

**Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting  
held on 28 October 2004 at 7pm  
In Barton Institute Committee Room**

1. Constitution:

1.1 There were five members present; Peter Wood (Chairman), Cllr Campbell Dawson, Cllr Michael Holmes, Cllr Alen MacFadzean, and Cllr Phillip Glithro (Clerk to the meeting). There was no apology.

1.2 A vacancy still existed for a Parish Councillor following the resignation of Michael Charlton. Chairman asked that serious thought be given to bring forward names as possible candidates for the vacancy.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 September 2004 and items outstanding.

2.1 Bus Shelters (item 2.1). It had been reported that Richmond DC were refurbishing those being taken over by Stapleton PC at it's own cost and the Chairman had asked that the same be done for Barton before we adopted.

2.2 Transfer of Bank Account to Barclays (item 2.4). Barclays Bank in the High Row were very slow, and Chairman promised to contact Cockerton Branch if not sorted soon.

2.3 Trees (item 2.7 & 3.2) Work in progress. Some trees subject to Ganoderma disease – reports recommended – cost circa £65 per infected tree. Annual Maintenance was desirable, as there might be compensation implications if the PC were held liable for any loss.

*Resolved that we have a written report for each suspect tree, and that we enquire about an annual Maintenance Contract.*

2.4 Dog Bin & land in Silver Meadows (item 2.8) – As no reply was forthcoming from Persimmon Homes locally, Chairman agreed to contact Head Office in York.

2.5 Easement Burns Depot (item 2.8) Consultants have been instructed to continue negotiations as agreed, as it was felt that the implied threat to resell the Transport Depot as a going concern was unlikely to go ahead, by reason of the fact that no written permission had originally been obtained by the Burns firm. YLCA have advised us that any capital sum could be used toward provision of a grant for Village Hall renovation.

2.6 Easement 6 Marygate/gas (item 3.2) YLCA advise that a payment for easement and costs to be met by owner. Solicitors indicate £250 + costs which would be conveyed to the Applicant by the Chairman.

2.7 A draft Newsletter had been produced and circulated for approval by Councillors prior to distribution. (item 3.3) Chairman undertook to get printing done and published within approx two weeks.

2.8 A Grant Application (item 3.4) in the amount of £500 had been submitted to NYCC and an acknowledgement received. If granted this would be used to refurbish benches around village, and perhaps purchase an additional one.

2.9 Traffic calming – there had been no response from Highways to comment from Barton Parish Council that Speed Tables at either end of Silver Street would be an advantage.

2.10 Street furniture (item 7) Previously faulty Streetlights were now working, but Cllr. Dawson reported that No.2 was not now working. CBD pursuing.

3. Chairman / Clerk's items

3.1 The computer (item 2.5 last meeting) stored in Barton Institute awaits confirmation that Village Hall Management Committee will accept. If they don't want the PC it will be offered to the school.

3.2 A 'free' meeting had been set up with Latimer Hinks 17 November 2004 to try resolve the ownership situation in respect of Barton Village Institute.

4. Correspondence – All circulated:

RDC Code of Conduct (Freemasonry); NYCC County Council Plan; Notice of Richmondshire Area Committee meeting; Equal Opportunities & Diversity Statement; and The Boundary Committee. GBH Engineering Limited.

5 Planning Applications

5.1 1/93/141D/FULL Erection of Agricultural Dairy Housing Building, Rose Villa, Wells Lane, Barton (*No objection*)

5.2 1/93/141C/Full Erection of Agricultural Dairy Housing Building to accommodate Milking Parlour/Dairy and collecting Yard, Rose Villa, Wells Lane, Barton (*No objection*)

5.3 1/193/199-/TPO Barton Parish Council Carry out works to various trees subject to TPO No 1978/5 – Now approved by RDC

5.4 1/93/189-/FULL Conversion of garage at North Inch, Barton – (Since withdrawn.)

5.5 1/93/141E/FULL – Erection of Circular Concrete Slurry Store at Rose Villa Farm, Wells Lane, Barton (*As the structure was 6 metres high Council asked that the matter be referred back to see if it could be semi-recessed into the ground*)

5.6 1/93/200-/FULL – Insertion of dormer windows in association with conversion of attic to form a bedroom at The Stumps, 2 Church Meadows, Barton.

6. Finance

6.1 Spreadsheet showing present position provided

6.2 Account to pay: Mazars Audit £293.75 (*Members agreed to payment*)

6.3 Account to pay CE & CM Walker grass-cutting £274.95 (*Members agreed that payment of this account and a further one for £133.95 which had since been received*)

6.4 Permission sought to pay Houghall Enterprises account when presented. (*Members agreed*)

7. County Councillor Michael Heseltine

7.1 Cllr Heseltine stated that NYCC budgets were still very much under pressure and that there was a danger that the 2005 budget may be subject to capping by the Government.

7.2 The Final Review of the Boundaries Commission revealed that the number of County Councillors would be subject to a reduction from six to five, and that Cllr Heseltine's area would be approximately 20% less than at the present time.

7.3 Cllr Heseltine had attended the opening of Barton Primary School , and reported that there were at present nine other Primary Schools in the Richmondshire Area which were being similarly improved.

7.4 He would hold a Surgery locally in a few week's time – date to be advised.

7.5 A Meeting of the County Council Area Committee is planned, and is to be held in Barton Institute.

**Note – Cllr. Heseltine will advise Chairman Peter Wood of firm dates and details of 7.4 and 7.5 so that these may be publicised in the Barton Newsletter.**

8. Items notified:

8.1 Parking – Cllr CB Dawson reported that vehicles were being left overnight along Jubilee Terrace. Cllr Glithro stated that this was also happening along Chapel Row. Chairman agreed to emphasise in the forthcoming Newsletter that such parking was illegal and presented an obstruction for the access of Emergency Vehicles.

8.2 Footpaths – Cllr A McFadzean reported that he was finalising his review of the situation as it currently appertained, but it appears that there is a large percentage of recognised footpaths which have been either ploughed in, or have public access barred in some way. He had noted that the stiles were largely badly maintained, and that at least one was dangerous.

9. Items notified for next meeting

9.1 – Footpath to Methodist Church.

(There may be other items raised by Councillors following circulation of correspondence after the October meeting.)

10 Date of next Meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

Signed as a true record.

\_\_\_\_\_Chairman

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25.11.2004