

## BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at The Village Hall Barnwell at 7.00pm

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

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Clerk), Unitary Ward Cllr G Shacklock, 10 members of the public

<b>24/01/794</b>	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence</b>					
	None					
<b>24/01/795</b>	<b>Public participation session - moved to take place after Declarations of Interest (Item 796)</b>					
	None					
<b>24/01/796</b>	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b>					
	Cllrs Forrest and Mailey – Planning Application NE/23/01318/FUL (Item 804)					
<b>24/01/797</b>	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Signed by the Chairman as a correct record.					
<b>24/01/798</b>	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only</b>					
	Christmas lights expenses previously set at £50.00 will total £66.00 after additional lights purchased – see 23/11/763.					
<b>24/01/798a</b>	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Signed by the Chairman as a correct record.					
<b>24/01/798b</b>	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only</b>					
	Cllr to attend planning meeting once date is known – see 23/11/769					
<b>24/01/799</b>	<b>To receive a report from any North Northamptonshire Councillor present</b>					
	None					
<b>24/01/800</b>	<b>To receive and approve the Balance of Account/Bank Reconciliation</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Balance of accounts and the bank reconciliation approved					
<b>24/01/801</b>	<b>To examine and approve the bank statements</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Balance of £29450.50 at December 29 <sup>th</sup> 2023, statements approved.					
<b>24/01/802</b>	<b>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).</b>					
	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Power to pay</b>
	BAC 16	Mowerman Ground Maint	£210.82	£35.14	refill of 2 x black gritbins*	LGA 2000 S19 Hways 1980 S185
	100811	N A Phillips	£27.66	£0.00	November expenses	LGA 1972 s111
	BAC 17	J Cakebread	£1,294.80	£215.80	Community Orchard bench*	LGA 1972 s124
	DD9	HMRC	£5.80	£0.00	Clerk's December tax	LGA 1972 s112
	100811	N A Phillips	£16.95	£0.00	December expenses	LGA 1972 s111
	BAC 18	NCALC	£39.60	£6.60	Managing Assets - D Brown*	LGA 1972 s111
	BAC 19	Inkwell Print	£65.00	£0.00	Winter newsletter*	LGA 1972 s111

	100812	N A Phillips	£348.70	£0.00	January salary	LGA 1972 s112
	DD9	HMRC	£5.80	£0.00	Clerk's January tax	LGA 1972 s112
	100813	N A Phillips	£TBC	£0.00	February Salary	LGA 1972 s112
	DD9	HMRC	£TBC	£0.00	Clerk's February tax	LGA 1972 s112
	BAC 20	Eon	£24.00	£4.00	Streetlight repair Well Lane	PCA 1957 s3
	BAC 21	Wicksteed Ltd	£288.00	£52.80	Annual Inspection - 2 sites	LGA 1972 s124
	BAC 22	T G Marriott & Sons	£300.00	£50.00	Mowing of Rec Field (reduced rate)	LGA 1972 s124
	BAC 23	T G Marriott & Sons	£966.00	£161.00	Fencing of Rec Field	LGA 1972 s124
	BAC 24	Plexus Media	£78.00	£13.00	Website renewal 1 year	LGA 1972 s111
	<b>Resolved:</b> All payments approved. Cheques signed by Cllrs Brown and the Clerk, BACS set up by Clerk and authorised by Cllr Brown.					
<b>24/01/803</b>	<b>To review the budget and make any adjustments necessary.</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> To move funds from areas where there is an excess to cover the shortfall in the budget for the Clerk's salary – budget version 4.					
<b>24/01/804</b>	<b>To consider and resolve the council's response to planning applications listed below plus any other planning applications advised by North Northamptonshire Council and available on its website between the circulation of this agenda and the meeting to which it pertains.</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> NE/22/00151/FUL – no additional objections, NE/23/01229/FUL – no objections – Clerk to notify NNC.					
	Cllrs Forrest and Mailey left the meeting and sat with the members of the public for the next item.					
	NE/23/01318/FUL: Conversion of and minor extensions to redundant agricultural barns to provide four dwellings, associated parking, hard and soft landscaping and biodiversity enhancement at Friars Close Farm Main Street Barnwell PE8 5PX.					
	It was resolved not to object to this application (majority decision with one objection) as it aligns with the NHP on size and scale, use of redundant buildings, and provision of smaller accommodation. Issues to be included in submission to NCC include concerns around the state of the highway and weight and size of delivery vehicles during construction, measures to protect bats and barn owls to be built in and kept into perpetuity, consideration to be given to skylights being 'conservation' standard, and protection of important 'open space to the frontage. Cllr Brown to draft the response and circulate for agreement before submission.					
	<b>Cllrs Mailey and Forrest rejoined the meeting – eight members of the public left the meeting (19.53pm)</b>					
<b>24/01/805</b>	<b>To note planning decisions made by NNC.</b>					
	None received					
<b>24/01/806</b>	<b>To receive a report from Cllr Wise on issues concerning highways</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Brown to attend Highways meeting on January 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024 at Corby to attempt to get works discussed in recent meeting with Highways/Kier representative actioned. Cllr Brown to investigate as to whether the Community Payback Scheme could be used for the siding out of the Oundle Road.					
<b>24/01/807</b>	<b>To receive a report from Cllr Herring – Police Liaison representative &amp; Neighbourhood Watch</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Nothing to report. Request received from resident for CCTV to be installed in the middle of the village so that if a crime occurred visual evidence of 'comings and goings' could be recorded. Cllrs felt this would not be suitable due to issues around GDPR and possible invasion of residents' privacy.					
<b>24/01/808</b>	<b>To receive a report from Cllr Soans on issues concerning public rights of way</b>					
	<b>Resolved:</b> Nothing to report					

