

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Wednesday 22nd March 2023.

1. Present: Parish Councillors Commander (Chair), Fennell, Forshaw, Gorst, Howell, Ibison & Marsh & 1 member of the public.
2. Minutes from the regular meeting held on 10th January 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:

Councillor Ibison reported that he had visited the new Dementia Unit at Bowgreave recently. Very impressed. 45 bedrooms (5 x blocks of 9). They are hoping to move residents over w/c 23.04.23.

Clerk read out a letter from Edith Gorst of the Calder Vale Methodist Chapel updating the Parish Council with the warm spaces venture – it had attracted several people in who have enjoyed the food, drinks and warm space along with the company. This will continue to run until the end of the month. They were successful in obtaining the LCC grant of £500 and this will have covered the majority of the costs.

A resident of Castle Lane was present at the meeting and wished to update the Councillors on the Castle Lane application. The application had gone to Wyre Planning Committee last week where the application was deferred. It is expected to be brought back to Committee 5th / 6th April. The Castle Lane working group met again last night to discuss the objections again and further research is being done.

There is some contradictory information around sequential tests and removing passing places along the lane; these are being looked into in more detail.

Discussed also was the fact that the lane is pitch black; no street lighting and no pavements and there was a clear danger around the junction; an accident on the bridge this evening had grid locked the Southern part of Garstang. Increasing traffic to and from Castle Lane just increased risk here.

The school is also onboard objecting to the application once again and the Parish Council will send in a further letter with the intention to help support the objections.

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Councillor Marsh brought up again the bad condition of the road surface on Reservoir Road. All residents are contacting her about it and all residents are reporting it to LCC Highways but nothing seems to be done about it. The drains are becoming an environmental Health issue and pot holes a perpetual problem.

Councillor Gorst also highlighted the bad condition of the road surface when entering Calder Vale village. From Sherrington down to the Club, the pot holes and uneven surfacing is deteriorating rapidly.

Clerk will highlight these issues to County Councillor Shaun Turner and see if there is anything he can do to assist progression to improve these areas of the road within the Parish.

Meeting reconvened at 7:52pm.

5. **Castle Lane application 22/00669/OUT**

This application formed the discussion in the adjournment. It was resolved that the Parish Council would submit a further letter of objection to Wyre Planning Dept.

6. **Climate Change**

Councillor Commander reported that he had chased the grant money as this had still not been received and the Clerk does have a bill to pay for the Prospous reports. Once the money is received it will need to be accounted for separately to the Parish Council funds as this will not be Parish Council money and will need to be protected as a separate pot of money only to be used for the purpose it was acquired for. The next step is that Prospous will create a survey which will gauge interest in the village of Calder Vale.

7. **Community events 2023**

The event on Sat 20th May was discussed. Clerk updated the Councillors with the following:

The Calder Vale village hall had been booked. Previously mentioned the Club in Calder Vale but only if the Health bus could attend as the car park would be required. The health bus is not offering services at this time, so won't be attending.

Attendees invited / responses to date:

Health bus – not attending.

Fire Service – will attend.

Police- will attend.

Cosy Homes – will attend.

Canal & Rivers Trust – Steve Birkenshaw, NW Community

Engagement Officer – still awaiting a response.

Wyre Climate Change rep – Sammy Gray – still awaiting a response.

Alison Boden (Coast & Countryside Team, Wyre) – will attend.

Kate Baird (Health & Community Team, Wyre) – will attend.

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Following discussion, **It was resolved that the event be advertised as a “Community catch up” from 10:30 – 12:00. Offer hot / cold drinks and biscuits. Also that we would obtain a copy of a map of the Parish showing the boundary. There were still residents in Bonds who believe they live in Garstang not Barnacre-with-Bonds. Clerk will work with Councillor Fennell to obtain a map and publish this on social media sites with the information about the event on the 20th May. Clerk will display the map on Parish boards also and having one at the event will also be useful.**

Clerk will include this on the next meeting agenda for May to confirm lower-level detail / housekeeping for on the day. Clerk will also liaise with Emma Lyons at Wyre re advertising this event.

8. King Charles III coronation.

This was discussed and **it was resolved that the Parish Council would not be organising an event as such but would purchase a new 50pence coin for all primary school aged children at the two school within the Parish. Calder Vale St Johns and St Mary & St Michaels, Bonds. There are 123 children on register at St Mary & St Michaels and 32 on register at Calder Vale St Johns. Clerk would put each 50pence coin in a plastic case and deliver to Councillor Marsh and contact each school to inform them of the coins / delivery. Councillor Marsh would deliver the coins into the two schools on Monday 24th April.**

A few more than the numbers on register should be taken to cover any additional children not accounted for at this time. 130 to go to St Mary & St Michaels and 40 to go to Calder Vale St Johns.

9. Garstang Community Academy

Clerk has received emails from the Academy re the traffic at the drop off / pick up times and the concern from the new head teacher who has seen a significant increase in traffic at these times since he arrives a few months ago and very concerned at the increased risk to the safety of the school children crossing the road to get buses / lifts etc. They would like consideration to be made to putting a crossing with lights to make a visible and audible difference for not only the young people but others at all times, but especially the busy times outside of the academy.

This was discussed. The Councillors have all experienced the chaos with traffic outside the Academy at these times and acknowledged that the suggestion of a crossing of some kind was a good one and they would support it. **It was resolved that the Clerk would reply explaining this but that it would be Lancashire County Council highways department they would need to get in touch with regarding the proposal. LCC would probably need to do a site visit; so suggest they ensure LCC are aware of the times that the area outside school are at the worst and cc in County Councillor Shaun Turner.**

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10. Clerk's resignation

Clerk has handed in a letter of resignation which has been read and receipt acknowledged. Given the end of year accounts, audit Commission return, election, community event etc are all in the next few months; it was agreed that the final day (at the latest) for the Clerk to work would be 31.07.23. This would allow enough time for all the above-mentioned activities to have been completed along with any handover period to a new Clerk.

The hours / rate would remain the same and should be included in a job advert. Clerk will put something together and circulate for all to approve before advertising the role. Interviews would need to take place – Clerk will liaise with Councillors throughout the process and will review progress at the meeting in May.

11. Planning applications / appeals / other planning matters

- a. Application 22/01134/FUL – Change of use from former agricultural field (sheep grazing) into secure dog exercise paddock @ Tarnside, Dimples Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- b. Application 23/00275/FUL – Erection of a detached garden room @ Cherish View, Strickens Lane. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**

12. 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 Jan 2023	OUT	19.12.22	Mrs N Mason (Clerk's Dec salary and included backdated salary increase arrears)	657.61	SO
10 Jan 2023	OUT	30.12.22	Autela payroll (invoice 10674)	66.27	FP
10 Jan 2023	OUT	03.01.23	Easy websites	27.60	DD
10 Feb 2023	OUT	11.01.23	Mrs N Mason (for printer and ink)	94.48	FP
10 Feb 2023	OUT	18.01.23	Mrs N Mason (Clerk's Jan salary)	435.68	SO
10 Feb 2023	OUT	01.02.23	Easy websites	27.60	DD
10 March 2023	OUT	20.02.23	Mrs N Mason (Clerk's Feb salary)	435.88	SO
10 March 2023	OUT	01.03.23	Easy Websites	27.60	DD
10 March 2023	OUT	06.03.23	HMRC	25.00	FP
10 March 2023	OUT	09.03.23	Autela payroll (invoice 11191)	69.31	

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

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13. **Bank statement**

The current bank balance is £4,540.26 **It was resolved this be noted.**

14. **It was resolved to authorise retrospective payments of the following:**

MOP	Paid	For	Amount £
FP	Mrs N Mason	Canon printer & ink	94.48
FP	HMRC	Q10-12	25.00
FP	Autela Payroll	Payroll Jan – March & EOY HMRC	69.31

15. **It was resolved to authorise payment of the following:**

MOP	Pay	For	Amount £
FP	Mrs N Mason	170 x new 50pences	85.00
FP	Mrs N Mason	Plastic holders for 50pences	21.98

16. **Next meeting date**

It was agreed to change the next arranged meeting date (14.06.23) as the Annual meeting needs to be held within 14 working days following the election (4th May) to Wed 17th May. This would be the Annual meeting of the Parish Council. It was also agreed that there would be an additional meeting on July 12th.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Signed Date