

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

1. Present: Parish Councillors Commander (Chair), Fennell, Forshaw, Howell, Ibison & Marsh.
Apologies: Councillors Gorst who was attending a Calder Vale village hall committee meeting.
2. Minutes from the regular meeting held on 16th November 2022 were discussed. **It was resolved that the Chair would sign the minutes as a correct record.**
3. **Declarations of interest – None.**
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 7:31pm:

East Gate House, Bruna Hill application has been called in to Committee. Concerns over more and more of these type applications are turning up as the Government move these type of applications into communities. No footpaths in the vicinity and on a windy country road. There appears to be a disproportionate amount of these type of properties within the Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish. A similar application in Cabus recently went to Committee and was thrown out. To keep an eye on the progression of this application.

Castle Lane still don't have a date when the application will go to the Planning Committee; however they are continuing to prepare to be in attendance when the time comes.

Conditions of roads were discussed – Councillor Marsh has had many comments and conversations with residents over Reservoir Road and has been advising people to go online and report to LCC Highways using the portal. This is the correct procedure to follow. Also discussed the pot hole on Sullom Side Lane just past Gorst's Farm. This has been reported but yet to be filled.

Meeting reconvened at 7:40pm.

5. **Climate Change**

Councillor Commander reported that all the Prospous reports have come back and have indicated that all properties would be suitable for a grant & would benefit from a ground heat source pump and he will share the reports with all for information.

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Councillors Commander & Ibison have recently met with Keith Case from Chipping who is involved with the Chipping project who confirmed that the project needs to be organised properly, it is persistent and things wouldn't necessarily be easy but worthwhile.

They have also been invited to watch a pilot in Chipping of a bore hole down to establish thermal capacity. They will feedback following the visit.

The Chipping group is a large group which has generated £100k in grants but challenges they are facing are around Governance, Finance & engineering. It was resolved following lots of discussion that a working party needs to be formed. Agreed date of Thursday 2nd Feb to hold a public meeting in Calder Vale Club from 19:00hr to gauge interest. Councillor Commander would put some words together to advertise the meeting for inclusion on notice boards, fb sites and Parish website.

Clerk would liaise with the club to confirm date ok, if not will communicate via email where another date would be agreed.

In order to receive the £15k grant which has been awarded from Electricity NW requires an invoice from the PC in order for the funds to be transferred. Councillor Commander will provide Clerk with the necessary wording for this.

6. LCC Budget consultation

This was discussed and **it was resolved that there were no comments.**

7. Community events 2023

These were discussed and **it was resolved that the next event would take place in May in Calder Vale. If the Health bus would be attending the venue should be the Calder Vale Country Club due to space required for the bus, if it is not attending then the Calder Vale Village Hall should be used. The event will run from a later time of 10:30 – 12 noon.**

Clerk to invite the following to attend the event bringing info for public:

Health bus

Fire Service

Police

Cosy Homes

Canal & Rivers Trust – Steve Birkenshaw, NW Community Engagement Officer

Wyre Climate Change rep – Sammy Gray

And Councillor J Ibison will get in touch with his contact for Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Clerk to include on the March agenda to discuss advertising the event and will give an update on attendees' responses.

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8. **Email from Edith Gorst re a warm place, Calder Vale Methodists Chapel.**

Councillor Commander had received an email from Edith Gorst (obo Calder Vale Methodist Chapel) who are looking to offer a warm place to go for a warm drink, bite to eat due to the cost of living crisis and was looking to the Parish Council for a donation to the cost.

This was discussed and agreed it was a good idea, however there is a LCC grant of up to £500 available to establish such places. Councillor Forshaw has the form for the grant and will forward onto Clerk who will contact Edith and inform her about the grant and ask her to keep in touch with the Parish Council. If numbers / uptake on the warm space offer starts to cost the Chapel, the Parish Council would definitely consider making a donation.

9. **Planning applications / appeals / other planning matters**

a. Revised / amended application 22/01068/FULMAJ – Erection of an agricultural storage building for silage @ Slack Farm, Keepers Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**

b. Application 22/01234/FUL – Two storey side extension & single storey front extension (following demolition of existing detached garage) @ The Old Bar, Arkwright Farm, Eidsforth Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**

10. **Financial transactions**

It was resolved that the Chair would sign the bank statements showing the following transactions being authorised:

Date of Bank statement	Paid IN / OUT	Paid on	Paid to	Amount £	Payment method
10 Nov 22	OUT	18.10.22	Mrs N Mason (Clerk salary)	407.87	SO
10 Nov 22	OUT	21.10.22	Councillor Forshaw (wreaths)	40.00	FP
10 Nov 22	OUT	01.11.22	Easy Websites	27.60	DD
10 Dec 22	OUT	18.11.22	Mrs N Mason (Clerk salary)	407.67	SO
10 Dec 22	OUT	28.11.22	M Gorst (noticeboard and paint)	822.50	FP
10 Dec 22	OUT	01.12.22	Easy websites	27.60	DD
10 Dec 22	OUT	08.12.22	Garstang Christmas lights (donation)	200.00	FP
10 Dec 22	OUT	08.12.22	HMRC	66.40	FP

CHQ – Cheque. SO – Standing Order. DD – Direct Debit. BACs – Bankers' Automated Clearing System. BGC – Bankers Giro Credit. FP – Faster payment.

11. **Bank statement**

The current bank balance is £5,655.81. **It was resolved this be noted.**

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12. **To discuss any recommendations from the Personnel Advisory Committee and agree Clerk's salary 2023/24**

This was discussed and **it was resolved that the recommendation from the Personnel Advisory Committee was that the salary 2023/24 should be in accordance with the current NJC salary scales was agreed.** The increase has yet to be confirmed nationally but once it is, payroll should be updated with the relevant figures. In the event of any one-off cost of living payments recommended nationally, **it was also resolved that the Parish Council would mirror any such payment to the Clerk.**

13. Notice Board, Bonds

Clerk reported that the notice board had been tampered with and as a result would not shut properly. Matthew Gorst (joiner) had repaired the board FOC but did point out that the board back was starting to rot and ideally should be replaced. As the board needs sanding, painting and new backing (felt) putting in; it was resolved that Clerk should liaise with Matthew and ask he carries out any work required.

14. Printer

Current printer has been playing up recently. Cost the Parish Council £32 in 2014. This was discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk should replace the printer within a £100 budget.

15. Precept

This was discussed, using the precept budgeting paper to determine the precept amount. **It was resolved that the amount to precept for 2023/24 was £8,000.**

16. Retrospective payment for authorisation

MOP	Paid	For	Amount £
FP	HMRC	Q3 (06.10.22 - 06.01.23)	66.40
FP	Garstang Christmas lights fund	Donation to 2022 lights	200.00
FP	Autela payroll	Monthly payroll Q3 (Oct – Dec) & pension regulator declaration submitted	66.27

17. To authorise payment of the following:

MOP	Pay	For	Amount £
FP	Barnacre memorial hall	Hall hire 2022	150.00

18. Next meeting date

As previously agreed, the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 22.03.23.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

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