

## BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at The Village Hall Barnwell at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors D Brown (Chair), C Soans, C Forrest, J De Bock, T Herring, G Wise

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

21/09/188	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b> Cllr H Hanlon. NNC Cllr W Brackenbury
21/09/189	<b>Public participation session</b> Member of the public addressed the Council on environmental issues and climate change urging Cllrs to take into consideration these issues in all aspects of Council work including the Neighbourhood Plan.
21/09/190	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> None
21/09/191	<b>To receive and approve for signature minutes of the meeting held July 20<sup>th</sup> 2021</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Approved and signed by Cllr Brown
21/09/192	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes, not included on this agenda, for report only</b> None
21/09/193	<b>To receive and approve for signature minutes of the meeting held Monday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Approved and signed by Cllr Brown
21/09/194	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes, not included on this agenda, for report only</b> None
21/09/195	<b>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</b> <b>Resolved:</b> All in favour
21/09/196	<b>To discuss the environmental issues raised in response to the Neighbourhood plan and resolve what action if any to be taken</b> <b>Resolved:</b> That the issues submitted in response to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan be given full consideration and amendments made to the Plan as appropriate.
	<b>Cllr G Wise joined the meeting at 7.50pm during the discussion of item 196. Member of the public left the meeting at 8.10pm after item 196</b>
21/09/197	<b>To receive a report from any North Northamptonshire Cllr present at this meeting.</b>

	Cllr Brackenbury being unable to attend the meeting, the Clerk passed on information received about various consultations																																																						
21/09/198	<b>To receive and approve the Balance of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Approved and signed by the Chair																																																						
21/09/199	<b>To examine and approve the Bank Statements</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Bank balance standing at £43445.92 at August 31 <sup>st</sup> 2021, approved and signed as correct by the Chair																																																						
21/09/200	<b>To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices</b> <table border="1"><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>100699</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£32.90</td><td>£32.90</td><td>July expenses</td><td>LGA 1972 S111</td></tr><tr><td>100700</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£38.93</td><td>£38.93</td><td>Reimbursement for Rural Housing event</td><td>LGA 1972 S111</td></tr><tr><td>100699</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£22.42</td><td>£22.42</td><td>August expenses</td><td>LGA 1972 S111</td></tr><tr><td>100701</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£221.60</td><td>£221.60</td><td>September Salary -</td><td>LGA 1972 S112</td></tr><tr><td>100702</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£221.60</td><td>£221.60</td><td>October salary</td><td>LGA 1972 S112</td></tr><tr><td>100703</td><td>Turney</td><td>£189.96</td><td>£158.30</td><td>Urban highway grass mowing - August 2021</td><td>LGA 1972 S136</td></tr><tr><td>100705</td><td>Turney</td><td>£189.96</td><td>£158.30</td><td>Urban highway grass mowing - September 2021</td><td>LGA 1972 S136</td></tr><tr><td>100705</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£38.93</td><td>£38.93</td><td>Reimbursement for Biodiversity event</td><td>LGA 1972 S111</td></tr></tbody></table> <b>Resolved:</b> to authorise payment of all invoices – cheques to be signed by Cllr Brown and the Clerk.	Cheque	Payee	Amount With VAT	Amount net of VAT	Details	Power to pay	100699	N A Phillips	£32.90	£32.90	July expenses	LGA 1972 S111	100700	N A Phillips	£38.93	£38.93	Reimbursement for Rural Housing event	LGA 1972 S111	100699	N A Phillips	£22.42	£22.42	August expenses	LGA 1972 S111	100701	N A Phillips	£221.60	£221.60	September Salary -	LGA 1972 S112	100702	N A Phillips	£221.60	£221.60	October salary	LGA 1972 S112	100703	Turney	£189.96	£158.30	Urban highway grass mowing - August 2021	LGA 1972 S136	100705	Turney	£189.96	£158.30	Urban highway grass mowing - September 2021	LGA 1972 S136	100705	N A Phillips	£38.93	£38.93	Reimbursement for Biodiversity event	LGA 1972 S111
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21/09/201	<b>To review the budget for the current year and make any adjustments necessary</b> <b>Resolved:</b> No adjustments needed - to review in November																																																						
21/09/202	<b>To note the results of the half yearly internal finance checks carried out by Cllr J d Bock</b> <b>Resolved:</b> No issues found																																																						
21/09/203	<b>To note the hours worked by the Clerk</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to be paid in full for extra hours accumulated																																																						
21/09/204	<b>To consider and resolve the Council’s response to planning applications received</b>  NE/21/01308/FUL: Single storey rear extension to create larger kitchen/dining room and pergola structure to enable climbing plants to be trained to grow up and over at Ashdown Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PU <b>Resolved:</b> No objections																																																						
21/09/205	<b>To note planning decisions made by NNC.</b>  NE/21/00965/FUL: Front, rear and first floor extensions and remodelling of bungalow to provide a new master bedroom suite at first floor, a new entrance porch and additional ground floor living accommodation. The Bungalow The Barn Garden Centre Oundle Road Barnwell PE8 5BD - permitted  NE/21/00845/FUL: Demolition of two outbuildings located at the rear of the property; Erection of replacement single storey timber garden room using retained Materials. 46 Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PS – permitted																																																						

	<b>Resolved:</b> The Clerk to contact NNC for an update on planning application : NE/21/00783/FUL.
<b>21/09/206</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Soans on the interparish meeting to discuss planning application NE/21/00923/PDU: change of use of agricultural building to flexible commercial use at Brook Farm Buildings, Achurch Road, Thorpe Waterville NN14 3E</b></p> <p>The meeting had been called as it was felt the planning application had the potential to affect the wider area. It was felt that it would be useful for the Nene Valley Parishes to work together on any other such applications.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To work with other local Parish Councils where a planning application had potential to affect the wider area.</p>
<b>21/09/207</b>	<p><b>To resolve whether to reply to the Notice of Intention for stopping up of the highway at Mill Farm Cottage</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No action needed</p>
<b>21/09/208</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Wise on the provision of elders housing</b></p> <p>Survey results in showing interest in such a scheme, meeting held with local landowner to ascertain if any suitable land is likely to become available.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Steering group to continue to meet to develop ideas.</p>
<b>21/09/209</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Wise on issues concerning the highways</b></p> <p>Pothole near ford has had some work carried out but not to a satisfactory standard.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Wise to raise issue with Highways, photos and location to be passed to the Clerk for forwarding to other contacts in a bid to get the defects remedied</p>
<b>21/09/210</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Wise as Police Liaison Representative</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Nothing to report</p>
<b>21/09/211</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Soans on issues concerning public rights of way</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> No issues reported. Footpath Warden scheme now in place.</p>
<b>21/09/212</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Soans on the Recreation Field.</b></p> <p>Weekly infrastructure checks carried out by Cllr Soans</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllrs Soans and De Bock to organise a work party in October to cut wild flower area and carry out other works. Cllr Brown to ask hedge cutter to cut the top and roadside but leave the field side uncut to provide wildlife habitat.</p>
<b>21/09/213</b>	<p><b>To note the results of the weekly safety checks at the children's playground and to resolve what action to be taken if any</b></p> <p>Checks carried out by Cllr Herring. A long buried metal item has recently risen to the surface and been removed by Cllr Herring and the ground made good. A report of glass bottles being seen in the play area has been passed to the Council although the only ones spotted during checks have been in a litter bin.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Checks to be carried out by Cllr De Bock until the November meeting.</p>
<b>21/09/214</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Hanlon on the Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> All responses collated and sent to C Wilkinson</p>
<b>21/09/215</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Hanlon on the visual speed indicator signs and other traffic calming measures</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Visual speed signs to be returned to supplier for repair, replacement or full refund. Cllr Brown to ensure this happens. Clerk to Check with Highways to as status of the design and supply of the village gates.</p>

21/09/216	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Brown – Flood Warden</b></p> <p>Many residents have now made their own provision of flood defence equipment.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Brown to continue to work towards the installation of the grips and to continue to make the case for removal of the build up of silt.</p>
21/09/217	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Brown on the current mowing season</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To attempt to coordinate the last cut of the season with work by the EA on removal of vegetation. In the event that this is not possible consideration to be given to commissioning a final tidy up cut after the brook work is completed</p>
21/09/218	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Forrest on issues concerning the village trees</b></p> <p>Lime basal growth removed. No other issues to report</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To continue cutting lime boles in accordance with the trimming regime worked out with the local authority Tree Officer. To dissuade residents from cutting back basal growth due to damage to the trees and to wildlife habitat.</p>
21/09/219	<p><b>To discuss the installation of leisure equipment at the Recreation Field and resolve what action to be taken</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Soans to research costing of PC preferred bench and permitted to commission one up to a maximum cost of £1200. Cllr Herring to chase up grant money. Location and style of and additional leisure equipment to be discussed when the working party meet in October and then to be presented at the November meeting for resolution. Cllr Herring to research suitable equipment.</p>
21/09/220	<p><b>To receive an update and to resolve what action, if any, to be taken to address resident's concerns re parking on Church Hill, to include discussion on additional disabled parking space.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> As the introduction of signage may result in requests for signage in other parts of the village this is now not considered an option. Clerk to contact Highways and request installation of a pick up/drop off zone outside the old school.</p>
21/09/221	<p><b>To discuss and note this Parish Council's response to the issues of climate change and biodiversity loss, and to resolve what other actions to be taken.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Soans will research the implications of declaring a Climate Emergency. Cllrs to read through the template for an Environment Policy sourced by the Clerk with thoughts to be sent to the Clerk and a draft policy put before the Council for adoption at the November meeting.</p>
21/09/222	<p><b>To give consideration to marking The Queen's Jubilee in June 2022</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Forrest to research the provision of a suitable native tree species to be planted in an appropriate location to commemorate the Jubilee. Cllr Brown to enquire as to what other village groups may be planning to mark this event.</p>
21/09/223	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Posters from NNC electoral services to go on the noticeboard..</p>
21/09/224	<p><b>To confirm date of the next meeting as 16th November 2021</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Date confirmed as November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021</p>
21/09/225	<p><b>To close the meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 10.00pm</p>

Signed:

Dated: