

**BARTON LE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BARTON LE WILLOWS ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017 AT 7.00PM**

**Councillors Present:** Kevin Brennan (KB) (Chairman)  
Edward Daly (ED) Maxine Fernandez (MF)

**In Attendance:** Fiona Hill (FH) - Parish Clerk

**Public Present:** None

**APM2017/1 Apologies:**  
Frederic Stickland-Constable (FSC)

**APM2017/2 Confirmation of the minutes of the APM held 2015:**  
These were signed previously

**APM2017/3 To receive the Annual Report of the Parish Council:**

A reminder of 2015-16.

Cllr Lyndsey Bradbury's (Chair) report last year reminded me of the resignations of Tim Mann (Chair), Jo Viner (Cllr) and Joan Gibbs (Clerk) and completing the changes was the welcoming of John Wilson (Clerk), Ed Daly (Cllr) and I (Cllr). We saw the introduction of broadband to the village (query Barton Hill), a new village bench and our website. The cutting of the village green grass transferred from council funding to voluntary acts from villagers, which is still gratefully received. Last year's annual meeting saw the resignation of Lyndsey from chair, election of Ed as vice chair and I as Chair.

A catch up of 2016-2017.

A year has quickly passed and questions regarding street lights, the Barton Hill Junction A64, Barton Hill crossing and drone activity have continued into this year's minutes of the council.

Unfortunately the new A64 junction remains delayed and we were updated personally by Ryedale Cllr Caroline Goodrick's attendance at the hall. A possible compulsory land purchase seemed the only way forward for the junction, unless progression can be made with the land owners. Delays on development were further complicated due the funding of the project expiring within the financial year and we await a further update this year for developments, though it expected to be beyond 2017 before we see it started.

The two street lights at the Barton Hill crossing were fixed and the question of having a maintenance contract remains.

After many communications with network rail and the hard work of John, I am pleased to record that as of last week, the pedestrian access over Barton Hill Level Crossing is now working; bells have been installed on the gates and tested for the gate keeper to open when activated.

The issue of a drone or drones annoying and possibly infringing on the privacy of parishioners continues up to present day. As a council we have informed individuals affected to contact the police.

The telephone Kiosk was saved after contact with BT and Ryedale council. Adopt a kiosk remains in progress and we await a response from BT. I will be chasing this up shortly.

The financial summary is unremarkable and the precept was agreed at £1050. The council were unanimous in agreeing to the new paid clerk's position following John Wilson resignation earlier this year. Fiona Hill (Clerk) is currently working on the allocation of the internal and external audits for our financial affairs. Today we need to agree on new signatories for the cheques. Following John and Lindsey's resignation from the council this leaves only Sir Fred as a signatory. John and Lindsey have kindly stood in as we get this sorted and the transition of Fiona's position is complete. NYCC paths department have yet to respond, despite a number of enquiries about our report on the public access to the footpaths of the parish. I will take this up again shortly and pursue detailed maps of the parish from NYCC.

Finally I would like to thank everyone and extend our gratitude to Lyndsey and John for their time and commitments to the parish council and their recent goodwill to help me whilst we appointed a new clerk and identify new signatories on the cheques. We welcome Fiona as the new clerk, who brings an extensive experience of supporting other parish councils in area.

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**Parishioners question and answer session:**

None