

# East and West Barkwith Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00 pm. on 17th January, 2019, in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr. A. Platt, Mr. C. Wilson, Mr. J. Stamp, Mr. N. Battell, and Mrs. T. Brady.

The District and County Councillors were both absent on this occasion.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

The chairman exercised his discretion to allow the resident to speak before the meeting began. He asked for an up-date on the problems he had brought to the council's September meeting, regarding the dyke on Panton Road and its apparent contamination with foul water and sewage. Cllr. Wilson reported that Anglian Water was still denying responsibility, and that pressure had been applied to the Highways department and a response from them was expected shortly. In the meantime, preparations would be made to approach the Environment Agency.

The resident gave his e-mail address so that he could be informed of further progress. He then chose to leave the room and the chairman opened the meeting.

## 964. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. K. Breckons, who had a business appointment. These were accepted and approved by those present.

Concern was expressed regarding the absence of some councillors without apologies being received in time for the meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would remind all councillors of their obligations as part of the preparation for the next meeting, while specific reminders would be sent thereafter when necessary.

## 965. **Minutes.**

Draft copies of the Minutes of the meeting of 15th November, 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

They were approved by the meeting and signed by the chairman.

## 966. **Matters arising.**

There were no items on this occasion.

## 967. **Correspondence.**

General information and dates - as listed for circulation

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Other items -

East Lindsey has sent the new Register of Electors.

They have also sent details of a Data Protection Course at the end of January and repeating twice in early February. The cost is £50. It was agreed that the clerk should attend if possible.

BHIB sent advice on risk factors for the Winter and this was referred to Cllr. Wilson in his capacity as Safety Officer..

Lincolnshire Wolds are preparing the new edition of the Local Facilities Guide. It was agreed to ask for the 'Camping Site' entry to be amended to 'Caravan Site', and for 'Walks' to be added to the notes.

Citizen's Advice have written from their Gainsborough Office requesting a financial contribution towards their work. It was agreed to maintain the usual custom of supporting only those organisations or events with a direct connection to the parish. The clerk will write accordingly.

## 968. **Planning**

a) Applications - One application had been viewed between meetings:-

S/202/02239/18 - Manor House, Louth Road, West Barkwith - Replacement of old porch / conservatory with a new one, to be extended upwards to improve light into first floor room.

This was approved.

Notification was received that the following proposal was being referred to the a meeting of the full Planning Committee:-

S/044/01192/18 - Land to the west of Louth Road, East Barkwith - Erection of detached house.

b) Decisions - There were two decisions to report.

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Appeal -

S/202/02239/18 - Star Garage, West Barkwith. Notice has been received that the appeal has been allowed and condition 2, severely restricting the use of the area, has been deleted from the Planning Permission (change of use) on the grounds that it removed Permitted Development Rights without good reason.

c) Village projects - Cllr. Wilson is still working on the revisions to both the cycle survey and the Parish Emergency Plan and will report progress when the drafts are ready.

## 969. Reports

Cllr. Wilson wished to express his thanks to the clerk for the work on the Committee notes and Terms of Reference which were adopted at the last meeting (minute ref. 959a) and had proved useful in calculating probable expenditure for the coming year.

a) Village Hall. The 2019 Hiring Agreement, for the use of the hall for regular meetings, was approved and signed. A copy will be returned to the Booking Secretary.

The Management Committee will be meeting next month to discuss the merits of the current charitable status and management system with an advisor. This will include consideration of the availability of possible alternatives to the requirement for committee members to register as Trustees as described in the report at the last meeting

Cllr. Wilson was able to source Christmas lights for the outside trees from Tesco. These will be sufficient for a year or two and can be augmented or replaced as the trees grow. An underground cable was installed to run the power supply to a protected connection box but the lines inside the hall will need tidying for next year.

Thanks are due to Eric and Tricia Brady for their help with installing the lights and decorations in the hall, and to Shirley Booth for her help with the tree. There have been many favourable comments on the overall appearance, both inside and outside.

