

# Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

## MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Fennell opened the meeting by Congratulating Helen on her new position as Clerk and recognised this was Nicky's last meeting as Clerk for the Council, thanking her for her 15 years' service to the role.

1. Present: Parish Councillors Tony Fennell (Vice Chair – Chairing meeting), Norman Howell, John Ibison, Elizabeth Webster & three members of the public.

Apologies: Councillors James Commander (Away on Holiday) & Andrew Harkin (Long standing annual commitment).

2. Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 were resolved by the council to be a true record and were signed by the acting chair councillor Fennell.
3. Declarations of Interest – **None to report**
4. **Period of public discussion/chance to review Clerk's report / receive updates from police, Borough & Parish Councillors re meetings, groups, visits, training courses etc. –**

The meeting was adjourned at 19.31pm

Councillor Ibison raised resident concerns regarding flooding issues around the Broadoak Avenue and Greenacres Drive area of Bonds. It was discussed that the area had been previously surveyed by Lancashire County Council and they were unable to find fault. This is a long standing issue and has been ongoing for approx. 12-18 months and includes issues of excess surface water and the potential for further flood risks for the residents. The clerk will add this to the agenda for the next meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for further discussion and to consider LCC involvement. **Councillor Howell will endeavour to visit the site in question ahead of the next meeting.**

Councillor Ibison reported on the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) which is reviewed every three years to monitor the control of dogs and dog fouling in public spaces. There followed a discussion regarding local areas, the only designated area in the Parish would possibly be the play area off Dimples Lane. The parish council are not aware of any areas of concern. **Councillor Ibison will reply on behalf of the Parish Council.**

The clerks were given information in the form of a printed email by Peter Woods (from Barnacre Memorial Hall) on the evening of the Parish council meeting 12/07/23 regarding Noventum - Barnacre Solar Farm Barnacre. The clerks in turn informed the councillors of the planned public consultation (Drop-in session) on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 for a proposed Solar Farm, Turners Farm, Turners Lane, Barnacre. APP 23/00568/SCRE (Planning application consultation received 11/07/20223, item not on agenda). It was noted that comments were to be received

by 01/08/2023 and the consultation was not planned until 02/08/2023 and it would be beneficial for councillors to attend the consultation prior to comments.

Councillors Howell & Ibison would attend the drop in on 02.08.23. Clerk would contact Richard Morrison (Associate Planner) re date of drop in / comments to Wyre deadline and if appropriate ask for an extension to deadline for comments from Wyre.

Councillor Howell reported 'The (old) Church Inn' car park (Bonds Lane, Garstang) has come up for sale and was priced at £35,000. Discussion followed as to whether the Parish Council would be interested in purchasing the land for the benefit of the residents. This led to discussion about the football field at Bowgreave and Calder Vale recreation ground. All would have a think about possible funding streams etc and the clerk would add this to the next agenda and Councillor Webster had some information on loans from Council borrowing boards she would send to all for info.

Meeting reconvened at 20.04

#### 5. **Climate Change**

Councillor Ibison gave an update on the climate change subcommittee. There was poor response in regard to ground source heating in Calder Vale, Councillors recognised that there were various challenges including the estimated cost per household being around £20,000. There has been greater success with the initiation of design and costing for the introduction of heat pump systems into the Almshouses. They had been in touch with cosy homes and were looking into Grant funding. Further meetings to take place next week.

#### 6. **Electricity NW Grant**

The Clerk advised Prospus have an outstanding invoice and a breakdown of the invoice was needed from Councillors Ibison & Commander which they had received directly. Councillor Ibison agreed this and forwarded a copy of the Invoice to the clerk during the meeting. The clerk also requested a copy of the original agreement to file for reference. Councillor Ibison sent a copy of this to the clerk. Further discussion followed regarding the need to have clear distinctions between Parish Council funds and the Grant money. This is currently being achieved by having a separate balance sheet.

**It was resolved that the Prospus invoice be paid and the clerk would look into moving the accounts to an online service (e.g. Scribe- accounting for Town & Parish Councils) and to add this to the agenda for the next meeting when more information will be given.**

#### 7. **Legend Fires Northwest Stages 2024.**

Councillor Howard reported that the consultation offered an interesting presentation, and all Councillors agreed the organisers are very thorough and have excellent communication with the general public and local residents. Councillor Reilly discussed his own interaction with the team being a local resident and has no concerns. It was agreed that the event is excellent for the local area bringing many visitors who will all use local businesses. It was resolved that the Parish Council would fully support the event.

**8. Community event held on Saturday 20th May 2023.**

This event was well attended and the need for more community events was well demonstrated. Councillors agreed the need to increase advertising of such events and capture a wider audience. Social media platforms were discussed with Councillor James Reilly advising this could easily be achieved using the same advertising content on various platforms such as Nextdoor, Facebook and the PC website. Councillors agreed to add photos to PC Website to easily identify Councillors.

**It was resolved that the next event will be held at SS Mary & Michael's Community Hall on 07/10/23. Item to be added to the agenda for next meeting to discuss the creation of Parish Council Facebook page. Clerk to research social media Policy for Parish Councils. Councillor James Reilly to photograph Councillors and add to website.**

**9. Long service Gift**

Councillors discussed the long service of Councillor Henry Gorst and the purchase of a gift. The date for the presentation and the venue will be decided via email when gift is arranged.

**It was resolved that the clerk would purchase an engraved clock and the costs were agreed.**

**10. Discuss the following planning applications / appeals, note any comments:**

a. Application 23/00597/FUL - Two storey side extension and single storey front extension following demolition of existing detached garage (22/01234/FUL) @ The Old Barn Arkwright Farm Eidsforth Lane.

