

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

**MINUTES**

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

1. **Present:**

Councillors Commander, Forshaw, Gorst, Howell, J Ibison, T Ibison, & Marsh.

**Apologies:**

None received.

2. **Declaration of interests**

None to declare.

3. **Minutes**

**Amendment required – Councillor Marsh sent apologies and was not present at the extra ordinary meeting 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

**It was resolved that following the amendment the minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 & the Extra ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

4. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion, giving members the opportunity to update on any meetings attended, to make any comment on the Clerks report & to receive any updates from both Borough & County Councillors.

Adjourned 7.35pm and reconvened 7.50pm.

- The hole in the fence at Dimples Lane / border of the Bellway homes houses off Rennie Close area mentioned. Borough Councillor informed the PC that negotiations with Wyre and Bellway are underway. It would help matters if the Clerk wrote to Bellway homes again about it expressing PC concerns as previously.

- Concerns over the parking issues in Calder Vale village brought up again and visibility for residents going down to both Primrose Cottages and The Holme. Clerk said she would speak to Police again re this and see if anything can be done. But no incidents are reported to police so there is no recorded issues.

- The Community Centre at Garstang was mentioned again. Development here and the loss of the centre does effect the residents of Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish. The subject is high profile at the moment, but no planning applications in to comment on. Some Councillors discussed the possibility of attending action group meetings or even contacting the Town Council to have an informal chat in relation to this to see what was going on and get their position on the matter. Parishioners are asking questions and without more knowledge Councillors are unable to help.

5. **Planning matters**

- Planning application 15/01014/FUL – Formation of a new pond for private leisure use @ Lower House Barn, Strickens Lane. **It was resolved that there were no objections to this application.**

6. **Woodland Management Plan, Barnacre Lodge Estate**

This was discussed. The management plan had been reviewed by Councillors prior to the meeting and it appears to be an extremely good plan. **It was resolved: The Parish Council have no objections or concerns.** Clerk to contact J Leach to inform.

Signed .....

Chair

Date .....

7. **Financial**

It was resolved that the following financial bank statements be noted: Building Society account balance is £1,413.26 (7 December bank statement) & Clerk's salary account balance is £1,108.00 (10 December statement)

8. **New Audit Regime**

Auditing procedures for smaller authorities continue as before but the procurement process will change from 2017. From the start of the financial year 2017/18 smaller authorities including Parish Councils can choose to have an auditor appointed by them by a new sector-led body or they can decide to procure their own. As the Parish Council's turnover is less than £25,000 it will be exempt from having to submit an annual financial return, but will still need to have an auditor appointed in case there are questions from electors to be resolved. If the Parish Council wishes to participate there is nothing to do as smaller authorities are automatically opted into the new body and will have an auditor procured for them. If the Parish Council wishes to opt out of the new arrangements you must make own arrangements with auditors.

This was discussed and **It was resolved that the Parish Council would opt in.**

9. **Wyre task group**

Following LALC Wyre meeting held on 12.01.2016 The task group Wyre have set up to review public transport provision in Wyre have asked Parish Council's to make their views known to LCC in relation to this matter. The matter of public transport was discussed and the fact that the County were going to remove bus subsidies. **It was resolved that as a rural parish with no rural services now (these were taken in previous years) it does cause social isolation for some residents. Particularly to those who don't drive or those who don't have anyone who is able to drive them.** Councillor J Ibison is part of the task group as Borough Councillor and advised that a further meeting had been set for Mid – late February where he was hoping to get more information. He advised the Clerk email views to Peter Foulsham.

10. **Countrywide investigations into recent flooding**

LCC is preparing to have a Countrywide investigation into recent flooding problems. This will take place with the Environment Agency, Planners & District Councils. It has been suggested that Parish Councils could play their part by keeping records of flooded areas in their respective Parishes by taking photographs and retaining them as evidence, which could be subsequently presented to the Environment Agency during the investigation and beyond. This was discussed. **It was resolved that if anyone had any photographs from recent flooding problems, to email to the Clerk and the Clerk would collate, store in a photograph folder on the Parish Council laptop.**

Signed .....Chair

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**11. Precept 2016/17**

This was discussed taking into consideration figures below (based on current financial year) and in addition the purchase of a new laptop and the costs of the Parish / Town Council elections in May 2015 (£107.70)

- Annual website costs £240
- Annual hall hire costs £100
- Annual Autela payroll services £120
- Annual donations £200
- Clerks salary (currently £3319, up for review)
- Annual Insurance £400 approx

**It was resolved that the precept amount for 2016/17 would be £5,500.**

Clerk to inform Wyre Council.

**1. It was resolved that the under mentioned payments be authorised**

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Amount</b>
100248	Autela Ltd	Payroll services Oct, Nov & Dec 2015. And enrolment set up fee	£ 48.50

To note cheque number 100247 was destroyed – written incorrectly.

**12. Personnel Committee**

At the May 2014 meeting it was agreed that there would be set up a Personnel Committee to discuss Clerk’s salary / contract of employment / issues etc..... following trying to get the first meeting up and running there appears to have been confusion over whether this was meant to be a committee or a working group.

After advise from LALC, **It was resolved that the Personnel Committee would be an advisory committee. All recommendations from the committee would be put to full Council for overall decision.**

**13. Note date of next meeting**

As previously agreed the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed .....Chair

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