

Barton Le Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February 2017

Present Cllrs. K Brennan (Chair) E Daly (Vice Chair) M Furnandiz and Sir F Strickland-Constable

1. Representations by members of the public

No representations were received

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies John Wilson (Clerk)

Chair to confirm the status of Cllr Bradbury's attendance.

3. Minutes of the AGM and previous meeting 2nd November 2016

These were agreed by council and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

a) Planning – Nil to Report

b) Barton Hill railway Crossing. At the end of November 2016 John Wilson (clerk) met with Jeremy Jackson Network Rail Line Operation Manager at the crossing. Jeremy offered to install bells on each gate for pedestrians, who wished them opened, to alert the signalman who would then unlock and re-lock them, leaving them in the usual locked position. A notice to this effect would be placed near the bell on each gate. The motion was proposed to the council in the interim and passed, we await the installation.

c) Audits. An internal auditor is required for the parish books for the end of the financial year. Sir Fred mentioned that an email by the village hall committee to parishioners may be helpful to identify someone. Chair to ask village hall secretary.

5. Correspondence and Public notices

All e-mails received have been forwarded as relevant. Thank you to the Clerk for filtering and passing on important relevant notices to councillors.

6. External Audit

The previous minute of agenda 2 November 2016 to be carried forward to next meeting. "The Clerk recommended and Council agreed that he and the Chair would closely examine what the details and implications were for the new system of auditing for smaller councils, "opt in" option which had been chosen." Chair confirmed that the "opt in" is straight forward and that the external auditors will remain as before under the new scheme.

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7. Financial Statement

Confirmation of bank account authority changes had are now in place. Signatories of Clerk, Cllr Sir F Strickland-Constable and Cllr Lindsey Bradbury. The financial statement from Nov 1st 2016 -31st January 2017 was reviewed by the council and agreed. Expenditure £60 for clerk expenses. Cheque signed by Cllr. Sir F Strickland Constable and second signature required from Cllr Bradbury. Chair raised the point that the signatories may well be requiring review in light of the minute below concerning the clerk position and Cllr Bradbury's position above. Chair to follow up.

8. Precept

Minute from meeting 2nd November 2016. The Precept calculation using the last several years of financial summary was kindly provided by the Clerk. This was scrutinised by councillors and the Chair proposed the motion that the suggested precept of £1050 be agreed on. Discussion was held regarding asset responsibilities and the continued diligence of keeping council precept funding evidence based and frugal. It was resolved unanimously that the precept was passed at the suggested amount.

No further discussion was raised regarding the precept which has been submitted.

9. Other Business

a) Telephone Kiosk. BT have been contacted by the chair following agreement from the council in the interim to adopt the phone before it was removed. It was scheduled to be removed imminently. It was agreed that the phone kiosk was important to the village heritage and ideas were discussed. Cllr Daly will look into ideas for the kiosk as a community concern such as library for parishioners to swap books and magazines. Chair to chase up with BT the current situation, as BT have responded with a busy status from the adopt a kiosk Team and will be in touch.

b) Clerk position. Chair informed the council that John has decided with regret to resign from his position. Unfortunately John has commitments that may take him away from the village for lengthy periods and is unable continue. John has stated he will provide as much help as possible for a handover. Chair to contact Ryedale Council and approach the village hall secretary to pass on email to see if any parishioners may be interested.

10. Next meeting will be AGM 3rd May 2017.

Signed Neil Bevan (Chair) Date 24/5/ 2017