24/01/809	<p><b>To note the results of the weekly safety checks at the children’s playground, and Recreation Field and to resolve what action to be taken.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Inspections carried out by Cllr Herring – no new issues. Cllr Forrest to carry out inspections until the March meeting. Clerk to arrange for the annual safety inspection by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd to be carried out. Cllr Brown to carry out work to secure loose rope on one piece of equipment, eroded ground on the pub side of the access gate to the childrens’ play area to be filled in once weather improves.</p>
24/01/810	<p><b>To receive an update on issues concerning the Recreation Field including possible installation of a ‘Monkey Challenge’</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Grant application submitted for Monkey Challenge, could be middle of March before BWPC is notified of result. Fencing work completed. Clerk to obtain quotes for mowing of field for the coming year.</p>
24/01/811	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllrs Mailey and Brown on visual speed indicator signs</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Data from Armston Rd VSI shows the majority of vehicles keep to the speed limit. Due to high cost of installation of power to existing signs, Cllr Mailey to investigate moving the posts on Hemington Road and Well Lane to places where solar power works more efficiently.</p>
24/01/812	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllr Mailey on traffic calming measures</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Nothing from Cllr Mailey but no reply, as yet, to request for road markings to be installed – Clerk to follow up</p>
24/01/813	<p><b>To receive a report from Cllr Brown on issues around flooding and to resolve any action to be taken</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Two floods within three months, Cllr Brown to continue to push EA for removal of silt, and to explore whether the PC can undertake such a task itself.</p>
	<p><b>Unitary Cllr G Shacklock and two members of the public left the meeting at 20.53pm</b></p>
24/01/814	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllr Forrest on issues concerning the village trees, including the results of the replanting survey</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Survey carried out by Cllrs Forrest and De Bock with some areas identified as suitable for planting with smaller species of trees. No space on the Green between existing limes for planting of new ones to grow to fill spaces left when existing one reach the end of their life span. To bring tree planting back to the March meeting.</p> <p>Several of the Recreation Field trees have been cut off by persons unknown, the PC views this as an act of vandalism. A letter to be sent to neighbouring properties to see if there were any witnesses to this act.</p>
24/01/815	<p>To receive the results of the survey of trees to ascertain whether it would be appropriate to apply for Tree Protection Orders</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Only trees not covered by a TPO are either inside the Conservation Area and therefore should have a degree of protection, or on private property which Cllrs are unwilling to subject to a TPO initiated by the Council. A number of trees have recently been removed in the Conservation Area, a letter to be sent reminded owners of the need to obtain the correct permits via NNC.</p>
24/01/816	<p>To set the date of February 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 for the trimming of the lime basal growth work party.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Date set, no chainsaws to be permitted, hand tools only, Cllr Forrest to allocate areas of work. Cllr Brown to arrange for the use of a chipper and disposal of chippings. Team of volunteer workers to be identified.</p>

	<b>Cllr Soans left the meeting at 20.53pm</b>
24/01/817	<b>To receive an update from Cllr De Bock on the Community Orchard</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Bench delivered, Cllrs Brown and Mailey to arrange installation. Nothing else to report.
24/01/818	<b>To receive an update on maintenance of the Council's assets including streetlights</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Eon attended to the 'dangling' lamp on Well Lane and refitted and cut back overhanging vegetation for the fee of £24.00. Faulty streetlight near 'Whitefriars' reported to ZETA before Christmas but not yet repaired – Clerk to follow up. BWPC owned grit bins refilled, Cllr brown to check on contents of original bin to see if flooding has damaged the contents.
24/01/819	<b>To receive an update from Cllr Herring re participation in the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landing commemorations.</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Nothing to report, to bring back to March meeting.
24/01/820	<b>To receive an update from Cllr Wise on the CommMini Bus scheme</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Nothing to report, except Oundle is carrying out a trial journey. Cllr Wise to continue to liaise with the organiser of this scheme.
24/01/821	<b>To note Turney's quote for any mowing of the Green</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Quote received from Turneys for an extra £20.00 if any mowing of the Green is carried out at the same time as the rest of the mowing (7 cuts per year). Cllr Brown to talk to volunteer mower to see if he wishes to carry on mowing and to suggest that mowing by carried out once a fortnight instead of weekly.
24/01/822	<b>To review and approve the Action Plan for 2024/25</b> <b>Resolved:</b> To bring back to the March meeting but to include working towards achieving good mobile phone coverage for the village.
24/01/823	<b>Correspondence:</b> Bee Ethical Lottery – noted as a fundraising option
24/01/824	<b>To confirm date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> <b>Resolved:</b> date confirmed
24/01/823	<b>To close the meeting</b> The meeting closed at 21.08pm

Signed:

Dated: