

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place on Wednesday 8th January 2020 in Barnacre Memorial Hall.

Draft version for approval at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 18th March 2020

1. Present: Parish Councillors Commander, Howell (Chair), Forshaw & Gorst, J Ibison & Marsh & 4 members of the public.
Apologies received from Councillor Fennell who was working away.
Chair opened the meeting by wishing everyone present a “Happy New Year”
2. **Minutes from the meeting held on 20th Nov 2019** were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
3. **Declarations of interest** – Councillor J Ibison declared an interest in item 9b.
4. **Period of public discussion / chance to review Clerk’s report / receive updates from Police, Borough & Parish Councillors re meetings, groups, visits, training courses etc** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.
Rebecca Doody (resident of Calder Vale) brought the war memorial in Calder Vale village to the attention of the Parish Council and the fact that the back of it requires some attention. The front of the memorial was patched up several years ago but maintenance at the back is now required. Clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the memorial / grants available / contact war memorial officer at Wyre for advice and guidance.
4 out of 5 members of the Calder Vale recreation ground management committee were present and talked the Councillors through the proposals for the ground, showing plans of the area. Proposals included a variety of specific areas, which would be developed in a phased approach starting with a path around the perimeter of the field. Other areas included; a dog agility area, a trim trail, wooded areas, seating, etc. The members were asking Councillors, in principal, if the Parish Council would support/give a commitment to the team and the development of the ground. Discussions continued around the need to generate income from the ground and allotments were suggested to rent with short term contracts whilst development of some other areas was ongoing.
The Councillors were impressed with the plans and ideas and offered to support the group in whatever way they could. Financially, at this time the committee have no requirement for assistance, but would appreciate consideration in the future once things start to move forwards with the development. The recreation ground committee will return to the Parish Council in 6 -8 months time with a financial proposal for the Parish Council to consider.
Councillor J Ibison reported that B4RN are to commence work in Calder Vale village on Monday 13th January and all to spread the message that if people want to sign up they must do so via the website. Clerk will include an item on the website for information.
Councillor Howell in his capacity as chair reminded all that if apologies were sent to a meeting, a reason should be given.
Meeting reconvened at 8:25pm.

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5. **Calder Vale Recreation Ground**

The presentation given to the Parish Council in the adjournment was discussed and **it was resolved that all present agreed the proposals were impressive and that the Parish Council would support the management committee. The Parish Council have asked the committee to keep in touch with updates and proposed they return to a Parish Council meeting in approx 6-8 months with a financial proposal if support needed. Councillors offered their assistance as and when required if support attending meetings etc was required.**

6. **Calder Vale war memorial**

This was discussed following information given in the adjournment and **it was resolved that Clerk would investigate ownership of the memorial first, and report back at the next meeting.**

7. **Community event, Saturday 4th April**

This was discussed. The hall is already booked in Calder Vale. Councillor Commander and Marsh are unable to attend due to other commitments. **It was resolved that the Clerk will invite previous attendees and in addition; B4RN, the recreational ground, Nationwide and ask that they also advertise the event through their own networks to increase the advertising of the event. Clerk will chase the corrugated signage discussed at a previous meeting with Councillor Fennell when he is available and ensure that any quotes and lead times are understood ahead of the March meeting hen a decision on purchasing will be required.**

8. **Resident parking permit scheme consultation**

This was discussed and the series of questions discussed and **it was resolved that these are the Parish Council's responses; 1. Permits are fairer if valid for a period of time (ie 2 years). Don't know if the permits are widely used. 2. A good scheme overall but consideration to administer / pay for online should be considered. 3. As 2. 4. It would be appropriate for blue badge holders to pay for permits as there are already allocated blue badge spaces available.**

9. **Planning applications**

- a. Application 19/01028/FUL – Retrospective application for a generator storage container @ Cornmill Nursing home, 24a Bonds Lane. This was discussed and **it was resolved that the Parish Council have no comments to make.**
- b. Application 19/00338/REMAJ – Reserved matters application for appearance, layout, scale for the erection of upto 79 dwellings (following outline permission 15/00891/OUTMAJ) on land @ Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club, Garstang Road. This was discussed and **it was resolved that the Parish Council have no comments to make.**
- c. Application 19/01055/FUL – Erection of agricultural livestock & storage building with land level alterations & access @ Heald Farm Barn, Parkhead Lane. This was discussed and **it was resolved that the Parish Council have no comments to make.**

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10. Duchy Homes development site, Calder House Lane

This was discussed. Roger Longden is still looking into the issues around this access. No further update to report. **It was resolved that this item continue to appear on future agendas until a time the Parish Council has received sufficient information.**

11. Garstang Academy Footpaths improvements & financial contribution

This was discussed. No further update to report. **It was resolved that this item continue to appear on future agendas until a time the Parish Council has received information on the required financial contribution.**

12. Appointing a lengths man or outside contractors

This was discussed and **it was resolved that the Parish Council would not appoint lengthsman but if something within the Parish required attention; it would look to hiring outside contractors on an ad hoc basis. Or highlight issues following usual procedures to the responsible agency (i.e.LCC)**

13. Redrow Toppings development

This was discussed. The Parish Council are still awaiting an update from Wyre enforcement in relation to the resurfacing of the roads. Councillor Howell has written to the contractors (who have responsibility for the gates to the pond) in relation to the fact that the life buoy is on the inside of the gates. He is still awaiting a response.

14. Approval of bank statement / transfers and payments since last meeting

It was resolved that the Chair sign the bank statements showing the following transactions; Clerk's salary 18th Nov £379.03, Clerk's salary 18th Dec £378.83, Easy websites monthly direct debit £27.60 x2 for Dec & Jan 20, cheques previously approved cashed for £63, £40 & £18.55.

15. Current bank balance

Current bank balance of £2,697.27 noted.

16. Councillor's expenses

It was resolved that the expenses of £18.55 relating to the presentation of long service to a previous Councillor were retrospectively agreed.

17. HMRC payments

It was resolved that the HMRC payments of £16.40 for Q4-6 & £16.40 for Q7-9 were retrospectively agreed.

18. Memorial hall charge increase

The memorial hall charges have increased and will now be £25 per meeting (an increase of £5) this is still a reduced rate. This was discussed and **it was resolved that this was accepted.**

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19. Precept 2020/21

This was discussed and using the precept budgeting paper was used to determine the precept amount. **It was resolved that the amount to precept for 2020/21 was £11,200.**

20. Authorise payments

Cheque 075	Barnacre memorial hall	Hall hire for meetings 2018 & 2019	£220
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It was resolved that the above payments be authorised.

21. Dates of the next Parish Council meeting

It was resolved that the date of the next Parish Council meeting, as already agreed, would be 18th March 2020.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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