

## BARNWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at The Village Hall Barnwell at 7.30pm

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

**In attendance:** Mrs N Phillips (Clerk),

24/07/929	<b>To receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> G Wise																																																
24/07/930	<b>Public participation session</b> None																																																
24/07/931	<b>To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda.</b> None																																																
24/07/932	<b>To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Signed by the Chairman as a correct record.																																																
24/07/933	<b>To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only</b>  One of the streetlights to be adopted has a fault which has been passed back to NNC for rectifying.  After further correspondence with the insurers they have agreed that a volunteer mower, using their own equipment, can continue to mow the Green.  Debit card formal resolution to apply to return to September Agenda.  Assets inspection carried out with only minor works needed, update images to include climbing wall and new bench – Cllr Soans to provide photos.																																																
24/07/934	<b>To receive and approve the revised Finance Regulations</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Received and approved																																																
24/07/935	<b>To receive and approve the Balance of Account/Bank Reconciliation</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Balance of accounts and the bank reconciliation approved																																																
24/07/936	<b>To examine and approve the bank statements</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Bank statements approved. Bank balance of £36461.59 at June 28 <sup>th</sup> 2024																																																
24/07/937	<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> <table><tr><th>Payment</th><th>Payee</th><th>Total</th><th>VAT</th><th>Details</th><th>Power to pay</th></tr><tr><td>BAC 7</td><td>I E Croft</td><td>£200.00</td><td>£0.00</td><td>Contribution towards fuel cost for mowing The Green</td><td>LGA 1972 s124</td></tr><tr><td>100825</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£31.74</td><td>£0.00</td><td>May Expenses</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td></tr><tr><td>100825</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£19.99</td><td>£0.00</td><td>25% towards Microsoft Office 365</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td></tr><tr><td>BAC8</td><td>Andrew Granger</td><td>£250.00</td><td>£0.00</td><td>Recreational/Cricket Field Rent (PDBF)</td><td>LGA 1972 s124</td></tr><tr><td>100825</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£16.31</td><td>£0.00</td><td>June Expenses</td><td>LGA 1972 s111</td></tr><tr><td>100826</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£360.68</td><td>£0.00</td><td>July Salary</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td></tr><tr><td>100827</td><td>N A Phillips</td><td>£360.68</td><td>£0.00</td><td>August Salary</td><td>LGA 1972 s112</td></tr></table>	Payment	Payee	Total	VAT	Details	Power to pay	BAC 7	I E Croft	£200.00	£0.00	Contribution towards fuel cost for mowing The Green	LGA 1972 s124	100825	N A Phillips	£31.74	£0.00	May Expenses	LGA 1972 s111	100825	N A Phillips	£19.99	£0.00	25% towards Microsoft Office 365	LGA 1972 s111	BAC8	Andrew Granger	£250.00	£0.00	Recreational/Cricket Field Rent (PDBF)	LGA 1972 s124	100825	N A Phillips	£16.31	£0.00	June Expenses	LGA 1972 s111	100826	N A Phillips	£360.68	£0.00	July Salary	LGA 1972 s112	100827	N A Phillips	£360.68	£0.00	August Salary	LGA 1972 s112
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	<b>Resolved:</b> All payments approved. Cheques signed by Cllrs De Bock and Brown, bank transfers authorised by Cllr Brown																														
24/07/938	<b>To resolve to make a grant to Barnwell PCC for maintenance of the public footpath through the Chancel burial ground</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Declined as burial ground management is currently in conflict with the Council's Biodiversity Plan.																														
24/07/939	<b>To resolve that the Council in accordance with its powers under section 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should 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: contribution to the work of Volunteer Action</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Grant of £250 approved.																														
24/07/940	<b>To note the result of the bi-monthly budget review and apply virements as necessary</b> <b>Resolved:</b> All in order, no action necessary																														
24/07/941	<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> NE/24/00612/TCA – Tree work in conservation area. T1-T2 Cherry – fell at 46 Main Street Barnwell <b>Resolved:</b> No objections																														
24/07/942	<b>To note BWPC's response to planning applications received between meetings</b> None received																														
24/07/943	<b>To note planning decisions made by NNC.</b> NE/24/00119/FUL – proposed 2 bedroomed bungalow at The Spinneys Church Lane Barnwell – refused.																														
