

# Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

## MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm.

**Draft Minutes to be approved at the next meeting.**

1. Present: Parish Councillors Commander (Chair), Fennell (Vice Chair), Howell, Ibison, Reilly, Harkins & 2 members of the public.

Apologies received from Cllr Webster.

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held on 12th July 2023, were **resolved** by the Council to be a true record and were signed by Councillor Fennell.
3. Declarations of Interest – **None to report.**
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 19.32.

Cllr Ibison updated on his discussions with Wyre River Trust to improve the towpath between Barnacre through to Bilsborrow. A meeting is arranged between Cllr Ibison, the Wyre Borough Officer, and the Canal & Rivers Trust. Cllr Ibison is Hoping to achieve a good green Footpath to allow good walking access between Barnacre and Bilsborrow. The Council discussed possible funding sources.

Discussions followed regarding the proposed planning application for the Solar Energy Farm on Turners Lane, Barnacre referring to the consultation that took place on 02<sup>nd</sup> August 2023. The Council discussed the proposed screening from Dimples Lane to screen the Solar Park from residents. The consensus was that it would be well screened, and visibility would be limited.

Cllr Howell fed back some concerns raised at the Consultation including, the effect it would have on local wildlife (such as deer), electromagnetic radiation, the residential proximity to the planned Solar Farm and how it would affect public access as there are public footpaths on the specified site.

It was **resolved** that an email would be appropriate prior to the application to the proposers to establish what the benefits would be to the local community.

Cllr Ibison raised the issue of the speed of traffic on Bowgreave which has been raised by a local resident. Parish Councillors agreed there were public safety issues and it was **resolved** that the Parish Council will write to Lancashire County Council to make them aware of the issues raised.

Meeting reconvened at 19.46.

## 5. **Climate Change**

Cllr Commander advised that along with Derek Mitchell from Propus, Energy NW scheme has opened talks regarding proposals for Community Energy Groups it has been noted that there is the opportunity to look at Community Energy Generation. To apply may help to incentivise residents to invest in low carbon generation in Calder Vale. There are currently engagement issues mainly recognised as financial with a large amount of capital investment needed by residents to get the projects into fruition. The estimated figure being around £20,000 per household.

Various uses for the grant funding were discussed including Community solar park or a windmill with the option to sell the energy on to local businesses. Suggestions included Lappet Mill in Calder Vale or potentially Local Dairy Farms. The businesses get lower energy prices, and the community can generate income.

It was **resolved** that a letter would be written to Lappet Mill, Cllr Ibison and Cllr Commander would provide the content for the clerk to send.

Cllr Ibison updated on the prospective tender through Propus for the Almshouses, residents fit the criteria for the Cosy Homes scheme. This would be a big step forward whereby a community heat pump system would go into the private sector, if successful. They are preparing a submission to Cosy Homes and hoping to be accepted onto the scheme. Discussions followed regarding the promotion of the Parish Council and their involvement in the project.

6. Mr Glenn – 1 Crowther Close. The Parish Council formally recognised the two letters received by the Clerk from Mr Gary Glenn. The Parish Council sought advice from LALC regarding the issue who advised referral to the Monitoring officer for any further contact. The Parish Council did not consider any breach of protocol had taken place.
7. All items relating to the Clerk's contract were agreed. Any issues that may arise would be dealt with by the Personnel advisory subcommittee and members would be reviewed at the AGM. It was **resolved** that the standing orders would be reviewed annually, copies are to be sent out prior to the AGM to be discussed at the meeting. The clerk's contract was signed by Cllr Commander (Chair) and the Helen Adair (Clerk).
8. The current accounting system was discussed, it was agreed that the council would move to an online cloud system to enable full transparency and future proofing of the accounts system. The Parish Council will subscribe to 'Scribe' an online company specifically designed for Parish and Town Councils, payment was authorised (£144 annually). It was **resolved** the Clerk will purchase 12 months subscription and there will be a review of the progress at the AGM.
9. **Flooding Greenacres/ Broadoak** Cllr Ibison advised that it had been recognised that there is an issue with a manhole at the junction with Greenacres and Broadoak and liability has been accepted, the item is to be discussed at the flood

forum 14.09.23. It is on course to be dealt with but will be funding dependent with no fixed date for repairs.

