

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place on Wednesday 20th March 2019 in **Barnacre Memorial Hall.**

Draft version for approval at the Parish Council meeting to be held on 15th May 2019

1. **Present:**

Councillors Commander, Forshaw, J Ibison, T Ibison, Howell (Chair), Marsh & 3 members of the public.

Apologies:

Councillor H Gorst (received following the meeting)

2. **Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the regular meeting held on 9th January 2019, having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

None received.

4. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion at 7:33pm, to allow members to give a “for information only” update from any meetings / groups / visits / training courses attended since the last meeting, the chance to review any information on Clerk’s report & receive any update from Borough & County Councillors. A local resident raised the issue of the bus stops on Garstang Road, Bowgreave, adjacent to Bowgreave Rise Care Home. His issue related to the space adjacent to the north bound stop for wheelchair users and the fact that it was impossible for a person in a wheelchair to board a bus at this location. He has a wheelchair bound friend who is a resident of Bowgreave Rise and he has attempted to assist him board a bus at this stop without success. The buses have to move into the centre of the road to provide sufficient space for an attempt to get a wheelchair on board and it takes at least two people to assist. The Parish Council acknowledged this was clearly an issue and would bring it to the attention of County Councillor, Shaun Turner to look into this further.

Two organisers (Mark Hothersall & Paul Buckle) from the North West car rally attended the meeting to inform the PC that they had now received the motor race order from LCC, all residents on the route have been contacted and all properties have been issued with at least 2 vehicle passes. The rally has paid for 2 police officers on motorbikes to be on hand throughout the day. There are 120 cars to race. There will also be a joint inspection of the route with LCC on Monday 25th March at 10am to ensure all roads are clear. Friday evening, Garstang high street was closing and approx 70 of the 120 cars would drive through the high street to kick start the event. Maps, time schedules and spectator area plans were given to the members of the PC.

Councillor Helen Forshaw attended a LALC meeting earlier in the year where the police representatives mentioned they were to look at future involvement again with the PC meetings.

Councillor John Ibison informed all that he had been appointed as representative on the Forest of Bowland AOB Committee as Ward Councillor. He also updated all on the B4RN situation in Calder Vale / Barnacre / Claughton; All on track. Next step is to generate the funding. The introduction of the new gigibite voucher scheme means that only 25% needs to be fund in investment - £65k is required. Currently have £60k pledged. The box will be situated at the back of the Calder Vale club and connection in Calder Vale will be first, followed by Barnacre, then Claughton.

Councillor Howell updated all on the Bowgreave footpath working group; A meeting had taken place with Keith Iddon (Cabinet member) and Paul Durnell (LCC Highways Manager) at the beginning of the month at school time, to ensure they were both fully aware of the issues whilst children walked home from school and they saw issues first hand. Phil Durnell was going to send a surveyor to the site to see what could be done to improve. Feedback from this was hopefully going to be received at the beginning of April.

5. **Planning applications:**

- a. Application 19/00048/FUL – Erection of an agricultural storage building @ Woodacre Lodge Farm, Hazelhead Lane, Barnacre – **It was resolved there were no objections / comments.**
- b. Application 19/00042/REMAJ – Reserve matters relating to a residential development of 46 dwellings & associated infrastructure following online planning permission 15/00420/OUTMAJ @ Land at Garstang Road, Bowgreave – **It was resolved that the following comments would be appropriate; The Applicant is proposing to use the surface water sewer in Gryersdale Avenue for the disposal of surface water run-off from this development. This sewer outfalls into a ditch located on Garstang Golf Club. Bring to Wyre Council’s attention that this ditch has been identified as the disposal point for surface run off from two large developments in close proximity to Gryersdale Avenue (17/0013/REMAJ and 18/0059/REMAJ) and that an attenuation pond is to be constructed downstream from the outfall location to accommodate flows from these developments. In addition, there is a pipeline just south of the ditch outfall location that connects the ditch to the new attenuation pond.**

