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## Barton Le Willows Parish Council

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

### Present

Cllrs L Bradbury (Chair) M Fumandiz (Vice Chair) K Brennan E Daly J Gibbs (Clerk) J Wilson

Chair welcomed County Cllr Clare Wood and introduced her to the Parish Council

C Cllr Wood outlined her role and responsibilities and updated the PC on progress towards the budget, her portfolio priorities and local issues including the Barton Hill A64 junctions informing us that Highways England hoped to start work in May. Questions were taken from the Council.

### 1. Representations by members of the public

No representations were received

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Sir F Strickland-Constable

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 11th November 2015

These were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### 4. Matters Arising

a) Fibre Broadband - Cllr Strickland-Constable had reported that the Estate had responded promptly to BT communications and were not responsible for the delays. Broadband now up and running but feedback from the community was that there were teething problems.

b) Potholes - Highways had responded that no funds currently available. Clerk would keep writing and involve CC Wood for help when necessary.

c) Website - Cllr Brennan had looked into this and concluded, based on the possible grant requirements, funding would not be feasible. The first significant use of the site will be subsequent to this Council meeting with the publishing of the minutes. The procedure for minutes will be Clerk will draft minutes and e-mail to Cllrs for alterations. The corrected minutes would then be sent to Cllr Brennan for adding to website. Clerk to do newsletter promoting the site to the village, highlighting the changes to the Council (new Cllrs and new Clerk) and publicising the availability of Fibre Broadband. Proposed by Chair and seconded by Vice Chair.

d) New Councillors paperwork - Cllrs Daly and Brennan have completed the online forms.

### 5. Correspondence

a) All e-mails received had been forwarded as relevant

b) All had been forwarded Police Statistics

c)White Rose Update - Clerk pointed out the New Audit Regime and the Good Councillors Guide 2016. Clerk will order 6 copies of the Guide, one for each Cllr and Clerk.

**6. Financial Statement**

- a) No expenditures have been made since the last meeting, neither had there been any receipts so the financial statement is as for the last meeting.
- b) Clerk Gibbs outlined the External Audit for smaller Authorities system available for B-le-WPC to opt into. After discussion the council decided to opt in, this seeming to be less likely to increase audit costs than opting out and arranging our own external audit.
- c) Cheques were signed for £380 for 2016 Village Hall bookings and £60 each to Clerk Gibbs and Clerk Wilson.

**7. Planning**

- a) 1 Rose Farm Cottages - the application had been approved for the window change
- b) Plum Tree at Woodland View - Done
- c) Three houses to be built by Strickland Estate near Village Hall - Cllrs discussed this and asked Clerk to respond with Council concerns regarding dangers of increased on-road parking at a narrow, blind spot. Additionally, the nearby crossroads already has problems of on-road parking causing a number of near-miss accidents.
- d) Clerk announced plans have been lodged for extension to the village hall, which will be circulated.

**8. Ramblers Association Report**

Cllrs Brennan & Daly had walked the footpaths reviewing the report in detail. Cllr Daly presented their findings responding point by point to the report and making recommendations. The Chair asked for their report to be added to the website. To support the Ramblers report, Cllr Daly will forward his report to NYCC for their consideration and action.

**9. Street Sign**

Clerk had e-mailed asking for cleaning/painting but their reply was that no funds were available.

**10. Queen's 90th Birthday**

Clerk reported an e-mail was received regarding larger Councils were lighting beacons for the Queen's 90th Birthday

**11. Date of next and future meetings**

4th May, then 3rd August and 2nd November 2016