10. It was recognised there is a damaged manhole cover on the Path 100. It was **resolved** to contact LCC to raise the issue of the safety of the path.
11. It was **resolved** to contact LCC to express concerns of the road safety at the junction where Footpath 100 meets the B643 Garstang Road. It will be proposed that safety measures are installed.
12. The Councillors discussed the Castle Lane development, and it was **resolved** that the item be closed and revisited once an application comes in.

### 13. **Bowgreave and Calder Vale Fields**

Buying/renting public space was discussed. All agreed it was prudent to wait until the Bowgreave development was complete. It was **resolved** to revisit at a later date with the aim being to gain a community area for use as parkland, garden, place for young people.

14. Cllr Reilly proposed his planned updates for the Parish Council website. It was **resolved** that the following changes are approved: -
  - Add a link to direct to Wyre Planning Portal.
  - Councillors page – Include Information about how Councillors are elected.
  - Add useful contacts' page.
  - Add new section under documents to display relevant 'Council Policies'.
  - Update text on homepage to explain the three tiers of Government and show the responsibilities of each.
  - Review and update current information displayed on 'About' page.
15. It was **resolved** to approve and adopt the proposed social media policy. Item to be added to the Policies page of the website.
16. It was **resolved** to approve and adopt the proposed Complaints Policy. Item to be added to the Policies page of the website.
17. All councillors present at the meeting confirmed their attendance at the Community Event on 07.10.23. It was agreed that Cosy Homes would bring their trailer to the event, photos of which were shown to the Councillors. Attendees to date were confirmed by the clerk and it was advised that Age Concern would not be attending. **Clerk to continue promoting event.**
18. Discuss the following planning applications / appeals, note any comments:
  - a. Planning application - 23/00714/FUL - Proposed first floor rear extension (re-sub of 23/00357/FUL) @12 Greenacres Drive - **This was discussed and resolved there were no comments.**

- b. Planning application – 23/00486/FUL – Erection of stable block for private use @ Oak Barn, Byerworth Lane North – **This was discussed and resolved there were no comments.**
- c. Planning application – 23/00610/FUL – Proposed rear extension, flue for wood burning fire, alterations to side window and relocation of rear/side gate @ 1 Crowther Close, Barnacre – **This was discussed and it was resolved there were no comments, however, the Parish Council wish to advise Wyre Council to check that the proposed house extension design is in accordance with the requirements of Blackpool Council, Fylde Borough Council, & Wyre Borough Council Extending Your Home Supplementary Planning Document.**

19. 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
10.07.23	OUT	19.06.23	Mrs N S Mason (Clerk's Salary)	444.08	SO
10.07.2023	OUT	03.07.23	Easy Websites	27.60	DD
10.07.2023	OUT	03.07.23	Autela Payroll	54.58	FP
10.08.2023	OUT	17.07.23	M P Gorst	350.00	FP
10.08.2023	OUT	17.07.23	Calder Vale Village Hall	10.00	FP
10.08.2023	OUT	17.07.23	Mrs N S Mason (Paper, Ink, Event)	54.83	FP
10.08.2023	OUT	17.07.23	Mrs N S Mason (Microsoft Subscription)	148.32	FP
10.08.23	OUT	17.07.23	Prospus Group LTD	1158.00	FP
10.08.23	OUT	18.07.23	Mrs N S Mason (Clerk's Salary)	444.08	SO
10.08.23	OUT	21.07.23	LANPAC Ltd	60.00	FP
10.08.23	OUT	25.07.23	Helen Adair (Clerk's Salary)	418.08	SO
10.08.23	OUT	01.08.23	Easy Websites	27.60	DD

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

Current bank balance of Standard Balance £8,074.18 Grant Balance £13,302 Total Balance £21,376.18 (Balance 01.08.23) – **It was resolved that this be noted.**

20. It was noted payment has been made to the following as previously agreed:

MOP	Paid	For	Amount £
FP	Mrs N Mason	Henry's long service gift	142.00

FP	LANPAC	Annual membership	60.00
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**21. It was resolved to authorise payment of the following:**

<b>MOP</b>	<b>Pay</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
FP	LALC	New Councillor Training x 2 (26.09.23)	70.00
FP	LALC	New Clerk Training (23.11.23)	35.00

**22. Next meeting date**

As previously agreed, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Prepared by Helen Adair 14.09.20.23

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