

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 15th May 2013 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

1. **Present:**

Councillors J Ibison, T Ibison(chair), Kellett, Howell & Woods. There was also 1 member of the public present, a Councillor from LCC.

Apologies:

Councillors Blackwell & Gorst.

2. **Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 17.04.13, having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Declaration of interests**

Cllr Blackwell sent a request to have noted his interest in item 11 of the agenda, as he stands as chairman for the Calder Vale Recreational Ground.

4. The meeting was adjourned at for a period of public discussion, giving members the opportunity to update on any meetings attended, etc. Councillor Howell had a meeting with Jane Ferguson & Mark Billington of Wyre's Parks & Open Spaces regarding the Community Sum paid in relation to the development at Bowgreave, Garstang Road to get an understanding about what was to happen to the money and if the Parish Council could influence where the money be spent. Ideas would definitely be considered & any number could be presented to Wyre Parks & Open spaces dept. Any ideas, would however need to be within reasonable distance to the development.

The following ideas were suggested by the Parish Council

Idea 1 – To approach Garstang Community Academy – do they have any spare space? 3G pitch for community use out of school hours was suggested.

Idea 2 – Work at the playing field on Bowgreave near the canal bridge. This is LCC owned.

Idea 3 – If a development at The Toppings went ahead in the future, money could be spent on the development of an open space there.

Idea 4 – Catterall playing fields. Existing facilities would be increased & as Catterall Parish own the land they would remain responsible for maintaining it in the future.

Whatever is suggested needs to be sustainable & maintained in the future. Clerk to include the item for discussion / decisions on submissions in July meeting.

5. **Planning Application 13/00264/FUL. Demolition of garages & construction of one new detached dwelling with detached single garage @ 2 Garstang Road, Bowgreave**

This was discussed. **It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objection to this application.**

Signed.....Chair

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Planning Application 13/00309/FUL. Creation of a natural human burial ground & associated car park, utilising existing access of Long Lane@ Helmsdeep, Long Lane

This was discussed. **It was resolved that the Parish Council would object to this application based on the following;**

- Long Lane is narrow with few passing places, not suitable for high numbers of cars in transit. The application would create a significant increase to traffic along the lane.
- The land has a large number of springs that can move considerable distances without warning, increasing the risk of contaminating any ground water. There isn't a hydrological report included in the application and the Parish Council feel it would be appropriate.
- The suggested mini bus service for large burials – even with this in mind the car park is still too small for the proposal as not everyone would want to use this service.
- If permitted, the times should be limited. The current application suggests very long hours in which burials could take place.

Planning Application 13/00314/FUL. Conversion of 2 no. stone barns into 4 no. residential dwellings (re-submission of 13/00059/FUL)

This was discussed. **It was resolved that the Parish Council still object on the same grounds as previously submitted. Clerk to send a letter reiterating this fact.**

6. Land adjacent to The Toppings

Following visitors at the previous meeting, The Parish Council wish it be noted if an application for this land was to come in, the Council must look into the access for emergency vehicles with detail. Not to lose sight of that.

7. Open space at Castle Lane / Bridge

This was discussed. **It was resolved a brass plaque at the site would be appropriate, attached to the side of the bridge. Clerk to obtain a quote from Timpsons, Garstang. It hasn't to be any bigger than A4 in size & read : The adjacent tree was planted by Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012.**

8. Web site idea

This was discussed again. If used service provider 1 & 1 as suggested by Wyre IT Dept, the cost would be £5.98 plus VAT for the domain name (a 2 year registration at a time) and £4.99 per month plus VAT (invoiced quarterly) This would give the Parish Council a standard website with 50GB space, it gives 65 website applications from which you can build the site, using 5 at a time. There is also a 60 day money back guarantee. **It was resolved that the Parish Council would trail this. Domain name to be bought – barnacrewithbondsparishcouncil.org.uk. Councillor Peter Woods will obtain a quote for someone skilled in the area to build the site initially. Clerk to include on the next meeting agenda.**

9. Letter received from Calder Vale Children's Festival Committee

This was discussed. **It was resolved that a donation of £100 was reasonable.**

10. Letter received from Calder Vale Cubs and Scouts group

This was discussed. **It was resolved that a one off donation of £100 was reasonable.**

Signed.....Chair

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11. Letter received from Calder Vale recreational ground

This was discussed. **It was resolved that a donation of £150 was reasonable. Clerk to also mention it may be worth the committee contacting Jane Ferguson at Wyre Parks & Open Spaces as there are many grants etc which they may well be entitled to.**

12. W.H.King Almshouses

A letter has been received from Mr S Noble, in response to the clerk contacting him in relation to the Parish Council’s representation on the committee, which over the years seems to have been none. Mr Noble states that the trust deed is silent as to the appointment of a representative of Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council and there is only mention of Garstang Parish Council in clause 6 of the trust deed. He asks if there is any documentation to substantiate the claim available to him.

Councillor T Ibison asked the clerk for the old minute books still in her possession. He will go through them to see if there is any record of anything in there and asked this item be included on the next agenda for further discussion / way forward.

13. Autela Payroll Services

Following recent changes to the way in which the Parish Council now have to report in real time any payments made to employees, appointing an agent was discussed who would support the Parish Council through PAYE. **It was resolved that the appointed agent would be Autela Payroll Services & it was agreed the clerk should appoint from the tax year 2012/13 to deal with all the end of year work, and payment of £63 for payment for work needed to cover 2012/13 was authorised.**

14. VAT

The receipt of £90.16 VAT repayment from HM Revenue & Customs was noted.

15. Financial

It was resolved that the following account balances should be approved:

Building society balance £9,906.84 (8 April 2013 statement)

Clerks salary account balance £0.00 (10 April 2013 statement)

16. Annual return year end 31 March 2013, section 1

Clerk read through section 1 of the Annual Return for year end 31 March 2013. **It was resolved that it should be approved & signed as a true record.**

17. Annual return year end 31 March 2013, section 2

Clerk read through section 2, the annual governance statement on the Annual Return for year end 31 March 2013. **It was resolved that all questions be answered yes, with Q9 marked n/a as no trust funds are held & it should be approved & signed.**

18. Next meeting

To note previously agreed date for the next meeting as Wednesday 18th July 2013.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....Chair

Date