

# Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

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## MINUTES

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in **Barnacre Memorial Hall** immediately following the Annual Meeting for the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. **Present: Councillors Commander, Forshaw, Gorst, Howell, J Ibison, T Ibison & Marsh.**  
**Apologies: None. All present.**

2. **Minutes**

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 18th April 2018 & the extra ordinary meeting minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 having been circulate previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor T Ibison declared an interest in items 5c&f and Councillor J Ibison declared an interest in item 5c.

4. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion at 7:43pm giving members the opportunity to update on any meetings attended, to make any comment on the Clerk's report & to receive any updates from both Borough and County Councillors. Borough Councillor J Ibison reported that a new Mayor had now been appointed at Wyre and that new committees would commence next month. Also that the B4RN (super fast rural broadband) meeting that was held in Calder Vale village hall was very successful. A good turn out with plenty of interest. Due to the border issue and making the area for developing B4RN being a larger one, Councillor J Ibison is going to address the Parish Council at Claughton to establish if there would be any interest in their Parish to join together with this venture.

Volunteers were identified at the meeting in Calder Vale to start a "steering" group to see this community venture through who Councillor Ibison is in touch with.

The "ward walk" Councillor Ibison was having took place with Garry Payne. This was successful. The need for community parking in Calder Vale was a topic of conversation and the Calder Vale club are already aware of this need and willing to assist with the development of its own car park but wishes to retain the ownership of the land. Clerk and J Ibison were going to try to progress this further.

Councillor N Howell reported that he had posted the information about the neighbourhood plan on the "Next door Barnacre" site and has had a query from a gentleman in Forton, but no other queries or support as yet. Footpaths to GCA – Catterall have now decided on a rep to progress this campaign, Garstang have also and J Ibison and N Howell are the reps for Barnacre-with-Bonds. The next step is to arrange a meeting with all to discuss next steps. Baylton Trust / The Almshouses committee was mentioned – This is a committee which the Parish Council used to always have representation on, and wish to include this item for discussion at the next meeting of the Parish Council. It is thought that if any vacancies do come up, the Parish Council would like to have a member considered to be included.

5. **Planning applications**

- a. Application: 18/00397/FUL – Two storey & single storey rear extension @ 7 Burnside Avenue, Calder Vale. **It was resolved there were no objections or comments to make on this application.**
- b. Application: 18/00329/FUL – Alterations to existing field access to facilitate agricultural operations @ Oakenclough House, Delph Lane. **It was resolved there were no objections or comments to make on this application.**
- c. Application: 18/00403/FUL – Erection of a banqueting hall (D2) with parking area & retaining walls @ Barnacre Cottages, Eidsforth Lane. **It was resolved that the Parish Council should comment on: The access to the proposed banqueting hall; The banqueting hall itself is proposed to be located off a private access road that services the existing holiday complex, also a working farm and properties which run a landscaping business that have larger vehicles using the road. The design and access statement states that this access road is considered suitable for cycling given its relatively lightly trafficked nature and that the banqueting hall will provide secure cycle parking and the applicants will actively encourage guests to utilise this method of transport. The reality is that the access road (Eidsforth Lane) is a single track with few passing places. If the use of cycles are encouraged, this causes major safety concerns. The plans clearly show car parking for 20 vehicles. This would seem a more realistic mode of transport given that people using a banqueting hall may not all be cyclists and if, potentially an additional 20 cars were to use this access road on a regular basis it would then not be "relatively lightly trafficked".**

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**Also lighting - There is no mention of lighting. The Parish Council would recommend that if this application is successful that the planning department considers placing a condition around the level of lighting. The area is naturally very dark and any lighting outside the development could have the potential to adversely affect neighbouring properties.**