24/07/944	<b>To receive a report from Cllr Wise on issues concerning highways</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Question received from NNC as to if the damaged fencing on the A605 has been repaired – unable to answer this at present due to overgrown vegetation present. Cllr Brown will check and let Cllr Wise know the answer. Cllr Brown has trimmed round the entrance gates on Hemington Road, Clerk to instruct mowing contractors to include in monthly cut.																														
24/07/945	<b>To receive a report from Cllr Herring – Police Liaison representative &amp; Neighbourhood Watch</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Nothing to report																														
24/07/946	<b>To receive a report from Cllr Soans on issues concerning public rights of way</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Reports of finger post down on one footpath – Cllr Soans to investigate and report to NNC if necessary.																														
24/07/947	<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>No new issues, but hedge will need trimming</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Mailey to continue carrying out inspections until the September meeting. Cllr Mailey to reinstate eroded surface near to entrance gate with turf. Cllr Mailey to liaise with the landowner over hedge trimming.</p>
24/07/948	<p><b>To receive an update on any other issues concerning the childrens playground, and Recreation Field and to resolve what action to be taken</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Grass around gym equipment in need of mowing – Clerk to instruct verge mowing contractors. Road side of hedge, and top, will need trimming. Cllr Brown to speak with field mower about mowing football pitch size area to a lower level, and mowing pathways around edge of field. Cllr Brown to install cricket stumps. A work party and bird box building session to be arranged for September 21<sup>st</sup> 2024, Cllr Soans permitted to spend up to £200.00 on materials.</p>
24/07/949	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllr Mailey on the visual speed indicator signs and other traffic calming measures</b></p> <p>Quotes in the region of £5 – 6k for two VSIs received. No data capture needed.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Mailey to research further.</p>
24/07/950	<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> Silt removal too complicated to be carried out by volunteers and would need specialist contractors. BWPC would have to fund in full. Cllr Brown to research quotes but continue to lobby the EA for this work to be carried out.</p>
24/07/951	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllr Forrest on issues concerning the village trees.</b></p> <p>Cherry trees adjacent to Chancel burial ground wall – waiting for formal response from the PCC. Cllr Forrest has reported trees to NNC and also reported issues with another tree to Street Doctor.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Lime bole trimming near to Chancel, and also near to the ford to be looked at by Cllr Forrest with trimming only to be carried out where there are visibility or road safety issues caused by overgrowth.</p>
24/07/952	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllr De Bock on the Community Orchard</b></p> <p>Bench installed, one tree has died and another damaged by mowing.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Thanks passed on to bench installers, Cllr Mailey's offer to engrave BWPC identifying mark gratefully received. Cllr De Bock to arrange for replacement trees to be planted in the autumn. Cllr Soans to obtain up to date quotes for plaque for bench. Cllr Herring to post on FB an invitation for volunteers to come and weed around 'their' trees. Cllr Herring to continue to look for grants to fund the purchase of a mower.</p>
24/07/953	<p><b>To receive an update from Cllr Wise on the CommMini Bus scheme</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> New bus route from Oundle to Rushden Lakes planned from September therefore CommMini Bus scheme likely to end.</p>
24/07/954	<p><b>To receive and adopt the Biodiversity Plan</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Biodiversity plan produced by Cllr Soans, received and adopted.</p>
24/07/955	<p><b>To review the environmental action list and the annual action list of aims and objectives for the year</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Environmental Action List will form part of the Biodiversity Plan in future years. Progress made on many items. Biodiversity to be a standing item on the agenda.</p>

<b>24/07/956</b>	<b>To re-appoint Cllr Forrest to a further 4 year term as a trustee to Parson Latham's Hospital in Barnwell</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Forrest re-appointed, Clerk to inform Parson Lathams
<b>24/07/957</b>	<b>To receive and approve the revised Complaints procedures</b> <b>Resolved:</b> Received and approved once typos removed.
<b>24/07/958</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> NNC Summer activities poster – to go on the noticeboard.
<b>24/07/959</b>	<b>To confirm date of the next meeting of the Parish Council as 17th September 2024</b> <b>Resolved:</b> September 17 <sup>th</sup> confirmed with the meeting to start at 7.00pm
<b>24/07/960</b>	<b>To close the meeting</b> The meeting closed at 20.50 pm

Signed:

Dated: