

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 via ZOOM at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors H Hanlon (Chair), D Brown, C Soans, G Wise. N Bould, G Shacklock, J de Bock

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk), 1 x member of public

20/11/210	To receive and approve apologies for absence None																																				
20/11/211	Public participation session None																																				
20/11/212	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None																																				
20/11/213	To receive & approve for signature minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday September 15th 2020 Resolved: That the minutes be signed by as a correct record of the meeting																																				
20/11/214	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only None																																				
20/11/215	To receive a report from County Councillor Wendy Brackenbury No report as Cllr Brackenbury not present																																				
20/11/216	To receive a report from District Councillor Geoff Shacklock Cllr Shacklock had received a letter re Avian Flu and current restrictions that need to be observed.																																				
20/11/217	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																																				
20/11/218	To examine and approve the bank statements Bank balance stands at £43744.96 at October 30 th 2020. Resolved: Bank statements approved and to be signed by Cllr Brown																																				
20/11/219	To resolve under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, to incur the following expenditure which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure: 1 x poppy wreath at a cost of £25.00. Resolved: To purchase a poppy wreath.																																				
20/11/220	To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount With VAT</th> <th>Amount net of VAT</th> <th>Details</th> <th>Power to pay</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>100638</td> <td>Turneys</td> <td>£189.96</td> <td>£158.30</td> <td>September mowing</td> <td>H'ways 1980 s96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100639</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>£27.10</td> <td>£27.10</td> <td>September expenses</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100639</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>£3.00</td> <td>£3.00</td> <td>Land Registry search</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100639</td> <td>N A Phillips</td> <td>£14.80</td> <td>£14.00</td> <td>October expenses</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100640</td> <td>D Brown</td> <td>£30.50</td> <td>£25.42</td> <td>Noticeboard keys</td> <td>LGA 1972 s111</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Cheque	Payee	Amount With VAT	Amount net of VAT	Details	Power to pay	100638	Turneys	£189.96	£158.30	September mowing	H'ways 1980 s96	100639	N A Phillips	£27.10	£27.10	September expenses	LGA 1972 s111	100639	N A Phillips	£3.00	£3.00	Land Registry search	LGA 1972 s111	100639	N A Phillips	£14.80	£14.00	October expenses	LGA 1972 s111	100640	D Brown	£30.50	£25.42	Noticeboard keys	LGA 1972 s111
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	100641	Eon	£90.11	£85.82	Street lighting 01.07-30.09	PCA 1957 s3
	100642	Cheque cancelled due to incorrect payee name				
	100643	N A Phillips			Nov salary + additional hrs	LGA 1972 s112
	100644	Turneys	£189.96	£158.30	October mowing	H'ways 1980 s96
	100645	The Royal British Legion	£25.00	£25.00	Poppy wreath	LGA 1972 s137
	100646	N A Phillips	£217.20	£217.20	December salary	LGA 1972 s112
	Resolved: to authorise payment of all invoices					
20/11/221	To note the hours worked by the Clerk and to resolve to reimburse the Clerk for additional hours carried over from previous year					
	The Clerk is owed 27 hrs although 8 of those were carried over from last year					
	Resolved: To pay Clerk for 8 hrs and review at January and March meetings					
20/11/222	To review the budget for 2020/21 and to resolve what action to be taken					
	Not discussed					
	Resolved: No action needed					
20/11/223	To set the budget for the year 2021/2022					
	Resolved: Budget set at £11081					
20/11/224	To set the precept for the year 2021/2022					
	Resolved: Precept set at £10300 Clerk to inform ENC.					
20/11/225	To consider and resolve the Council's response to planning application received.					
	Resolved: as no applications received one no action is needed					
20/11/226	To note planning decisions made by ENC.					
	20/00950/FUL + 20/00950/LBC: Raise the height of the chimney so the top of the pot is 1.8 metres minimum above the thatch by removing 1970's red brick and then building the chimney up by several courses using reclaimed brick; Replace the existing chimney pot with a taller one which is in keeping with the cottage at 46 Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PS					
	20/00989/FUL Change of use of outbuilding from C3 (Residential Dwelling) to Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Parlour) No internal works to be carried out except the addition of a small dog bath to existing plumbing at Rectory Cottage 54 Church Lane Barnwell PE8 5PG					
20/11/227	To receive an update from Cllr Brown on the work to the village trees promised by NCC and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken.					
	Work still not carried out.					
	Resolved: Cllr Brown to approach County Cllr Brackenbury to see if she can help to speed the work up.					
20/11/228	To confirm the date and other arrangements for the trimming of the lime basal growth by volunteers.					
	Resolved: To leave until after NCC have carried out the work promised (see minute ref: 20/11/227)					
20/11/229	To resolve to commission a tree survey on all trees that fall under the responsibility of BWPC					
	Resolved: To commission Rebecca Pearce Arboriculture to carry out the survey.					
	At this point in the meeting the issue of ownership of the village green was discussed. Cllr Bould to search Land Registry for confirmation of area that appears to have been registered to another party in 2007. Clerk to write to					

