

BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3rdth October 2022 at The Village Hall Barnwell at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors D Brown (Chair), J De Bock, T Herring, G Wise – arrived 7.15pm

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Clerk),

This meeting replaces the one scheduled for September 20th 2022 cancelled due to the death of HM The Queen.						
22/10/456	To receive and approve apologies for absence Cllr Forrest, Soans and Hanlon – apologies accepted					
22/10/457	Public participation session None					
22/10/458	To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda. None					
22/10/459	To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2022 Resolved: Signed by the Chairman as a correct record.					
22/10/460	To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only None					
22/10/461	To receive a report from North Northamptonshire Councillors None					
22/10/462	To receive and approve the Balance of Account/Bank Reconciliation Resolved: Balance of accounts and the bank reconciliation approved					
22/10/463	To examine and approve the bank statements Bank balance stands at £28838.82 at August 31st 2022 Resolved: Bank statements approved.					
22/10/464	To approve and authorise payments of the following invoices plus any others arising between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting					
	Payment Method	Payee	Amount With VAT	Net of VAT	Item *Paid prior to meeting	Power to pay
	100759	D Brown	£256.80	£214.00	Reimbursement for 2 x grit bins*	H'ways 1980 s96
	100765	N A Phillips	£30.46	£30.46	July expenses	LGA 1972 s 111
	100765	N A Phillips	£17.32	£17.32	August expenses	LGA 1972 s 111
	100762	N A Phillips	£301.19	£301.19	September salary	LGA 1972 s 112
	100763	N A Phillips	£301.19	£301.19	October salary	LGA 1972 s 112
	BAC 8	Turney Landscapes	£208.96	£174.13	Urban highway grass mowing – August 22 (S136) 6/7 (inv 21753)	H'ways 1980 s96
	BAC 9	Turney Landscapes	£208.96	£174.13	Urban highway grass mowing – Sept 22 (S136) 7/7 (inv tbc)	H'ways 1980 s96
	DD 5	NPower	£tbc	£tbc	Streetlighting (unmetered supply) - 01.07.2022 - 30.09.2022	PCA 1957 s3
	100764	N A Phillips	£18.20	£18.20	Tax refund	LGA 1972 s 112
	BAC 10	D Brown	£35.00	£35.00	Reimbursement for floral wreath to mark death of The Queen*	LGA 1972 s 111
	100766	N A Phillips	£16.24	£16.24	September expenses	LGA 1972 s 111
	BAC 11	CPRE	£15.00	£15.00	Planning Roadshow	LGA 1972 s111
Resolved: All payments approved. Cheques signed by Cllr Brown and the Clerk						

22/10/465	<p>To review the budget for the current year and make any adjustments necessary</p> <p>Resolved: Budget v2 approved</p>
22/10/466	<p>To note the results of the half yearly internal finance checks carried out by Cllr J d Bock</p> <p>Resolved: items 001, 003, 016, 024 examined and all found to be in order</p>
22/10/467	<p>To consider and resolve the Council's response to planning application received.</p> <p>NE/22/001180/FUL</p> <p>Resolved: The applicant having taken on board the observations made by BWPC this Council has no objections to this application – Clerk to notify NNC</p>
22/10/468	<p>To note planning decisions made by NNC.</p> <p>NE/22/00858/FUL – permitted NE/22/00910/TCA - permitted</p> <p>Resolved: Decisions noted</p>
22/10/469	<p>To receive an update on correspondence with NNC Planning Department</p> <p>Issues raised still being investigated</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to follow up</p>
22/10/470	<p>To receive an update from Cllr Brown on remedial work to Parish Council assets to include an update on the replacement of the village tree seat, and to resolve what action is necessary.</p> <p>Work to benches completed. Grit bins arrived and ready for installation.</p> <p>Resolved: To accept the offer from Cllr Wise to donate a new tree seat in memory of his late wife. Cllr Wise to arrange the order and delivery of the 'CORIDO' seat.</p>
22/10/471	<p>To receive a report from Cllr Wise on the provision of elders housing</p> <p>Contact made with a possible developer</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Brown to refine list of possible sites, Cllr Wise to continue to liaise with possible interested parties.</p>
22/10/472	<p>To receive a report from Cllr Wise on issues concerning highways</p> <p>Some potholes filled.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Wise to continue to survey and report potholes to NNC</p>
22/10/473	<p>To receive a report from Cllr Herring – Police Liaison representative</p> <p>Resolved: Nothing to report</p>
22/10/474	<p>To receive a report from Cllr Soans on issues concerning public rights of way</p> <p>Resolved: Nothing to report</p>
22/10/475	<p>To receive a report on the Recreation Field to include the updated estimate for the fencing, and to resolve what action to be taken</p> <p>Resolved: That R Marriott be BWPCs preferred contractor for this work but that additional quotes should be obtained, if possible, to ensure compliance with the Council's Financial Regulations. Cllr Herring to action.</p>
22/10/476	<p>To note the results of the weekly safety checks at the children's playground, and the Recreation Field, and to resolve what action to be taken</p> <p>No new issues picked up – slight movement to baby swing due to wood drying out over summer, to be monitored</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr De Bock to carry out inspections until November meeting.</p>

