BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2021 via ZOOM at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors H Hanlon (Chair), D Brown (Vice Chair), C Soans, G Wise, G Shacklock,

J de Bock

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk), County Cllr W Brackenbury

21/01/001	To receive and approve apologies for absence
	None
21/01/002	Public participation session
	None
21/01/003	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.
	Cllr Shacklock declared an interest in item 023 and 034
21/01/004	To receive & approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday November 17 th 2020
04/04/005	Approved
21/01/005	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only
	None
21/01/006	To receive & approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday December 17 th 2020
	Approved
21/01/007	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only
	None
21/01/008	To receive a report from County Councillor Wendy Brackenbury
	Local vaccine update, warning of scams, N Northamptonshire Unitary draft budget out for consultation, NCC support for free school meals during February half term, elections are still scheduled to take place in May.
21/01/009	
	Many local areas experiencing large increase in walkers during lockdown, some problems occurring because of loose dogs, also field margins being trampled down
21/01/010	In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council only in such circumstances where no Cllr is available to consult with, and where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the council after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place
	Resolved: All in favour

21/01/011	11 To receive and approve the Balance of Account/Bank Reconciliation				
	Resolved : The balance of accounts and the bank reconciliation was approved and to be signed by Cllr Brown				
21/01/012	12 To examine and approve the bank statements				
	Bank balance stands at £43131.11 at December 31 st 2020.				
	Resolved: Bank statements approved and to be signed by Cllr Brown				
04/04/040					

21/01/013 To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices plus any others arising between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting (items marked * paid prior to meeting).

		Amount	Amount		
Cheque	Payee	With VAT	net of VAT	Details	Power to pay
				Reimbursement for roof tiles	LGA (Misc
				& hand sanitizer	Prov)1953 s4
100647*	D Brown	£34.75	£31.46		LGA 1972 s124
100648*	N A Phillips	£54.30	£37.21	5 extra hrs missed off 100643	LGA 1972 s112
100649*	D Brown	£129.00	£107.50	reimbursement for gate closer	LGA 1972 s124
100650*	Montagu Arms	£600.00	£571.47	50 x meal vouchers (ITT grant)	LGA 1972 s139
				Reimbursement for items	LGA 1972 s139
100651*	J De Bock	£95.00	£95.00	purchased from WP IIT grant	
				Reimbursement for mowing &	LGA 1972 s145 +
100652*	D Brown	£32.00	£32.00	Xmas lighting misc expenses	s124
100653*	Inkwell Printing	£109.20	£91.00	Winter newsletter	LGA 1972 s111
100654	Cancelled due to incorrect amount				
100655*	Jollys Toys	£568.98	£568.98	Xmas gifts x 25 (IIT Grant)	LGA 1972 s139
D/D 3	PWLB	£547.56	£547.56	Streetlighting installment 4	PCA 1957 s3
100656	N A Phillips	£74.71	£73.11	Nov/Dec exps + ZOOM	LGA 1972 s111
100657	N A Phillips	£217.20	£217.20	January salary	LGA 1972 s112
100658	N A Phillips	£217.20	£217.20	February Salary	LGA 1972 s112
100559	E.ON	£90.11	£85.82	Streetlighting - 01.10 31.12.20	PCA 1957 s3
100660	JJA Ryder	£150.00	£150.00	Xmas Grotto (IIT Grant)	LGA 1972 s139
100661	Wicksteeds	£TBC	£TBC	Playground annual inspection	LGA 1972 s124
100662	PGM Ltd	£262.32		Mower service	LGA 1972 s124
100663	D Brown	£11.20	£11.20	Bus shelter repair materials	LGA (Misc
					Prov)1953 s4
100664	M J Marriott	£600.00	£500.00	Mowing of Recreation Field	LGA 1972 s124
100665	Rebecca Peace	£250.00	£250.00	Tree Survey	LGA 1972 s124

Resolved: All payments approved. Cheques to be signed by the Clerk and Cllr Brown

21/01/014

To note the hours worked by the Clerk and to resolve to reimburse the Clerk for additional hours worked.

Resolved: Currently worked 22 hrs over contracted – to be paid for 10 of them in March and carry rest over.

21/01/015

To review the budget for the year 2020/21 and to resolve what action if any to be taken.

Predicted £547.00 underspent on budget. Money to be transferred from budgeted amount allowed for audit to cover shortfalls in RBL poppy wreath, grass cutting and GDPR.

Resolved: To apply virements as above to bring budget back into line..