	<p>possible registered owners when further details are known. Cllr Hanlon raised the point that clarification should be sought from NCC as to if the area was their responsibility as it seemed to match the same criteria as the land either side of the brook throughout the village which NCC had taken responsibility for in particular in relationship to the trees.</p>
20/11/230	<p>To receive a report from Cllr G Wise on issues concerning the highways and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Resolved: No action needed</p>
20/11/231	<p>To receive a report from Cllr C Soans on issues concerning the rights of way and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken</p> <p>Footpath MF12 closed with diversion.</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to post on website.</p>
20/11/232	<p>To receive a report from Cllr H Hanlon on the children's playground and to decide what action if any to be taken.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Brown to order hand gel for dispenser, and order and fit hydraulic gate closer, Cllr Shacklock to carry out weekly inspection until middle of January, Cllr Soans has obtained black plastic caps to replace those that have vanished, Cllr De Bock to follow up request to local contractor for quote for additional matting.</p>
20/11/233	<p>To receive a report from Cllr H Hanlon on the Neighbourhood Plan and to discuss and resolve what action if any to be taken.</p> <p>NHP has been returned by consultant to allow some slight amendments to be made before it is presented to the Parish Council and then circulated to all residents. It is hoped the referendum will take place in May.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Hanlon to continue working on this matter.</p>
20/11/234	<p>To receive a report from Cllr H Hanlon and Cllr Bould on the provision of visual speed indicator signs and other traffic calming measures and to resolve what action if any to be taken.</p> <p>Equipment now installed but some technical issues need to be sorted on one of them.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Bould to seek advice from supplier, and to purchase padlocks for securing lids to the battery compartments. Cllr Bould to contact County Cllr Brackenbury to see what progress has been made on the village 'gates'.</p>
20/11/235	<p>To review the mowing regime taking into account information and guidance received from the Environment Agency (EA) and The Wildlife Trust</p> <p>The brook side walk with the EA has taken place and a new mowing regime passed to Turneys for implementing for the next mowing season. Turneys have agreed to carry out spraying where needed on The Green at no extra cost.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Brown to send the Clerk a copy of the mowing regime to be kept on file. Cllr Hanlon to write to the EA seeking update on the grass dumping situation, and to request a copy of their proposed work schedule for the PCs information. Cllr Hanlon to request that in future the EA clear the area of debris proposed by work as this had not been removed satisfactorily last time.</p>
20/11/236	<p>To resolve to establish a designated wildflower area around the edges of the Recreational Field</p> <p>Cllr Soan reported that it would cost around £100 for a kilo of wildflower seed mix and proposed the area at the top end of the field be designated as the wildflower area with an unmown margin to be left around the edge of the field to encourage other</p>

	wildlife. Resolved: The above to be carried out in the late winter/early spring.
20/11/237	To receive a report from Cllr Shacklock on the Joint Action Group Meeting (JAG) of October 7th.July. Tackling anti-social traffic issues has been set as the priority for the next quarter. Resolved: As no real areas of concern have been identified, no action is needed.
20/11/238	To receive an update from Cllr Brown on repairs to the bus shelter and to resolve what action if any to be taken. Unsafe guttering removed, vegetation cleared from around the shelter, Ivy cut back. Three replacement ridge tiles have been sourced and purchased and will be fitted in the near future. Resolved: Cllr Brown to continue working on the bus shelter.
20/11/239	To receive and adopt the Sickness & Absence Policy, and the Grievance & Disciplinary Policy Resolved: Received and adopted.
20/11/240	To respond to the Council Tax Support Scheme consultation Resolved: Not to participate.
20/11/241	To receive feedback from Cllr Brown on the North Northants Rural Focus Group meeting and to appoint a representative to attend the next meeting scheduled for Monday January 18th 2021. Early days yet but could become a useful mechanism for the rural voice to be heard. Resolved: Cllr Hanlon to attend next meeting
20/11/242	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
20/11/243	Correspondence: Resolved: None received
20/11/244	To confirm date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 19th January 2021 Resolved: Meeting date confirmed
20/11/245	To close the meeting The meeting closed at 21.30pm

After the closure of the meeting Cllr Brown requested permission to switch on the Christmas lights on December 1st – permission granted

Signed:

Dated: