

Barton Le Willows Parish Council

Minutes of the AGM & Parish Council Meeting held on 4th May 2016

Present

Cllrs L Bradbury (Chair) M Furnandiz (Vice Chair) K Brennan E Daly J Wilson (Clerk)
Public: Mr & Mrs Nicoll

1. Representations by members of the public

Representations were made by Mr Nicoll suggesting litter collecting days should be arranged, linked to the Queen's 90th celebration year and involving a barbecue or similar afterwards. He also said those people voluntarily cutting portions of the village green throughout the village should be commended.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Sir F Strickland-Constable

3. Chair's Report

Cllr. Bradbury gave a verbal report outlining the issues the Council had dealt with over the last twelve months. For grass cutting, we saw the transition from Council funded cutting to voluntary within the community. The second village bench was transferred from the Council to the Village Hall and was gratefully received. John Wilson worked with Joan Gibbs throughout the year to assume responsibility as Parish Clerk from March this year and sincere thanks were expressed to Joan at the February meeting for her many years of enthusiastic service. Completing the personnel changes during the year, we welcomed Ed Daly and Kevin Brannan to the Council replacing Tim Mann and Jo Viner. The village saw, after a long wait, the introduction of fast broadband. Potholes, lighting and waste bins continued to occupy Council time together with planning applications for new builds and alterations to properties in the village. The Council saw the development of its own website thanks to Kevin Brannan.

4. Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2016

The Clerk went through the report which had a year end balance of £458.18

5. Internal Audit

The Clerk reported to the meeting that the audit had been completed by Mike Viner. The Paperwork will now be sent to the external auditors.

6. Standing Orders/Code of Conduct/Asset Register

These were discussed and agreed. The Standing Orders/Code of Conduct were signed by the Chair on behalf of the whole Council. The Asset register shows a reduction going into the next financial year reflecting the donation of the bench to the recreation hall. This reduction is reflected in a reduced insurance premium for the coming financial year.

7. Any Other Business

As there was no "other business", the AGM was closed and the Ordinary meeting commenced.

Ordinary Meeting

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for coming year

Ed Daly nominated Kevin as Chair and Maxine seconded this. As there were no other nominations, Kevin accepted and duly assumed the responsibility for the rest of the meeting. Maxine nominated Ed as Vice-Chair and Lindsey seconded this. Ed accepted.

2. Minutes of previous meeting dated 3rd February 2016

These were agreed as correct and were signed by the Chair.

3. Matters Arising

- a) Website - All houses had been posted with a flyer announcing the website. Kevin reported a significant increase in "hits" on our site.
- b) Planning - Cllrs. Have been circulated with the approval for the Chapel plans and application for Rose Barn. Questions were asked regarding the "legality" of the mesh appearing on the Chapel wall over some inlets in the roof, given the condition stated in the approval with relation to any bat colony.
- c) Good Councillors Guide - a copy, as requested, was issued to each Councillor.

4. Barton Hill Street Lights

The two lights at the level crossing are faulty. An estimate for repair has been requested. The Clerk to progress between Council meetings with copying to and involvement of Councillors. Ed suggested and Council agreed we should look into the possibility of introducing a maintenance management programme for the lights. Clerk to enquire. Comment was made regarding the pedestrian access gates at the crossing not working forcing pedestrians to walk across on the road section.

5. YLCA Website

The YLCA has communicated details of the new NALC Website. The Council agreed they should receive and used the log on details. The Clerk will circulate by e-mail. Councillors to note the conditions of confidentiality.

6. Correspondence and Public Notices

- a) All e-mails received had been forwarded as relevant
- b) All had been forwarded Police Statistics
- c) White Rose Update - circulated
- d) Notices for the election of a new police commissioner, garden waste and Summons and Agenda for the AGM had been displayed on the notice boards.

7. Financial Statement

- a) The Financial Statement for the last three months is the same as that contained in the AGM statement and was outlined again. No expenditures have been made since those reported at the last meeting,
- b) Cheques were signed for the electricity bill (£397.70), the YLCA subs (£115.00), and the Community Lincs Insurance Policy (£163.74)
- c) Joan Gibbs had still not been taken off the Bank records, despite the correct paperwork. Further forms will be completed to confirm this change.

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- d) Council decided to have a third signatory. This would be the Clerk to both facilitate more prompt submission of payments and to allow better compliance with the Bank system.

8. Other Business

- a) Concern was expressed about loose dogs in the village seen soiling home waste bins on collection day. Council agreed representations to the Village Hall Committee should be made to suggest a note be made in their communication.
- b) Council asked for clarification regarding automatic development rights on farm building
- c) Clerk was asked to enquire again about road sign renewal or painting.

9. Date of next and future meetings

3rd August then 2nd November 2016

Signed *J. M. Bennett* (Chair)

Date *3/8/2016* 2016