22/10/477	<p>To receive an update and determine future action on the visual speed indicator signs</p> <p>Quotes being sought, grants to be applied for. Not to pursue legal action against supplier of original signs, at this stage, as investigation shows that even if successful it is unlikely that the costs would be recovered.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Brown to continue to research options, obtain quotes and complete application to Police Commissioner's grant fund, Cllr Herring to research and make additional grant applications. Cllr Brown to store original signs</p>
22/10/478	<p>To receive an update on the installation of the traffic calming measures/village Gates</p> <p>Still waiting for work to start</p> <p>Resolved: Clerk to chase up.</p>
22/10/479	<p>To receive a report from Cllr Brown on issues around flooding and to resolve any action to be taken</p> <p>Cllr Brown continuing to push for further silt clearing to take place.</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr Brown to continue to liaise with the EA over further silt removal</p>
22/10/480	<p>To receive an update from Cllr Forrest on issues concerning the village trees.</p> <p>Report circulated prior to meeting (see attached)</p> <p>Resolved:</p>
22/10/481	<p>To review the environmental action list and the action list of aims and objectives for the year</p> <p>Resolved: To defer to the next meeting</p>
22/10/482	<p>To receive an update from Cllrs De Bock and Herring on grant applications and planning for the Community orchard planting</p> <p>Report circulated prior to meeting (see attached)</p> <p>Resolved: Cllr de Bock to arrange date for working party, Cllr Herring to check terms of grant to ensure compliance with spending requirements. Clerk to obtain revised invoice showing correct address details. Invoice to be paid once received.</p>
22/10/483	<p>To receive an update from Cllr Herring on the neighbourhood watch scheme</p> <p>Report circulated prior to meeting (see attached)</p> <p>Resolved: No action needed</p>
22/10/484	<p>To approve and adopt a Safeguarding Policy</p> <p>Resolved: Safeguarding Policy approved and adopted</p>
22/10/485	<p>To resolve to remain in the SAAA scheme (external audit)</p> <p>Resolved: To remain in scheme for external audit.</p>
22/10/486	<p>North Northamptonshire Council seeks confirmation that Barnwell Parish Council supports the proposal to progress the Neighbourhood Plan to referendum</p> <p>Resolved: proposal supported in principle, but extra time requested to thoroughly read the Examiners Report. Clerk to liaise with NNC</p>
22/10/487	<p>To pass a resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge</p> <p>Resolved: Pledge signed up to</p>
22/10/488	<p>To approve and adopt the Dignity at Work Policy</p>

	Resolved: Dignity at Work Policy approved and adopted
22/10/489	To resolve to send a letter of thanks to volunteers for their great work as telephone box librarians Resolved: Clerk to action
22/10/490	To resolve to allow the organisers of the Village Bonfire use of the Recreation Field for parking on 06.11.2022 Resolved: Permission granted – Cllr Brown to inform organisers
22/10/491	To receive feedback from Cllr Herring on the First Annual meeting of the Rural Village Services Group (RVSG) of 7th September 2022 Report circulated prior to meeting (see attached) Resolved: No action needed
22/10/492	To discuss the issues of ponies damaging oak trees and to resolve what action if any to be taken Resolved: Cllr Brown to draft a letter to the landowner requesting that measures be put in place to protect the trees.
22/10/493	To note the arrangements that were made to mark the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II See attached Resolved: No action needed
22/10/494	To confirm arrangements for the laying of the Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day Resolved: Cllr Brown to lay wreath. Clerk to order wreath.
22/10/495	Correspondence: All circulated via email
22/10/496	To confirm date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 15th November 2022 Resolved: Meeting date confirmed
22/10/497	To close the meeting The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:

Dated:

REPORTS

22/10/480

1. David Brown and I had a walk around the village with Brian Ogden, tree officer for NNC. We looked in particular at the cherry trees on the Chancel bank. Brian was concerned that they did not look healthy and suggested we monitor them over the next 12 months.
2. We also discussed ongoing responsibility for the trees on the Green and along the brook, and agreed to send Brian copies of previous correspondence in which Northants CC accepted responsibility for their ongoing maintenance.
3. The plaque (for the Jubilee tree) has now been reinstated. This has been set in stone as discussed at the last meeting, but has not been concreted in.

22/10/482

Ref Financial grants update: Successful grants have been awarded by NCF for £2,450 and £2,000 by the British Tree Council. £1,000 grant application to the International Tree Foundation expected shortly. Council to discuss next steps and allocation of funds.

22/10/483

Updates on Neighbourhood watch matters and social conduct continue to be reported on the parish council weekly newsletter. No significant matters to report or to be addressed by Council

22/10/491

The meeting was an inaugural meeting of the RVSG. There was representation from around the country but it was very thin - less than 15 people. Whilst the aspirations were good, there is currently limited support in my view and they are seeking funds. Given the size of our parish and the lack of groundswell support my recommendation is we continue to provide moral support but cannot take a financial or leadership role.

22/10/493

Operation London Bridge – notes on arrangements.

Book of Condolence organised by the church – due to the size of the community it was felt that a book in the church was the most appropriate place.

Black armbands delivered to all Cllrs to wear at official events if felt appropriate.

Wreath arranged, and aid, by Cllr D Brown near the tree seat on The Green – this area designated for public flowers for those who wished to leave them.

Proclamation read by Cllr D Brown on The Green (read on two consecutive days due to some confusion over date (note to include date in communications and not wording such as 'tomorrow')).

One minute silence observed by residents in their own homes or other places – no village ceremony held.

Op LB file to be restocked as necessary and future arrangements reviewed as needed.