- d. Application: 18/00426/FUL – Single storey rear extension @ 47 Waters Edge Green. **It was resolved there were no objections or comments to make on this application.**
- e. Application: 18/00455/FUL – Variation of condition 4 (list of approved plans) relating to planning permission 15/00157/FUL to amend siting of synthetic sports pitch including 3m high fencing & 15m high floodlighting. **It was resolved that the Parish Council should comment on: The time limits of when the site can operate under flood lights: The time limit at the sports hall is 9:30pm. This variation suggests that the time limit for the flood lights at the pitch be 10:00pm. The Parish Council wish to request that the sports pitch should also be 9:30pm in line with the sports hall given that there are properties close by which will be effected by the lighting.**
- f. Application: 18/00059/REMMAJ – Reserved matters application for appearance, layout & scale for 91 dwellings following approval of outline application 15/00891/OUTMAJ @ Garstang Country Hotel & Golf Club. **It was resolved that the Parish Council should comment as follows: The Parish Council has already provided a detailed response to the initial outline planning application 18/00891/REMMAJ for this development in its letter dated 5 February 2018. But still considers that the issues that it has raised in this letter are still relevant and remain unresolved and need to be addressed prior to this development commencing. There is concern that LCC Highways have indicated in their response to this planning application that in their opinion the car parking provision does not conform to current guidelines; recommendations and the philosophy of the Manual for Streets and Creating Civilised Streets; The Joint Lancashire Structure Plan; the Wyre Draft Local Plan, September 2017, Appendix B, page 177 and best practice. The Parish Council requests that Wyre Planning ensures that the recommendations proposed by LCC Highways are adopted by the applicant for this development. It is shown on the plans that a highway connection will be made between the estate roads for this development and the bridleway section of Byerworth Lane South. A request should be made to Wyre that Wyre Planning place a restriction on this highway connection such that it is to be used by pedestrian’s only. The Parish Council have noticed that there is a major water main pipeline easement that passes through this development and a number of the proposed houses are close to this easement. In particular the garages on plots 44 and 45 appear to be directly above the pipelines. Recommend to Wyre Council that it consults with United Utilities to ensure that the easement is not compromised and the required offset from the new properties is achieved. There was also concern that the applicant is proposing to manage the surface water drainage from the development using an off site attenuation pond and concurs with the comments of Wyre Council’s Drainage Engineer in his consultee response. The Parish Council is also concerned at the use of attenuation ponds to manage surface water drainage as they create a potential hazard to children.**

6. **Annual Governance statement 2017/18**

Section 1 of Annual Return was completed and signed by RFO & Chair.

7. **Accounting statements 2017/18**

Section 2 of Annual Return was approved and signed by RFO & Chair.

8. **Exemption certificate for annual audit 2017/18**

The Parish Council (the authority) was able to confirm that the statements listed below apply and that the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000 in the tax year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

-The authority has been in existence since before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

- In relation to the preceding financial year (2016/17), the external auditor **has not**:

-issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it.

-made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it.

-issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) schedule 8 to the audit and accountability act 2014(“the Act”), and has not withdrawn the notice.

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-commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act.

-made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration.

The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act. **It was therefore resolved that the Parish Council wished to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the exemption certificate be signed by the Chairman and the RFO. An analysis of variances and bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights would be fully completed and along with the exemption certificate, published on the Parish website before 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.**

9. To note financial bank statements: Building Society account: £2,934.15 (statement dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018) & Clerk's salary account balance £0.00 (statement dated 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018) Clerk noted that some of the cheques authorised at the previous meeting have yet to be cashed.

**10. Calder Vale fire**

Councillor Commander had requested this item be placed on the agenda. This was discussed and it was **resolved that a letter from the Parish Council be written to both Lancashire fire brigade and United Utilites to express its concern over the faulty hydrants in Calder Vale, 2 of which were within 200 yards of the fire. That the inspection routine for these hydrants should be reviewed and request that the community be made aware of any internal findings following any investigations. There are grave concerns over the total time taken to get water to the fire, having to enlist the assistance from villagers to carry pipes quickly down the village to obtain water from an alternative source. This resulted in 3 families being now homeless.**

**11. Note date of next meeting**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

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