

## Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

### MINUTES

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

Letters were received from Calder Vale Children's Festival Committee & Calder Vale Village Hall & Jubilee Committee thanking the Parish Council for donations. These letters were read out by the clerk & gratefully received by the Council.

1. **Present:**

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

**Apologies:**

Councillors Blackwell & Kellett.

2. **Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 16.05.12, 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 for a period of public discussion, giving members the opportunity to update on any meetings attended, etc.

5. **Code of Conduct**

This was discussed. The Standards board had been abolished at the end of March 2012. The Localism Act 2011 contained new provisions to replace the standards framework previously established by the Local Government Act 2000. The Council were being asked to adopt the Code of Conduct prepared by Wyre Area Committee of LALC.

**It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct with effect from 1 July 2012 and to abide by the findings of any investigation into an alleged breach of the Code.**

**Notification of disclosable pecuniary interests forms distributed. Councillors are required to complete & return to the clerk by 08/Aug/12. Clerk to send relevant forms to Councillor Blackwell & Kellett.**

6. **Shaping your neighbourhood**

The Wyre initiative shaping your neighbourhood & the £500,000 pot of money for the Borough was discussed. Several areas in the Parish for improvements were identified.

**It was resolved that the re-furbishment of the Barnacre memorial hall would be the project to be put forward for some of the money. A funding bid needs to be completed & sent to Wyre by 17<sup>th</sup> August. Councillor Woods took the application form to liaise with the village hall committee to get the form completed with relevant quotes to back up the amount of money to be requested.**

7. **LALC 68<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The LALC AGM is to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November from 1.45pm – 4pm @ County Hall, Preston. There was no Councillor able to commit to this date, Councillor J Ibison took the information & will respond if he is able to attend.

8. **Financial**

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

Building society balance £3,197.81 (07 July 2012 statement)

Clerks salary account balance £2,728.00 (08 June 2012 statement)

**9. Affordable housing proposals**

Clerk explained that Mr Andy Garnett from MCI Developments wanted to meet with a representative of the Council. His company, in association with Great Places Housing Association are in the early stages of putting forward some plans to Wyre for a small affordable housing scheme within the Parish. This was discussed and it was resolved that clerk should reply with the following views of the Council – The PC is not fundamentally against affordable housing within Parishes, but there is no evidence to justify need for affordable housing within the Parish. There are empty houses in Calder Vale (lower end of market in value) There are several areas of affordable housing already around the Parish on newly built estates. In the past animosity has been created within the Parish with non-parishioners being housed in “affordable housing” General consensus was that there is plenty of allocation already within this Parish. But, as the gentleman wants to meet with a Council representative to discuss, the Council would be more than willing to listen to anything he has to say at the next meeting in October so that the whole Council could be addresses as oppose to an individual. This has been done in the past, with positive result.

**10.** The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

11. Clerk was asked to contact the Armshouses Committee as the Parish Council are concerned with a parked car on Dimples Lane (a silver Mondeo) The car is regularly parked half on the road / half on the footpath outside the Armshouses on a bad corner. This could be potentially very dangerous. Also, to mention that since the death of Mrs Mackie (who the PC appointed on the Armshouses Committee) the PC has never had the opportunity to nominate a representative to stand on the Committee. This was always the case, and PC would like an explanation as to why there has since, never been a Parish Council representative on that Committee.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**Signed.....Chair**

**Date .....**