

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

1. **Present:**

Councillors Commander, Forshaw, Gorst, Howell, T Ibison (Chair), Marsh & County Councillor Shaun Turner.

Apologies:

Councillors J Ibison.

2. **Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 18th October 2017 & the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting on 13th December 2017 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. **Declaration of interests**

Councillor Marsh declared an interest in item 7a.

4. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion at 7.40pm, 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.

Councillor Commander had attended a meeting with Councillor J Ibison recently with B4RN fibre and residents of Oakenclough and representatives from Calder Vale primary school to listen to the presentation in a view to get the company to present to Calder Vale residents. There was information given on how the project is funded, investment opportunities, etc. The approx cost for around 30 properties is £28k. The cost increases where there are obstacles which require going round (ie rivers) Oakenclough are now in a position where they have raised enough money for the equipment, they now need to either raise enough to start the digging or for employing contractors to dig or get a team of volunteers. Next step is for the Parish Council to inform residents of Calder Vale of this B4RN project. It is not a Parish Council venture, but will be a community initiative. Councillors Commander and J Ibison were to discuss next communications.

County Councillor Shaun Turner informed the Council of the new Chief Exec (Angie Ridgwell) who was taking on a combined role as Chief Exec and Director of Finance. So far, very positive feedback on her performance. Pot holes were mentioned and the following were brought to the attention of County Councillor Turner: 1. Large pot hole on Calder Vale road, to the right on entering the village, near Sherrington. 2. A blocked gully on Dimples Lane near Greenfields. 3. A blocked gully at the end of Calder House Lane where it joins Garstang Road. 4. Reservoir Road, general condition – re-surfacing was mentioned and is on the agenda for this work to commence during the year.

5. **LALC accounts yr end 31 March 2017**

It was resolved these accounts be received.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan / Local Plan**

This was discussed and it was agreed that there would be an extra meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 1st February 2018 where it would be discussed further. Things for consideration / discussion at that meeting would be to decide if a plan was going to be produced and if so, what area would it cover. A working party would need to be agreed and involvement from locals, schools, churches, groups, etc be decided.

SignedChair

Date

7. Planning applications

- a.Application: 17/01061/FUL – Extension to existing agricultural building for B1/B8 use and creation of a new vehicular access to Reservoir Road @ High Meadows, Reservoir Road, Barnacre. This application has now been withdrawn. **It was resolved that no action was required.**
- b.Application: 17/00853/FUL – Replacement of existing garage and external store @ 2 Spring Cottages, Ray Lane, Barnacre. This application has now been withdrawn. **It was resolved that no action was required.**
- c.Application: 17/01158/COUQ – Prior approval application for change of use from existing agricultural building to one dwelling (under class Q of the GPDO) @ Barn at Greenaulgh Castle Farm, Castle Lane. This application was reviewed and **it was resolved that the comments previously submitted by the Parish Council in the objection letter dated 17 July 2017 to application 17/00625/COUQ still applied and are even though the applicant has provided a timeline for agricultural use of this building in the recent past, however local residents have advised the Parish Council that this building has not been used for many years and was not originally a barn used for agricultural purposes but was constructed after the farm buildings at Castle Farm were converted to residential properties and has not served any agricultural purpose. This matter needs to be investigated further as it would seem fundamental to this building falling within the eligibility criteria of Class Q of the GPDO 2015 Government Legislation. The Class Q of the GPDO 2015 Government Legislation requires that no structural changes are made to buildings of this type. It would be appropriate to request that Wyre Planning assesses this requirement in conjunction with the Building Regulations in determining the suitability of this building for conversion to a residential property and to also bring to the attention of the planners the applicant’s design statement which indicates that timber cladding would be applied to the frame at upper levels replacing the existing boarding to the upper part of the outer shell (point 3,4 page 4). This would constitute a change to the external appearance of the building. The Applicant has not provided any details to address surface water drainage issues relating to the change of this building for residential use. The access to this property at the end of Castle Lane is via an unmade track which is also a public footpath and the Applicant has made no comment on any potential changes to this track to allow cars to get to the property. consideration is required to the environmental and ecological issues relating to changes to this track particularly if it is proposed to upgrade it to a paved road. In addition, any changes to this track will have detrimental visual impact on the area and residents in the adjoining properties and members of the general public using this footpath will have a loss of amenity.**
- d.Application 17/01189/FUL – Alterations to form bay window and balcony at first floor level to rear of existing dwelling @ Pinet House, Sandholme Lane. **It was resolved there were no objections or comments to make on this application.**

SignedChair

Date

8. **Clerk's salary 2018/19**

This was discussed as per recommendation from Personnel Advisory Committee and **it was resolved that the Clerk's salary for financial year 2018/19 would increase in line with the national agreement, which is currently proposed at 2%.**

9. **Precept 2017/18**

This was discussed taking into consideration figures below (based on current financial year, rounded to the nearest £1)

- Annual website costs £288
- Annual hall hire costs £100
- Annual Autela payroll services £153
- Annual donations £250
- Clerks salary (currently £4164)
- Annual Insurance £324
- Annual LALC subscription £311

Totalling £5,590.

It was resolved that the precept amount for 2018/19 would be £6,000 (Six thousand pounds).

Clerk to inform Wyre Council.

10. **Financial statements**

It was resolved that the following financial bank statements be noted: Building Society account balance is £1,691.88 (07 December 2017 bank statement) & Clerk's salary account balance is £1,401.88 (08 December 2017 statement)

11. **Payments**

It was resolved that the under mentioned payment be authorised.

Cheque no	Payee	Reason	Amount
100275	Barnacre Memorial Hall	Hall hire for 2016 & 2017	£200.00

12. **Note date for next meeting**

**Thursday 1st February 2018 – An extra meeting to discuss a neighbourhood plan
Wednesday 18th July 2017 – next regular meeting**

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

SignedChair

Date