

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 17th April 2013 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

1. **Present:**

Councillors Blackwell, Gorst, Howell, J Ibison, T Ibison(chair), Woods & 3 members of the public (1 a Wyre Cllr)

Apologies:

Cllr Kellett.

2. **Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 16.01.13, having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Declaration of interests**

None to record.

4. The adjournment of the meeting for a period of public discussion was postponed until later in the meeting, the chairman confirmed this was acceptable with members of the public present, as a Cllr

- had sent apologies for running late & was interested in the information on the proposed new housing development.

5. **Electoral review of Wyre**

This was discussed. **It was resolved that the Parish Council do understand that the Borough wants to reduce the number of Councillors, but the proposal regarding this Parish would result in 2 Councillors covering a very large geographical area.**

This is a lot of land to cover, particularly at election time. It was also wished to be noted that the road network doesn't easily link the proposed wards together as there is no direct road link within individual settlements. There was strong feeling & concern that the Barnacre-with-Bonds electorate would be deprived of representation due to this land mass. Clerk to send comments.

6. **Precept & Parish Grant**

It was resolved that the receipt of the 2013/14 precept of £3,800 on 04/04/13 be noted. Also the Parish Grant of £3319.00 on 04/04/13.

7. **Financial**

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

Building society balance £9,906.84 (7 April 2013 statement)

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

8. **Consultation – Wyre's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTEP)**

This was discussed. **It was resolved that the following noted: The plan has been agreed & reflects the Withdrawal of the Rural Parish Grant with effect from 1st April 2014. It also reflects the removal by the Government of Council Tax Support Grant as a separate funding stream from 2014/15.**

This has the effect that future Parish & Town Council precepts will be funded from Council Tax, the amount per band D equivalent property being the precept divided by the tax base.

The Parish Council wished it also noted of the disappointment of the outcome re Rural Parish Grant.

Signed.....Chair

Date

9. Open space at Castle Lane / Bonds Lane Bridge

Councillor J Ibison had been asked to check the area after initial works had taken place. The work was unsatisfactory at that stage. After re-work to the area, the space looks 100% better and a job was well done. **It was resolved that the clerk was asked to contact John Bettle, expressing the Council’s thanks for a job well done. The commemorative plaque for the queens jubilee tree was mentioned again & decided to carry this topic forwards to the next meeting for further discussion.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8.15pm for a period of public discussion. A planning consultant & Senior planning Manager attended the meeting to inform the Council of the planning background & design Principles behind a Redrow scheme on land adjacent to The Toppings. They are expecting to submit an outline application to Wyre in May, hoping that will be accepted & follow up with the full application around August. Queries were raised including the provision of play area / open space within the site, the footpath & ponds, the affordable housing elements to the development & traffic issues. The meeting re-convened at 9pm.

10. Parish Council web site

Domain names were discussed. **It was resolved if it was to go ahead, a domain name of barnacrewithbondsparishcouncil.org.uk would be appropriate. Clerk had some figures, but will Obtain accurate costs going forward & add as an agenda item for discussion again in the May meeting.**

11. Payments

The insurance policy was reviewed. **It was resolved that the insurance be renewed & the under mentioned payments be authorised**

Cheque number	Payee	Reason	Amount
100206	LALC	Annual subscription	£312.86
100207	AON Insurance	Annual insurance renewal	£439.52
100208	Mrs N Mason	April 2012 salary (£277.50) & assembly notice fee (32.24)	£309.74
100209	Clerk’s salary account	Remainder of clerk’s salary for 2013/14	£3041.50
100210	Mrs N Mason	Replacement laptop battery	£51.00

12. Clerk’s ongoing salary

This was discussed. **It was resolved that the new standing order instruction be signed confirming the clerk’s salary be paid monthly by standing order.**

13. Dates / times of future meetings

It was resolved that the next Parish Council meetings are as follows:
May 15th 2013 (to include the Annual meeting)
July 16th 2013
October 15th 2013 Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Signed.....Chair

Date