

Barton Le Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd August 2016

Present

Cllrs. K Brennan (Chair) E Daly (Vice Chair) M Furnandiz Sir F Strickland-Constable
J Wilson (Clerk)

1. Representations by members of the public

No representations were received

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr. L Bradbury

3. Minutes of the AGM and previous meeting dated 5th May 2016

These were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

- a) Website - Cllr. Brennan has renewed the subscription for twelve months with SiteMaker for hosting the website.
- b) Planning - Approval for the construction of a garage at Rose Barn has been approved. No further applications have been notified during the last three months.
- c) Good Councillor Guide - Copies were distributed to Cllrs. not present at the May meeting.

5. Barton Hill Street Lights

These have been repaired following Council acceptance that they were in the Parish so were our responsibility. The invoice based on the estimate is awaited. Network Rail, who brought the fault to our attention, have been notified.

6. YLCA

- a) Website access - confidential access details have been circulated to Cllrs.
- b) Requests for information - Clerk illustrated the range and number of the frequent requests for information from other councils, circulated by YLCA, and suggested the Clerk processes and disseminates to the council as relevant. Council accepted this suggestion and agreed this should apply generally to the numerous e-mail communications received by the Clerk.

7. Correspondence

- a) All e-mails received had been forwarded as relevant.
- b) Public notices regarding the referendum and statutory notification of accounts have all been displayed on the dates required.

8. External Audit

- a) Our accounts were submitted by the required date and we await their return.
- b) 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.

9. Financial Statement

- a) Issued. Cheques signed last meeting for YLCA Subs, Electricity and Insurance had all cleared and were shown. A cheque was signed for K Brennan £36.00 for the website, but a second signature could not be added as Clerk's authority to sign had not yet been received. Invoice for streetlight repair is awaited.
- b) Confirmation of bank account authority changes had still not appeared. Clerk had contacted the local branch and they are helping expedite the updating.

10. Other Business

- a) Barton Hill Level Crossing Gates - following previous comments at Council regarding the permanent locking of the pedestrian gates, Clerk had contacted Network Rail and the reply, which in essence said they are shut to facilitate easier operation procedure for the road gates and signals, was not acceptable and the Clerk was asked to put this point to Network Rail.
- b) A64 Barton Hill crossing - Clerk had asked for an update as the indicated date of May 2016 for the start of works had passed and Clare Wood had replied that delays would put this back to at least beyond 2017. She supplied copies of meeting notes and her communications regarding the unacceptability of this. Clerk read main points of these and will circulate to Cllrs. He was asked to write to Clare giving support to the line she was taking.
- c) Chair raised that 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. Clerk raised point that some councils circulate maps of access in local area. Cllr. Strickland-Constable suggested the Estate had map that could be used. We will review next meeting.
- d) Warm & Well Project - YLCA have asked councils to communicate within their Parish the press release they have supplied regarding the one-off grants available to individuals on low incomes in the run-up to winter. Council felt it should appear on the website and also be brought to the attention of the Village Hall Committee.

11. Date of next meeting

2nd November 2016