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Barton Le Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2016

Present Cllrs. K Brennan (Chair) E Daly (Vice Chair) M Furnandiz Sir F Strickland-Constable Caroline Goodrick District Councillor Ryedale South West

1. Representations by members of the public

No representations were received

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr. L Bradbury and John Wilson (Clerk)

3. Minutes of the AGM and previous meeting dated 3rd August 2016

These were agreed by council and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

a) Planning – Nil to Report

b) Barton Hill Street Lights have been repaired following Council acceptance that they were in the Parish so were our responsibility. The Parish Financial Statement for the second quarter has been updated to record the cost of £159.56 to York City Council. Cllr Goodricke advised that nearby parishes have undertaken surveys of their street lights but not without significant financial cost. Chair raised the question of auxiliary funding from local authority should an unforeseen or catastrophic failure occur, would funding be available? Cllr Goodrick advised she would enquire into this question.

c) Barton Hill railway Crossing. Clerk has been in contact with Network Rail. We await further liaison and invite to inspect the crossing and discuss the pedestrian gate and vehicle barrier concern. Barriers and gates are not linked and a pedestrian could enter onto the line with a train coming if the signal person at the crossing failed to close the pedestrian gate. Clerk is in contact with named individuals responsible for signals and rail network crossings. Cllr Goodrick advised that NY Highways should be contacted if required to raise the health and safety issue of pedestrians being diverted into the road to pass the crossing.

5. Correspondence and Public notices

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

b) Public notices regarding the referendum and statutory notification of accounts have all been displayed on the dates required. The Parish financial statement and relevant audit documentation has been published and available to the public in line with recommendations.

c) "Warm and Well" information has been published on the website.

d) Cllr Goodrick reminded Chair that the Parish Liaison Meeting at Ryedale House is available for support, which she attends.

6. External Audit

a) We are pleased to inform councillors that the external auditors have passed the financial matters of the parish with comment. One narrative was made in respect to a £20 grant received that should have been shown separately from the overall grant funding column.

b) The previous minute of agenda 3rd August 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."

7. Financial Statement

a) Confirmation of bank account authority changes had are now in place. Signatories of Clerk, Cllr Sir F Strickland-Constable and Cllr Lindsey Bradbury.

8. Precept

a) The Precept calculation using the last several years of financial summary was kindly provide 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.

9. Other Business

a) Cllr Goodricke informed the council that it was disappointing that the planned change to A64 Barton Hill crossroads had stalled through the loss of finance in respect to being "timed out". This was due to the land not being acquired in time. This has been discussed at senior levels in NYCC and it has been suggested that a compulsory land purchase should be done by the end of the financial year if no progress had been made with the land owners.

b) Chair raised the issue of parish paths again, he had contacted NYCC in regard to the public access footpaths of the Parish, provided in Cllr. Brennan and Daly's report and is awaiting response. Cllr Goodricke informed the council that we should have received details plans of all the paths for the Parish from NYCC in line with other Parishes. This has not been the case and this issue should be carried forward. Chair to pursue with assistance from Cllr Goodricke if required.

c) Drones. The issue of a drone being flown around the village was raised. The council agreed such an issue is not within the council's statutory remit or powers to address. Villagers or businesses in the village with a concern in respect to the use of a drone should report the behaviour to the police.

d) A "For Sale" sign position for Wesley House. Cllr Sir Strickland-Constable requested that the owner's details be passed to him. The sensible option placing an "A" board on the green opposite with respect to the owners opposite could be considered.

10. Dates of Next meetings- were proposed as Wednesday 1st February, 3rd May, 2nd August & 1st November 2017. Proposal passed and dates set.

Signed *K. A. Bennett* (Chair) Date *1/2/2017* 2016