

**Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on 26th October 2006 in Barton
Institute Committee Room.**

Present: P Glithro (Acting Chairman), C Dawson, B Burrell-Corey, K Proudfoot (clerk). County Councillor M Heseltine, G Hunter arrived at 8.10pm after attending RDC Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act 2005 workshop.

1. Apologies: A McFadzean, A Thorogood.
2. Declaration of Interest by councillors on any of the agenda items to be discussed- **none as G Hunter arrived after discussion of CAB (see item 5.4)**
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2006- **Agreed & signed as true record.**
4. Matters Arising.
 - 4.1 Trees (item 4.1 Sept 06)- Cllr Dawson looked at site near allotments but residents not keen, so an alternative site was found down from the Chapel by the side of beck. - **Approved & stake to be positioned & clerk informed & inform allarb.**
 - B Booth – Chairman (AT) had not managed to contact B Booth- **clerk to ring & ask about position of replacement trees.**
 - 4.2 Trees over power lines (item 4.1 & 5.12 Sept 06)- reply received from NEDL & read out – **letter to be sent back saying that PC will leave situation in their hands & all cllrs will keep a log of date & times of power cuts as requested.**
 - 4.3 Speed limit Church Lane – reply received & copy distributed to each cllr. Matter to be handed over to Traffic Management Liaison Officer from NY Police.
 - 4.4 Burns Depot- (item 4.4 Sept 06) – no response to e-mail sent to A Purkiss re BPC reconsidering their position re Easement. Clerk tried several times to contact A Purkiss but no joy. – **Clerk to follow up situation.**
 - 4.5 Charity Commission (item 4.5 Sept 06) – Chairman (AT) had not managed to contact Mr Dearden. **Later in the meeting Cllr Hunter reported that he was going through the BVI file & hoped shortly to be able to move it forward perhaps.**
 - 4.6 Emergency Plan (item 4.6 Sept 06)- copies of various pages sent to cllrs, though not much response. – **Decided to incorporate in next newsletter.**
 - 4.7 Casual vacancy (item 4.7 Sept 06) – **letter to be sent to M Workman enquiring if interested in position.**
 - 4.8 BVHMC Sound system (item 4.10 Sept 06) – still no response- **noted.**
 - 4.9 Bank change (item 4.12 Sept 06) – **progress report deferred to next meeting.**
 - 4.10 NYCC Grant (item 5.7 Sept 06) – clerk had researched cost of notice boards, which were rather expensive. County Cllr Heseltine suggested we ask local joiner if possible. **Clerk to write to Alan Kay re cost & willingness, stressing 30TH Nov 06 deadline.**
 - 4.11 Raised footpath opposite the shop (item 5.14 Sept 06) – **not village green.**
 - 4.12 Dog bin (item 5.15 Sept 06) – letter sent requesting sample to be sent to Willow Bridge Service Station. No response- **clerk to chase up Glasdon.**

5. Chairman/Clerks items.

5.1 Traffic Issues Barton see copy sent to each cllr. Re Enhancement of Speed Limit Terminal Signs & Provision of Centre Hatching. This was discussed & it was agreed that speeding was still very much an issue & **there were no objections to the plans though perhaps a slow sign could be put in place at the end of St Cuthbert's Green.** Neighbourhood watch coordinator – **Cllr Hunter to enquire as to identity.**

5.2 NYCC Village Hall Grant Scheme- **the PC decided best to forward to Marty Webb.**

5.3 Request via website re advertising Elite Memorials, Neil Brolly – **P Wood looking into details on our behalf.**

5.4 CAB- rural Outreach update & could BPC donate money. (Please note Cllr G Hunter not yet arrived at meeting.) – **Decision made to donate £50 as this service benefits many residents.**

5.5 NYCC – Have Your Say about our Budget – **poster & leaflets to be left in local post office.**

5.6 NYCC – North Yorkshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Core Strategy Strategic Spatial Options & Site Allocations Policies Document Public Consultation Exercise. – **CD Rom put in circulation file along with request to fill in any response by 10th Nov 06.**

5.7 Youths drinking in bus shelter opposite the school- CLLR Dawson had caught the youths & read the riot act & cleaned up shelter. No further incidents reported so far.

6. Correspondence for circulation/attention.

6.1 Highways Agency- A1 Dishforth to Barton Improvement Scheme

- Proof of Evidence for Scheme Overview
- Proof of evidence for Engineering
- Proof of Evidence for Traffic & Economics
- Proof of Evidence for NMU Provision
- Proof of Evidence for Landscape & Townscape
- Proof of Evidence for Cultural Heritage
- Proof of Evidence for Ecology
- Proof of Evidence on Noise & Vibration- **all noted.**

6.2 Funding possibilities- **noted**

6.3 CAB Annual Report 2005-2006. - **Noted**

6.4 RDC Declarations of Interest- information-**noted**

6.5 RDC –Indoor Sports Provision Review. - **Noted**

7. Planning Applications.

Nil.

. Finance.

Spreadsheet produced, balance is £15362.53 with allocated funds of BVI £4351.59, Allots £664.50, VH Legal fees £2000 Capital funds £250.

8.1 CE&CM Walker grass cutting- £298.45 –**approved.**

8.2 Precept received (1/2 yearly) - £5150- **noted**

8.3 Audit Fees & comments -£141- **noted & approved**

8.4 Clerks pay Jul/Sept- £330 – **approved.**

8.5 VAT Claim made for £579.64 minus 54p. - **Noted**

8.6 Budget. - Discussion of budget with regard to Precept, Clerk pointed out need to include cost of possible election next May @ approx £800. – **Clerk to produce Budget for next meeting.**

Please note that Cllr G Hunter arrived at this point in the meeting at 8.10pm after attending RDC workshop on Environment & Clean Neighbourhood.

9. County Councillor Michael Heseltine.

- County Cllr Heseltine explained that as yet no one knows what the Govt grant will be & reminded the council that there will be a public consultation meeting on the 9th Nov 06 at Richmond Town Hall from 6pm – 9pm.
- Secondly SEN Education- there is to be a debate as to whether to close down the special need units or integrate the children into mainstream schools. Much depends on the financial situation.
- Thirdly – Waste Disposal. At the moment the District Council collects the rubbish & the County Council dispose of it at landfill sites. This cannot go on indefinitely & a decision must be made how best to deal with the situation.
- Today a Govt White Paper was published pertaining to localism in Govt. powers were taken away from County Councils but now the Govt want to return to Localism – Parish? Neighbourhood? Or community? This appears to be based on city thoughts rather than smaller rural communities- could result in PC having to run own bus services etc, even more paperwork.
- Local Govt Finance Report due out in December.
- Barton school visit Nov 7th 06
- Barton Surgery Nov 15th 06
- A1 Dishforth to Barton Enquiry. This has proved fascinating as the County Council has employed a Barrister & next week there will be site visits. Already Middleton Tyas & other Parish Councils have put their views forward as well as interest groups such as the Horse Society.

County Cllr Heseltine explained that he had queried the local access route between Barton and Scotch Corner if an accident occurred.

The Chairman thanked County Councillor Heseltine for his consistent hard work.

10. Items notified.

10.1 Cllr Hunter reported back on the workshop he had attended this evening & a survey was filled in & returned to Lucy Moffatt. In short it is foolish to try to implement any sort of order ourselves but we must rely on the DC who have legal backing to issue fixed penalties. Parish Councils need to be trained in the collecting of information with regard to witness statements etc

10.2 Newsletter to be prepared- **cllr Hunter to write a piece re Clean Neighbourhood & Environment Act. Clerk to also ask for help re Emergency Plan & electricity cuts.**

- 11. Items notified for next meeting.
 - 11.1 RDC Loo survey.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**BARTON PARISH COUNCIL WILL NEXT MEET ON THURSDAY
30TH NOVEMBER AT 7.30PM.**

Minutes approved by Chairman.....
Clerk.....Date.....