**This was discussed and resolved there were no comment.**

b. Application 23/00381/FUL - Change of use of land for siting of 6 chalets for holiday use and I feel that due to the scale and nature of this site, the Parish Council should object to this application. one managers accommodation cabin, hard surfacing for vehicle turning area and associated hard landscaping @ Low Mill Farm Calder Vale Road. **This was discussed and it was agreed the following comments be sent to Wyre Planning. This item has been 'called in' to committee.**

**Issues that are of concern to the council are:**

- 1. Access, all vehicles must exit the carriage way adjacent to Albert Terrace, this is a particularly dangerous junction.**
- 2. The access track down to the proposed site consists of an unmade single carriageway track without passing places which is also a public footpath. To increase traffic movements on what is effectively a cul-de-sac down to Primrose cottages would create an unfair burden to the residents of Primrose Cottages, their isolation is a key element to the resident's choice to live in that location.**
- 3. The scale of the application appears to be out of proportion to its location within a Glade of an ancient woodland. The council requests some clarification, the application is titled 6 chalets and managers accommodation, however the plans only show 6 chalets and a reception/office but not a view of the accommodation chalet, would**

this result in eight structures being added to the site, is the council correct in this assumption.

4. It is the view of the council that due to the nature and heritage of this site a tourism development would be inappropriate.
  5. The location was formally a sewage works and before that an abandoned industrial mill with decaying culverts Mill ponds etc which have been partially hidden by the woodland over time and are potentially very dangerous to any visitors. The council notes that there is no mention for any remediation works to reduce any of these dangers.
- c. Application 23/00621/FUL - Proposed side and rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory @ Woodside Dimples Lane.

**This was discussed and resolved there were no comments.**

- d. Application 23/00610/FUL - Proposal: Proposed rear extension, flue for wood burning fire, alterations to side window and relocation of rear/side gate Location @ 1 Crowther Close. **This was discussed. It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objection to the application however, the Clerk and Councillor John Ibison (in his capacity of Borough Councillor) have been approached by the owners of the neighbouring property with regard to the proximity of the extension to a neighbouring property and the potential loss of light into main rooms within this property. The owners of the neighbouring property also advised Councillor Ibison that the plans that were submitted with the application were not correct. We agreed to advise Wyre that the neighbour had advised Councillor Ibison that the plans submitted with the application were not correct and we agreed that we would ask Wyre Planning to check this. In addition, the Parish Council requests that Wyre Planning reviews this planning application to determine if the proposed extension design is in accordance with the requirements of Blackpool Council, Fylde Borough Council, & Wyre Borough Council Extending Your Home Supplementary Planning Document. The Parish Council see no reason to comment on the design of the extension detailed within this application.**

**It was resolved that the Chair would sign the bank statements showing the following transactions being authorised:**

<b>Date of Bank statement</b>	<b>Paid IN / OUT</b>	<b>Paid on</b>	<b>Paid to</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Payment method</b>
10 May 2023	OUT	18.04.23	Nicky Mason (April Clerk salary)	444.08	SO
10 May 2023	OUT	02.05.23	Easy websites	27.60	DD
09 June 2023	IN	16.05.23	Electricity North West grant	15000.00	DEP
09 June 2023	OUT	18.05.23	Nicky Mason (May Clerk salary)	444.08	SO
09 June 2023	OUT	22.05.23	Barnacre memorial hall (hall hire 2022)	150.00	FP
09 June 2023	OUT	22.05.23	LALC (Annual subs)	326.94	FP
09 June 2023	OUT	22.05.23	LALC (Annual subs top up –	109.41	FP

			wrong amount paid)		
09 June 2023	OUT	22.05.23	Zurich (Annual insurance)	326.94	FP
09 June 2023	OUT	31.05.23	Prospus Group (GRANT invoice)	540.00	FP
09 June 2023	OUT	01.06.23	Easy websites	27.60	DD

CHQ – Cheque. SO – Standing Order. DD – Direct Debit. BACs – Bankers’ Automated Clearing System. BGC – Bankers Giro Credit. FP – Faster payment. DEP – Deposit.

11. The current bank balance is £24,047.09 (of which £14,460.00 is the ENW Grant)  
**It was resolved that moving forward, the balance will record – Standard balance, grant balance and TTL combined (balance + Electricity Northwest grant)**

12. **It was noted payment has been made to the following as previously agreed:**

MOP	Paid	For	Amount £
FP	Autela Payroll	Q1 payroll services (invoice 11682)	54.58

13. **It was resolved to authorise payment of the following:**

MOP	Pay	For	Amount £
FP	Matthew Gorst	Noticeboard at Bonds restoration	350.00
FP	Calder Vale Village Hall	Hire of hall for Community event (20.05.23)	10.00
FP	Nicky Mason (Clerk)	Printer ink, A4 paper and refreshments from Community event	54.83
FP	Nicky Mason (Clerk)	Microsoft annual subscription	148.32
FP	Prospus	Work to date	1,158.00

14. **Next meeting date**

As previously agreed the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

It was the final Parish Council Meeting for the Clerk & RFO Mrs Nicky Mason. Councillor Howell thanked Nicky on behalf of all the councillors for her 15 years’ service and it was recognised what a fantastic contribution Nicky had made to the Parish council during her time with them.

Meeting Closed at 20.47

Prepared 16.07.23 by Mrs N Mason & Mrs H Adair