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- c. Also, advise Wyre Planning that there have been significant flooding events in Shepherd's Drive which is just to the south of this site. An increase in surface water disposal in this area will increase the risk of further flooding events particularly if an adequate maintenance regime is not instigated in relation to the entrance structure at the point where the ditch connects with the underground pipeline. Request that further consideration is given to the disposal of surface water from this site.
- d. Application 19/00178/LAWP – Lawful development certificate for proposed rear extension & extension to existing rear dormer @ 8 Dimples Lane – **It was resolved there were no objections / comments.**
- e. Application 19/00227/FUL – Single storey rear extension @ 31 Pasture Drive – **It was resolved there were no objections / comments.**
- f. Application 19/00201/FUL – Erection of one dwelling (re-submission of 18/01089/FUL) with single storey rear projection @ 10 Vale Terrace – **It was resolved there were no objections / comments.**

6. **Community event**

This was discussed and it was resolved that the Parish Council would attempt to organise a “market stall” type event in Calder Vale village hall on Saturday morning 10am – 12noon on 18th May. Inviting a variety of community groups to offer support / advise on a variety of issues; to include fire and rescue, Police, LCC health and wellbeing, Lancashire age UK. Also discussed was the possibility of having something for younger members of the community. Clerk to contact County Councillor Shaun Turner to see if there was anything he could suggest / assist with in this area as he is involved with child services at LCC. Clerk will email around the various groups inviting them to come along and will feedback via email to all with updates to ensure the event can take place on 18th May. Clerk to also secure the booking of the village hall in Calder Vale to host the event. Councillors Helen Forshaw and Jane Marsh will assist the Clerk nearer the time with advertising / leaflet dropping etc.

7. **War memorial, Calder Vale**

A member of the Garstang Heritage committee has contacted Councillor James Commander in relation to putting a poppy trail plaque at the war memorial, Calder Vale. This was discussed and it was resolved that the plaque was a good idea, but instead of being put on the actual war memorial, all present agreed that a plaque on a stake in the ground at one side of the memorial on the grassed area was more appropriate. Councillor Commander would email the Clerk details of whom to respond to.

8. **Standing orders review**

A copy of the Standing Orders had been circulated ahead of the meeting. These were discussed and it was resolved that they be adopted as they were. Version 1, March 2019.

9. **Changes to Bank account / usage**

This was discussed. It was resolved that the current Nationwide Business Investor account be closed and balance should be transferred to the Lloyds Bank account which currently only pays the Clerk's salary. The Lloyds bank account name should be changed from Clerk's salary account to Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council and all transactions going forwards should be made using the Lloyds bank account. Clerk to inform Wyre of the change ahead of precept being credited for 2019/20. Clerk would look into closing the Nationwide account and having the agreed changes made at the Lloyds Bank. It was also agreed that there should be an additional signatory on the account in addition to the two existing. This would be Councillor Norman Howell. It was also agreed to use electronic banking where possible and that the Clerk would be required to provide a printed statement of the account to every meeting of the Parish Council which would be signed by the Chair.

10. **Clerk's salary 2018/19**

This was discussed as per recommendation from Personnel Advisory Committee and it was resolved that the Clerk's salary for 2019/20 would be in accordance with the NALC pay scales. A raise of 2% in line with the national agreement. This will put the Clerk's salary to a new SCP scale 9 (full time equivalent £20,344). Scale 9 replaces the old pay scale point 20. Clerk will inform the payroll services.

11. **Easy Websites – change in payment cycle request**

Easy websites have requested that they invoice the PC for services on a monthly basis and not annually as previously. Due to the limitations on the Nationwide business investor account, in the past the PC have been unable to pay any invoices any other way than by cheque. However, as it has now been agreed to move to using the Lloyds bank account for future business of the PC, this will be possible. The monthly fee of £27.60 includes; website hosting, 1xdomain name, 1xemail address with support, 2 hours or annual support/changes, SSL certificates and VAT. **It was resolved that the Clerk could go ahead and set up monthly invoicing / payments with Easy Web sites to begin April 2019.**

12. **Financial bank statement for Building Society**

It was resolved that the following figures be noted: balance of £1,827.61(statement dated 7th March 2019) & Clerk’s salary account balance £358.52 (statement dated 8th March 2019) but a further payment of £356.72 (Clerk’s March salary) has since been paid.

Figures to be noted: Paid - Clerk’s salary: 18th January 2019 (£356.72) 18th February 2019 (£356.92) & 18th March 2019 (£356.72)

13. **Date of the next Parish Council meeting**

As previously agreed and advertised, the next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th May 2019. This will be the annual meeting of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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