

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

**MINUTES**

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

1. **Present:**

Councillors Blackwell, Gorst, Howell, J Ibison, T Ibison(chair), Kellett & Woods.

2. **Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 24.10.12, having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Declaration of interests**

None to record.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm for a period of public discussion. \* Councillor Norman Howell attended a Wyre Road Safety meeting in December 2012. He brought up the issue of the road condition & continuous flooding problems on Dimples lane & asked for both to be investigated. \* Councillor Howell informed the Council that he had wrote to the head of planning re the development on Garstang Road, requesting a meeting with him. This meeting occurred on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2012. He was advised that in future if the Parish Council want more influence it must consult with the initial contact. Councillor Howell has put together a letter which needs to go to the Wyre Parks Open Spaces dept re the Community Sum of money / where it should be spent, requesting a meeting / liaison with the Parish Council & has also wrote to Cllr Peter Murphy re road safety. \* Councillor John Ibison attended the Wyre Area Committee meeting 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013. Sim Lane Dixon has now the responsibility for Wyre & Fylde traffic & drainage issues. There is a lot of money to be spent on re-surfacing of roads within parish, amounting to approx £30,000. To include – Bruna Hill -Ray Lane, Delph Lane – Higher Lane, Higher Lane – Keepers Lane & Long Lane – Parkhead Lane is to benefit from tar & chip. Gritting routes have been extended, 1 to Pilling, 1 to Hambleton. All crime figures are down according police. There was a road closure for fetes, etc discussion. This now requires a more formal approach. The Rural Parish Grant was mentioned also, the fact that Wyre are the only Borough within the North West that still have the grant. Meeting re-convened at 8.05pm.

5. **Parish Council’s current approach to consultations / communication**

Various areas of consultations & communication were discussed. **It was resolved that the process does need to be more efficient. Planning applicants are encouraged to make early consultation with Parish Councils. If the Parish Council is approached, a meeting should be arranged & the application discussed, even if the application has not been “officially” sent to Wyre. Early influences with developers are good. A look at standing orders should take place in a future meeting & consider redefining the current procedure for pre-planning applications. It was recommended that when consultations are received, each should be allocated to 1 or 2 Councillors if there is no meeting before the consultation end date. The Rural Housing Survey / way in which the Parish Council commented was mentioned. Clerk to look in records & report how the Council commented on this survey. A basic website was also mentioned here, where public had access to basic info from the Parish Council; meeting dates, minutes, agendas, contacts, etc. Clerk to look into possibilities (Wyre Council IT dept as first point of contact) & add to the agenda in April for further discussion.**

Signed.....Chair

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**6. Consultation on Dementia Services**

Info regarding this was sent to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was discussed. **It was resolved the Parish Council had received the consultation & had no comments.**

**7. Open space at Castle Lane / bridge**

This area was discussed. Councillor J Ibison has spoken to John Bettle's colleague & was told that there may be a chance of a memorial bench for the area but wouldn't be appropriate currently given the state of the area. Wyre were going to speak to the adjacent land owner & get back in touch with Councillor Ibison. It was resolved that once the area was tidy a plaque to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, next to the jubilee tree would be a good idea & good PR for the Parish Council. This item should be included on the next agenda for an update.

**8. Invitation to Lancashire Civic County Carol Service Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2013.**

This was discussed. **It was resolved the invitation was received, but no one able to attend.**

**9. Consultation on Local Authority Funded Police Community Support Officers**

This was discussed. The Parish Council agree it is a good scheme, but **it was resolved the Parish Council have no budget to contribute to the cost & wouldn't be prepared to precept to contribute in the future.** Clerk to send response to Councillor Peter Gibson.

**10. Proposal to withdraw payment of the Rural Parish Grant**

This was discussed again & previously minuted comments still stand. **It was resolved that the response stating the Parish Council was against the withdrawal of the grant be sent to whom concerned.**

**11. Financial**

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

Building society balance £2,787.77 (07 Dec 2012 statement)

Clerks salary account balance £818.40 (10 Jan 2013statement)

**12. Dates / times of future meetings**

**It was resolved that the next Parish Council meetings are as follows:**

**April 17<sup>th</sup> 2013 (to include the Parish Assembly)**

**May 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 (to include the Annual meeting)**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**October 15<sup>th</sup> 2013**

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed.....Chair

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