21/01/016	To consider and resolve the Council's response to planning application received.						
_	None received						
21/01/017	To note planning decisions made by ENC.						
	None received						
21/01/018	To receive an update from CIIr Brown on the work to the village trees, promised by Northamptonshire County Council, and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken.						
	Resolved: All work carried out except for one or two items. Cllrs Brown, Shacklock & Soans volunteered to carry out a tidy up session.						
21/01/019	To receive an update on issues concerning the ownership of The Green and associated issues and to resolve what action to be taken.						
	The Clerk had received a phone call from Mr J Elliott representing the registered owners confirming that the land was owned by themselves and not the Parish Council. After emailing S Barnwell at NCC the Clerk had received confirmation that the land was deemed to be the responsibility of the Highways department and therefore it would take responsibility of the trees.						
	Resolved: Clerk to ensure above information kept on file for future reference.						
21/01/020	To confirm the date and other arrangements for the trimming of the lime basal growth by volunteers.						
	Covid making it unsafe for working together therefore volunteers would each be assigned a work area and carry out work within Covid restrictions.						
	Resolved: Clirs Shacklock, Soans and Brown to undertake this work						
21/01/021	To receive the results of the tree survey and to resolve what action to be taken.						
	Survey carried out at the beginning of January, no major issues identified so no immediate work needed.						
	Resolved: Cllrs Brown to obtain quote for trimming of tree that is brushing against neighbouring property. Clerk to send copy of the survey to S Barnwell as it covers NCC trees located on The Green.						
21/01/022	To receive a report from CIIr Wise on issues concerning highways and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken.						
	Cllr Wise had nothing to report but Cllr Shacklock had noticed a number of issues						
	Resolved: Cllr Wise to investigate and report to Street Doctor.						
21/01/023	To note the findings of the weekly playground inspections and to receive an update on the installation of matting.						
	Cllr Shacklock thanked for carrying out weekly inspections and noting continuing problems with the gate closer and matting. The gate closer has been rectified. The Clerk has attempted to obtain second quote for matting. Cllr Brown offered to research possibility of fitting new matting, Cllr De Bock can arrange the supply of matting if local contractor unable to undertake work in suitable timescale.						
	Resolved: Cllr Shacklock to continue carrying out weekly inspections. Cllr Brown to research how to fit matting. To leave installation of matting until Wicksteed carries out annual safety inspection scheduled to take place within the next month. Remedial work to splits in 'steps' to be carried out. Covid risk assessments reviewed and accepted.						

21/01/024	To receive a report from Cllr Hanlon on the Neighbourhood Plan, and to discuss and resolve what action, if any, to be taken.					
	Steering Group advised that a call for sites was not necessary but that the selected criteria needed to be tested against the list of aspirational sites, this will involve a site visit by the consultant and grant money will be applied for by the Steering Group to cover this expense. Cllrs requested that a copy of the draft plan be circulated to all members.					
	Resolved: Cllr Hanlon to circulate draft plan.					
21/01/025	To receive a report from Cllr Bould on the traffic calming measures and to resolve what action to be taken.					
	No report available due to Cllr Bould's absence but neither signs seems to be working at present.					
	Resolved: Cllr Hanlon to contact Cllr Bould to arrange for him to look at signs.					
21/01/026	To receive an update from Cllr Brown on repairs to the bus shelter and to resolve what action to be taken					
	Cllr Brown has carried out all work needed to keep the bus shelter from deteriorating for a few years more. Some fly-tipping has taken place inside and behind the shelter.					
	Resolved: Clerk to report fly-tipping to ENC					
21/01/027						
	Cllr De Bock reported that it was too early in the year and also to wet to carry out any work at present.					
	Resolved: To bring back to the March meeting					
21/01/028	To set the parish priorities for consideration by the Joint Action group when it meets on January 28 th .					
	Cllr Hanlon to attend this meeting. Cllr Shacklock had received complaints about possible anti-social behaviour at one location in the village. Cllr Hanlon asked to report this at the meeting.					
	Resolved: Cllr Hanlon to pass on information re possible anti-social behaviour.					
21/01/029	To receive feedback from Cllr Hanlon on the North Northants Rural Focus Group meeting held on January 18 th 2021					
	Cllr Brown attended this meeting as did the Clerk on behalf of another PC. It was felt that the group is still finding its way regarding objectives but is worth attending.					
	Resolved: Cllr Brown will attend meetings where possible if no one else available.					
21/01/030	To adopt the Members Allowances Policy Resolved: Adopted					
21/01/031	To resolve to accept the NCC urban highway mowing grant of £992.14 for the 2021 mowing season.					
	Resolved: To accept the grant. Clerk to submit paperwork. Clerk to chase up quote from Turney's for mowing for the coming season.					
21/01/032	To appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police.					
	Resolved: To appoint the Clerk as PLR but to resolve at the May meeting to appoint a Cllr if possible. Clerk to pass her details on to appropriate authority.					

21/01/033	To discuss the impact of the recent flooding and to give consideration to purchasing flood prevention and mitigation equipment.				
	Cllr Brown updated the meeting having circulated a report prior to this evening. Residents to be encouraged with self-help measures but flood warning signage would be useful. Lack of drainage culverts on the Hemington Road, and silt gathering under the bridge may have contributed to the flooding. Part of the bank washed away.				
	Resolved: Cllr Brown to draft letter for approval before sending to Clerk for forwarded in on to NCC Flood team and the Environment Agency. Cllr Brown to liaise with Cllr Shacklock over offer of sand for sandbags.				
21/01/034	To give consideration to a request from Titchmarch PC to find points of agreement with a view to lobbying the new North Northamptonshire council to adopt more robust landscape and environmental policies for the Nene Valley area.				
	Cllr Soans explained that although this was not about the Glebe Land development Titchmarsh PC was keen to build up contacts with neighbouring PCs to ensure that sufficient protection would be given to the Nene Valley when planning applications were made.				
	Resolved: To review at a future date.				
21/01/035	Correspondence: All correspondence circulated via Friday email round up. No action needed.				
21/01/036	To confirm date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 16th March 2021				
	Resolved: Meeting date confirmed				
21/01/037	To close the meeting				
	The meeting closed at 21.24 pm				

Signed:			Dated: