

Minutes of Barton Parish Council held on 27th October 2005 in Barton Village Institute.

1. Constitution:

1.1 Present were Cllr Glithro (Chairman), Cllr Dawson, Cllr Sargent, Cllr Hunter; Kate Proudfoot (Clerk) arrived 10 minutes late. Also present were Becky Allen (Anti-social behaviour Co-ordinator) & Marty Gibb representing BVHMC.

1.2 Apologies were received from Cllr Thorogood & Cllr McFadzean.

Marty Gibb was invited to put BVHMC's views forward after Cllr Thorogood had put the PC's ideas to them re a new agreement in an aim to solve the Custodian Trustee issue. The BVHMC are not keen to be held responsible for the interior of the building, as their members are volunteers. The Chairman pointed out that the Councillors are also volunteers. Marty informed the PC that RDC had issued a new Premises License that stated that as BVI has a fixed stage they are classed as a Theatre/Cinema & because of that they must implement new regulations to include a fire alarm system & fire retardant fabrics etc throughout the building & possibly a phone by 27th November 2005.

Cllr Dawson had spoken with Mike Garside re this issue & Mr Garside was unaware of this situation & promised to look into it.

Marty Gibb also raised the issue of the fabric of the building which is in need of much work including new windows for which he had received a quote of £10200 from Alten Glazing who would be prepared to spread the cost over a period of 2-3 yrs. The Hanson Trust was mentioned as being able to help with the cost as they helped in the re-roofing of Middleton Tyas Village Hall.

Also other sources of funding are being investigated by Marty.

The question was raised as to whether RDC could close down the Institute if the former regulations were not implemented in time.

Cllr Sargent asked for permission to use the VI's power supply next week so that he could begin to clean the War Memorial, this Marty agreed to.

Mr Gibb left after this discussion & the Chairman who welcomed our new Councillor Gordon Hunter formally opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

2. Minutes of the Parish Council held on the 29th September 2005 & items outstanding.

Cllr Sargent raised the item 3.6 of the September minutes & explained that it was a genuine mistake on his behalf as he did not realise that he needed to ask BVHMC permission to access his property as when he spoke to RDC & explained how he would gain access they did not explain that he needed to ask permission. The Chairman thanked him.

Cllr Dawson raised the issue of item 2.91 pointing out that the repairs had not been done & Cllr Hunter added that the light was out, Cllr Dawson to follow up.

Cllr Dawson also raised the issue of item 3.4 re A Waller & the easement – he had been approached by Mrs Waller who was concerned that she had not been told how much the solicitors costs would be for the Deed of Easement but the PC thought it best to send her a letter explaining that until the Deed had been drawn up & we had an invoice we were unable to tell her the cost.

The minutes of the last meeting were then accepted & signed.

2.1 Bus Shelters – plan signed by Chairman & Clerk for transfer documents.

2.2 Tree Survey – a quick resume of the survey was given explaining that work was necessary but that we had been offered a 10% discount on any prices due to the delay etc. The Chairman said he would take it home for a closer examination & consider the survey at the next meeting. Cllr Hunter enquired as to who was responsible for the tree on Wells Green but Cllr Dawson pointed out that it was not Village Green & thereby not the PC's responsibility.

2.3 Bench fixing – an e-mail had been received from Cllr McFadzean saying that Ernie was unwilling to fix the seat in situ, so the Cllrs were asked to think if they could come up with anyone else.

2.4 Guttering – done & bill for £850 presented & approved.

2.5 Youth (item 2.6 Sept 2005) – The Chairman welcomed Becky Allen (anti-social behaviour co-ordinator) to the meeting & she then went on to explain the offer of a Youth Shelter to Barton on a trial basis to try & tackle the youth problem at the village school. The site for the proposed shelter is the recreational land near to the King William Public House to the left-hand side of the double gates. It comprises of an open sided metal shelter with a roof & 2 internal seats, the open sides ensure good visibility so that the Police etc can easily monitor the youth.

The trial period is between 12-18months at no cost to BPC (though the actual cost of a youth shelter is approx £2.5K) & with free installation & erection. If we accept the shelter there will be heavy media coverage as we & Colburn will be the guinea pigs for the area. Cllr Hunter asked what happens to these youths if caught & Becky explained the process & stated that if necessary the youths would be taken to the Police Station as this shelter will be monitored by the Police not just PC Wilbor but all police in NY area with increased patrols. Becky Allen then brought up the subject of the large play area which because of its equipment had a limited appeal & that she was prepared to match our funding for a new piece of equipment e.g. a 'Trim Trial', which would not stop vandalism problem but act as a deflection for 10-11 yr olds. She also felt that the area needed brightening up & perhaps a possibility of the youths help painting it.

The Chairman proposed we take a vote on:

- 1) The Youth Shelter – unanimous
- 2) Play equipment- here it was felt that due to problems with BVI that at the moment we were unable to commit money to the play area.

Becky Allen said that she would review her funding situation in Feb 06 & if any spare cash she will purchase a piece of equipment. Becky explained that the Youth Shelter would be installed in the next 14 days. The Chairman thanked Ms Allen & she left the meeting.

2.6 War Memorial- Cllr Sargent to start next week on cleaning it up.
2.7 BVI- The Chairman explains the situation to Cllr Hunter. PC to be responsible for exterior & BVHMC responsible for interior decoration & fabric 7 in exchange PC to give grants from the Precept- this was rejected by BVHMC. A discussion was held as to what the next stage is to be, as we still need the Custodian Trustee issue solving, & start afresh. Cllr Dawson raised the question as to whether the new regulations could shut down the Hall & said that Martin Garside was looking into the situation. It was decided to defer the issue to the next meeting.

3. Chairman/Clerks items.

3.1 Easement – see earlier note.

3.2 Affordable Housing Seminar- Tues 6th Dec 2005- D.C matter.

3.3 Grass cutters – complaint by e-mail from a P Hall over the mess that is left behind. The comments were noted & a e-mail to be sent back saying that his comments were noted but it was felt by the PC that this contractor was better than the previous but he would be asked to ‘sharpen up’ a bit. Also noted that an area of Kettle End has not been cut & should have been.

3.4 SLCC- Legal & Efficient meetings- Wed 9th Nov 05 Riley Smith Hall Tadcaster 9am-4pm- no interest.

3.5 Parish Plan Completion Plan needs completing – Cllr Glithro to take it & look through it.

3.6 NYCC Richmondshire Area Committee Application for funding- Clerk trying to contact Sarah Hutchinson re cost of ‘bum seats’ for shelters. Ring Michael Heseltine if necessary.

3.7 Burns Depot – letter sent re safety issue- no response. Cllr Dawson to phone David Henderson Building Control & see what pressure he can put on Mr Burnside

Mr Burnside contacted Clerk re offer of £25K & explained BPC would accept £27.5K but offer must be made through solicitor. Cllr Dawson pointed out that Mouchel’s might tell us to hold out for the £30K, wait & see.

3.8 Resident at Kettle End rang Cllr Thorogood re a spur in the beck that she wishes to trim back to prevent overflowing & erosion of land. Permission granted as long as no damage done to village Green.

3.9 NYCC- Highways North Yorkshire Reorganisation- leaflet with contact details.

4. Correspondence for circulation/attention.

4.1 NYPA – 2 newsletters in circulation file.

4.2 NYCC- North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Draft Statement of Community Involvement Regulation 26 Consultation- C file

4.3 The North Yorkshire Community Recycling Fund- in file & copy sent to allotment group.

4.4 Richmondshire L local Development Framework: Core Strategy Issues & Options: Pre-Consultation Draft- in file

4.5 NALC- Draft Guidance on Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005. - In file.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CIRCULATION FILES MUST BE KEPT MOVING & RETURNED AT NEXT MEETING.

5.Planning Applications.

None

6. Finance.

6.1 Spreadsheet produced (Allocated funds – BVI £5275; Allots £329.50)

6.2 Budget rough draft produced but it was decided that the Clerk approach P Wood to ask for help in preparing budget as possibility of large outgoings on BVI perhaps necessary to increase Precept by 8%.

6.3 CE&CM Walker-Grass cutting £286.70- approved

6.4 Mazars audit fee £141- approved

6.5 Clerks pay jul/sept £300- approved

6.6 N Kearney BVI work £850 – approved

6.7 P Porteous- stop tap £17.50- approved

7.County Councillor Michael Heseltine. = Not present.

8.Items notified.

8.1 Street light on Church lane –done

9.Items notified for next meeting.

9.1 Highway working outside Chapel & ford depression

9.2 Estimate for the Ladies toilets in BVI to supply & fit new water heater at cost of £225.50- defer to next meeting & is it possible for BVHMC to contribute some of the cost.

10.Meeting closed at 9.02pm

Barton Parish Council will next meet Thursday 24th November at 7.30pm.

MINUTES APPROVED CHAIRMAN.....

CLERK TO PARISH COUNCIL

DATE.....