memorial- had been power washed & tidied for Remembrance Sunday. (Item 2.6 Oct 2005)
    - 2.1.6 BVI – In the absence of an official agreement between BPC & BVHMC there is a tacit understanding that BPC are responsible for exterior of BVI & BVHMC see to the inside of the building it was decided that the Clerk write to the Charity Commission and request that they include the BVHMC in their Schedule & send Sheena Spence a copy of the letter for her to check through before it is sent off. We would then need an agreement to be drawn up by our solicitors to show the division of responsibility & to include the provision of a grant from BPC to BVHMC towards the insurance. (Item 2.7 Oct 2005)
    - 2.1.7 Grass cutting – Charlie Walker phoned clerk re letter about grass cuttings left around village & promised to have a word

with workers. Re the bits of Green not cut by him but by residents he said that these residents had always cut their grass & therefore if residents it was pointless to re had cut it do it. (Item 3.3 Oct 2005)

2.1.8 Parish plan – unsure as how to complete therefore Clerk to ring Amanda Madden for assistance. (Item 3.5 Oct 2005)

2.1.9 ‘Bum seats’- still no response from NYPT re cost. County Councillor M Heseltine said we could still apply for grant as long as application in by beginning of following week. Therefore it was decided to apply for £500 for a new bench.

2.1.10 Kettle End – spur of land – clerk was advised to contact Environmental Services for advice on this issue, but Cllr McFadzean pointed out that in previous years the council had put in planning permission to do this work but it had never been done – Clerk to contact previous clerk Alan Spivey to see if he knows anything that can be of help. (Item 3.8 Oct 2005)

2.2 The minutes were then approved & signed.

2.2.1 Trees- estimate received –

2.2.1.1 Removal of ivy & vegetation £150 +VAT

2.2.1.2 Visual tree assessment on trees masked by ivy etc - £410+VAT

2.2.1.3 Urgent work - £490+VAT

2.2.1.4 Carry out all other recommended tree works -£420 +VAT

2.2.1.5 Annual inspection - £420 +VAT

2.2.1.6 Total excluding annual inspection = £1727.25 including VAT. – Approved.

2.2.1.7 TPO forms to filled in.

2.2.2 Bench – see above.

2.2.3 BVI – see above

2.2.4 Land spur – see above

2.2.5 Grant application – see above.

### 3 Chairman/Clerks items.

3.1 Allotments – E Hall is adamant that the dog pound fencing be removed & a fence put in its place. Formal letters to be written to plot holders in area of dog compound to explain the situation & inform them that the Allotment Association are carrying out the work.

3.2 Grass cutters – see above.

3.3 Burns Depot (Item 3.7 Oct 2005) – email received from Alayne Addy re Mr Burnside. His solicitors have agreed to pay 50% of the costs incurred by dealing with Mr Harris (the invisible man) but Alayne would like to push for 75% & then write off the balance so BPC have nothing to pay. What is BPC opinion? – Approved.

3.4 NALC survey – some returned.

3.5 Standards Committee meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2005 6.30pm Swale House Richmond- Philip Glithro & Kate to attend.

3.6 Highways Agency – publication of Draft Orders re-scheduling Spring 2006. Start of work remains April 2008 – completion 2011. –Noted.

3.7 NYCC – Dates for 2006 meetings – copies given to each cllr present.

3.8 State of District Debate 2005- poster displayed.

- 3.9 CAB – Appeal & annual report. Cllr Hunter explained the importance of the work done by CAB which is a charity, he left the room whilst the Chairman proposed a donation of £50 be made – Approved.
- 3.10 Complaints procedure- Clerk explained that there does not appear to be one in place & we should really adopt one – Agreed to contact Sheena Spence re a template for one.
- 4 Correspondence for circulation/attention.
- 4.1 CE Electric UK – circulation file
- 4.2 A1 Community Works – Cold Calling- circulation file.
- 4.3 RDC – Richmondshire Biodiversity plan- circulation file.
- 4.4 RDC- Richmondshire Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Issues &Options: Regulation 25 Consultation. – Circulation file (form to be returned by 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2005)
- 4.5 Border Watch – circulation file
- 4.6 Clerks & Councils Direct- circulation file.
- 5 Planning Applications – Nil
- 6 Finance.
- 6.1 Spreadsheet produced – closing balance £11,051.83 (includes allocated funds: village hall £5275; Allotments £329; Ins. Village hall £900; Trees £2000) - Excludes any cheques approved this meeting.
- 6.2 VAT Return - £349.96 – noted.
- 6.3 CE &CM Walker grass cutting £143.35- approved.
- 6.4 Budget – the Chairman aired the issue of raising our Precept to try to cover BVI costs but not really any support.
- 7 County Councillor Michael Heseltine: County Councillor Heseltine brought to our attention a Police Notice re a silver XM Citroen VB8 RCX acting suspiciously in the village area – any sightings ring police. County Hall has great fears over the budget. As chairman of County Council he has attended several lunches etc throughout the area in connection with small businesses, as this week is Enterprise Week – very encouraging. Our Chairman gave our thanks to County Councillor Heseltine for his continual hard work throughout the year.
- 8 Items notified.
- 8.1 Highways work outside Chapel- noted that area is full of leaves at the moment but a close eye to be kept on situation.
- 8.2 Estimate for heater in ladies toilets – deferred to next meeting.
- 9 Items notified for next meeting.
- 9.1 Cllr Hunter brought to our attention the possibility of re positioning of the 30mph sign in Church Lane as at the moment it is 15yds past the playing fields surely it would be better & safer to re position it before the playing fields near the bridge. Cllr McFadzean raised the point that this had been looked at before with no joy but as the circumstances were now different it would be sensible to try again. - County Councillor Heseltine to take a look & assess the situation.
- 10 Meeting closed at 9.06pm.  
Barton Parish Council will next meet Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.30pm
- Minutes approved Chairman...Clerk to Parish Council... Date...