

# Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

## MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Draft – for approval at the meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

1. Present: Parish Councillors Commander (Chair), Fennell, Forshaw, Howell, Ibison & 2 members of the public.  
Apologies: Councillors Gorst & Marsh.
2. Minutes from the regular meeting held on 14th September 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 7:32pm:

2 members of the public were asked if there was anything specific they wished to discuss with Councillors; they were there just to observe the meeting and had nothing to address the Councillors about.

Councillor Norman Howell reported he had attending the LALC meeting on 26.10.22 where the Community Engagement Officer for Canal & Rivers trust gave a presentation on how they had evolved from National Rivers Authority. Councillor Howell suggested a representative from the trust be invited to a Community day in the new year. There were discussions around extending the tow path of which there is a long length within Barnacre-with-Bonds but as always, funding becomes an issue in particularly due to the number of bridge hits which is a concern when it comes to funding and resources. There were also discussions around improving signage.

There was also a presentation from Andy Ward who is currently acting as Police Sergeant in Wyre North area; Lorraine Lister will become Sergeant in Garstang from 01.01.23. Discussions around the rural taskforce took place and it was reported that crime in Wyre was generally down. Majority being domestic violence & anti-social behaviour. Figures for incidents:

In 2020 – 205 reported

In 2021 – 190 reported

In 2022 to date – 165 reported.

Current initiatives are Defender (combatting burglary) & Bright Spark (around bonfire night).

There have also been talks around 24 hour coverage at Garstang Police Station.

Meeting reconvened at 7:37pm.

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5. **Climate Change**

Councillor Commander reported that the Parish Council had been successful in securing a £15k grant from Electricity North West to carry out a feasibility study to consider ground source heat pumps in Calder Vale village. The Parish Council will work with a company called Prospous who have been working on a similar project in Chipping village. A flyer drop on Vale Terrace, Victoria Terrace and Long Row found 3 houses (one from each row) willing to have a survey done in their home. These will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. The £15k will be deposited into the Parish Council bank account and the spend from it should be monitored separately. It was agreed that a sub committee to progress this work be set up consisting of Councillor Commander (as Chair), Councillor Ibison & Kate Gilmartin (Community energy investment lead for Lancashire County Council). Sammy Grey from Wyre has also been approached to join the Committee. Discussions took place around how this would be promoted around the area; Councillor Commander will send some wording to Clerk to include on the website to advertise what is happening/about the grant etc. To consider hosting an evening event in Calder Vale Club or Calder Vale village hall to generate interest and answer any public questions. Also to include a link to the Chipping project. The Government have a greener energy initiative and if successful in a bid; this could mean up to 50% off installation cost to any customer.

6. **Volunteers for the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) in rural areas**

At a presentation at Wyre Council the CAB gave a talk and were looking into how they could recruit volunteers in rural areas. This was discussed and **it was resolved that Councillor Ibison would obtain a name / contact for the Clerk to get in touch with and invite a rep to the next Community event in the new year.**

7. **Community events 2023**

These were discussed and **it was resolved that the events would take place in April (Calder Vale) and October (Bonds) 2023 and this be included on the agenda for Jan 2023.**

8. **Trees/plaques to commemorate the Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.**

These were discussed and as it is now tree planting season; Clerk would obtain the quotes for the plaques and to get quotes for the trees that were suggested by the Wyre Tree Officer and report at the January meeting.

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## 9. Civility & respect pledge

Recently, the Civility & respect pledge has been introduced for Parish Councils and the Parish Council is being asked to consider taking the pledge. The aim is to promote civility and respect in public life, good governance, positive debate as well as supporting the well-being of councillors, professional Officers and staff.

The pledge: The Parish Council has:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy
- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/champion council through for example the local **Local Council Award Scheme**
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate

By signing the Pledge, the Parish Council is agreeing that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles.

This was discussed and **it was resolved that the Parish Council sign the pledge.**

## 10. Planning applications / appeals / other planning matters

- a. Planning application 22/00964/FUL – Single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing rear conservatory) & conversion of existing integral garage into ancillary living accommodation @ 17 Tarnacre View. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- b. Planning application 22/00974/FUL – Two storey front extension to dwelling replacement garage with bathroom to rear, replacement domestic outbuilding / garage @ Howeth Farm, Bruna Hill. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- c. Planning application 22/00963/FUL – Erection of new building for use as private stables & storage of machinery / implements ancillary to the agricultural land, together with surrounding hardstanding @ Rough Moor Barn, Delph Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**

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- d. Planning application 22/01022/FUL – Alterations & single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling @ 19 Garstang Road, Bowgreave. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- e. Planning application 22/01087/FUL - Single storey rear extension, creation of a new vehicular access, new covered entrance to side, conversion of existing garage to provide storage, a gymnasium and plant rooms including replacement roof, erection of a new detached triple garage, external works including reinstating railings to the road elevation, formation of a new gate, improvements to the existing vehicular access and the formation of a new parking court and paved terrace @ Sion Hill. Bonds Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- f. Planning application 22/01037/FUL – Conversion of existing garage to ancillary living accommodation @ Meadowbank, Strickens Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- g. Planning application 22/00974/FUL – Two storey front extension to dwelling, replacement garage with bathroom to rear, replacement domestic outbuilding / garage @ Howeth Farm, Bruna Hill. **This appeared twice on the agenda (@ b). No comments.**
- h. Planning application 22/01068/FUL – Erection of an agricultural building for silage @ Slack Farm, Keepers Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- i. Planning application 22/00942/FUL – Single storey side extension connecting to garage @ Hillwards, 6 Dimples Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**

#### 11. Financial transactions

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

<b>Date of Bank statement</b>	<b>Paid IN / OUT</b>	<b>Paid on</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Payment method</b>
09 Sept '22	OUT	18.08.22	Mrs N Mason (Clerk Aug salary)	407.67	SO
09 Sept '22	OUT	01.09.22	Easy websites	27.60	DD
09 Sept '22	OUT	02.09.22	HMRC	3.80	FP
09 Sept '22	OUT	07.09.22	Autela payroll	51.61	FP
10 Oct '22	OUT	20.09.22	Mrs N Mason (Clerk Sept salary)	407.87	SO
10 Oct '22	OUT	03.10.22	Easy Websites	27.60	FPO

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

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**12. Bank statement**

The current bank balance is £7,931.46. **It was resolved this be noted.**

**13. Retrospective payment for authorisation**

<b>Payment method</b>	<b>To pay</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
FP	H Forshaw	2 x Remembrance wreaths	40.00

**It was resolved that the above payments be authorised.**

**10. Payment for authorisation**

<b>Payment method</b>	<b>To pay</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
FP	M Gorst	Noticeboard, Calder Vale	822.50

**11. Meeting dates for 2023**

These were discussed and **it was resolved that the meetings in 2023 would take place on the following dates:**

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

June 14<sup>th</sup> (Annual meeting)

Sept 13<sup>th</sup>

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>

Meeting closed at 8:17pm.

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