Thanks are also due to Eric Brady for painting the new rear doors and helping to install them. A final coat of paint will be applied when the weather is right.

b) Neighbourhood Watch. There was no report on this occasion.

c) Play Area. Cllr. Wilson is preparing to circulate the new survey to gain residents' view on up-dating the plans for the redevelopment and new equipment and to ask for more volunteers to join the rota for the regular inspections. Copies of the Maintenance Programme and the Inspection Guide were presented to the council for reference.

d) Countryside Committee. Thanks are due to Eric Brady for his regular work on monitoring and trimming the trees and shrubs in the Parish Field. Any major tree work will be done when the ground is drier and firm enough to take the machinery needed.

No additional daffodils were planted this year as the bulbs proved too expensive.

Some residents are preparing their plots for an 'Open Gardens' event this year, so it may be appropriate to consider an entry in the Best Kept Village competition as soon as the details are available.

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e) Dog Watch Co-ordinator. The temporary un-lidded dog-waste bin on Panton Road has been replaced with a general rubbish bin which has a cover. However, it is not red and it does not carry the dog-waste logo so may not be seen as appropriate for that purpose as well as for general rubbish. Cllr. Brady will contact the District Council again to clarify the reasons for the change and to ask for the Willingham Road bin to be moved slightly to improve access to and from the field for agricultural vehicles.

f) History Group. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 20th February and will be held at Tricia Brady's home if the Crossroads is closed.

g) Churchyard. The Maintenance Plan was presented to the council for reference. It was noted that the work marked for urgent attention had been completed for which thanks are due to Eric Brady for his hard work. Also shown was a draft plan for improving the refreshment facilities and adding a toilet.

## 970. Amenities.

a) War Memorial. It is hoped to schedule the cleaning of the Memorial for the Spring. Steve Andrews, the stonemason who worked the inscriptions, has offered to do this without charge and it was agreed to accept his offer.

b) Web-site. Neil Battell has ensured that the introductory page to the History Section has now been up-dated and has functioning links on those sections where there are research reports. Tricia Brady has been working on the community pages and she and the clerk will be meeting with Tom Bolla regarding a 'virtual notice board' and the re-setting of the council pages.

c) Crossroads Inn. The current landlady is leaving and it has been confirmed that Bateman's Brewery has decided to sell the Crossroads due to the difficulties in keeping staff and in attracting enough custom to maintain it as a commercial business. If it cannot be sold as a pub, the brewery may apply for planning permission for change of use to residential accommodation and then sell it. The council could apply to register it as a 'Community Asset' but, unless there is an individual or a group who can take it on and restore its viability, this will only delay the inevitable.

## 971. Highways.

Bus Shelters - The County Council has confirmed that work on the East Barkwith Shelters has been scheduled for January.

Grit Bins - A further letter was sent to the Highways department explaining the need for the Willingham Road bin and the original agreement for it. A few days later an e-mail was received, confirming that the bin would be reinstated in a suitable position as soon as the new stock has been received at the beginning of the year.

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Pot Holes - A letter had been in preparation but, before it could be sent, Cllr. Fincham reported that the defects had finally been repaired.

## 972. Finance.

a) Receipts - There were no receipts to report.

b) Bills - The following items had been approved for payment on receipt of invoice -

Payee - For	Cheque no.	Net	VAT	Total
HMRC - Clerk's Tax	000803	£153.90	-	£153.90
Mrs. B. Theairs - Clerk's Salary	000804	£561.10	-	£561.10
Mr. C. Wilson - Christmas Tree Lights	000805	£23.33	£4.67	£28.00

Bills approved at this meeting -

East Lindsey District Council - Green Bin	000806	£40.00	-	£40.00
Barkwith Village Hall - Meetings 2018	000807	£160.00	-	£160.00
Cheque 000808 misdrawn and destroyed				
Mr. E. Brady - Reimbursement for Paint	000809	£24.98	£5.00	£29.88

Also approved, in principle, for payment on receipt of invoices -

Servicing and maintenance costs for the mowers.

Fuel expenses for outdoor machines.

It was agreed to ask Mark Woodcock to undertake this year's cutting of the small grass areas and to make his payments on arrival of the invoices.

c) Precept - The chairman's Dispensation form was completed and approved by the meeting, all other councillors present having already completed theirs.

The clerk had circulated financial briefing documents at the beginning of the month and incorporated any comments into the final drafts presented to the meeting. These were reviewed and it was formally agreed that the precept for 2019/2020 should be set at £7350. The clerk will notify East Lindsey accordingly.

## 973. Any Other Business.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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Signed by the Chairman .....