Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the meeting which took place on Wednesday 15th January 2014 at Barnacre Memorial Hall.

1. Present:

Councillors Blackwell, Gorst, T Ibison (chair), J Ibison, Kellett & Woods & 1 member of the public (LCC Councillor)

Apologies:

Councillor Howell.

2. Declaration of interests

None to record.

3. Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 16th October 2013 & the extra ordinary meeting on 25th November 2013 having been circulated previously be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public discussion, giving members the opportunity to update on any meetings attended, etc. Discussions took place regarding the Bowgreave 106 money that Councillor Howell has been pursuing on behalf of the Council & the community. General feeling was that the lack of co operation from Wyre had been unacceptable. All the committee agreed that Councillor Howell has been doing a fantastic job & requested that the clerk contact him to thank him and also ask that he continued to push Wyre on behalf of the Parish Council on this matter and any monies that would be possibly coming available with the new development on The Toppings.

5. The Queen's garden party 2014.

It was resolved that the clerk should nominate Chairman Councillor T Ibison and his wife to attend to represent the Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish.

6. LALC Spring conference & training programme 2014

All documentation noted as received. No interest in any training currently to note.

7. Subsidised bus services, budget proposals

This was discussed. The clerk confirmed that this issue was also on the agenda to be discussed at the Wyre Area Committee. It was resolved that the clerk should send in comments to Lancashire County Council. The Parish Council fully appreciate that pressures are on LCC to meet further savings but as a large area of the Parish is rural (where all buses have been stopped recently), it was unanimous in opinion that if these proposed buses are stopped as well it would be extremely limiting to members of the public in the Parish and would have a detrimental effect on businesses like Theatres, cinema, etc. A suggestion to LCC from the PC would be to keep the bus route no 40 Morecambe – Preston.

8. Clerk's salary 2014/15

This was discussed. It was resolved that the Clerk's salary for 2014/15 should remain the same as 2013/14 (£3,319) and a separate committee be introduced to discuss the salary in the future / a personnel committee. Clerk to include this item on the April agenda.

9. Precept 2014/15

This was discussed. It was resolved that the balance of the Parish Council bank account should be reduced, as there was no need to hold current balance as there was no project in sight in the foreseeable future and as the Parish Grant from Wyre has been withdrawn and the PC have to precept the salary amount this would reduce the amount of precept. Annual costs to the Parish were considered and the precept amount for 2014/15 should be £3,000 (three thousand pounds) Clerk to notify Wyre.

10. Financial

It was resolved that the following account balances should be approved:

Building society account balance £4,812.99 (9 Dec 2013 statement) Clerks salary account balance £1,106.00 (10 Dec 2013 statement)

11. Payments

It was resolved that the under mentioned payments be authorised

Cheque no	Payee	Reason	Amount
100219	Easy Web Sites Ltd	Monthly hosting fees Sept 13 – March 14	£168.00
100220	Autela Limited	Payroll services Oct - Dec 2013	£31.50

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15	Date	of nex	t meeting

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

It was resolved that the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wed 23rd April 2014

Signed	Chair	Date