

## Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

### MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm.

- 17-03-24 Present: Parish Councillors Commander (Chair) Fennell (Vice Chair), Howell (arrived 19.36 due to late train), Ibison, Reilly, Harkins & Webster.
- 18-03-24 Minutes from the regular meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were discussed. **It was resolved that the Chair would sign the minutes as a correct record, and they were signed by Cllr Commander.**
- 19-03-24 Declarations of Interest - Cllr James Reilly – Declared an Interest (Agenda Item 10) – Owner and Director of the company Easy Websites.
- 20-03-24 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public discussion, to allow members to give a “for information only” update from any meetings / groups / visits / training courses attended since the last meeting, **the chance to review any information on Clerk’s report & receive any update from Borough & County Councillors or Police.**

The meeting was adjourned at 19.32.

Cllr Ibison gave an update on the Canal towpath project and advised all Parishes involved in the project had precepted for the requested £8000 and it was hoped there would be further developments with the project in the very near future.

Cllr Ibison advised that he had been contacted by numerous members of the public regarding the very poor road conditions on Dimples Lane and the prolonged work taking place around the Canal bridge on Dimples Lane with temporary traffic lights in situ, the Council agreed that the clerk would write to the head of highways regarding this issue and raise awareness and ask for the road to be assessed with a view to resurfacing.

Cllr Webster discussed planting bulbs on the grass at the end of Castle Lane and said that she would discuss this further with Garstang Bloomers regarding permissions. This will be discussed further later in the year.

Cllr Ibison updated that Thornton Little Theatre had been leased to a production company which would be a great addition to the local area and that there were further plans to look for possible uses for the Marine Hall in Fleetwood. All positive news for our Parish and local area.

Meeting reopened at 19 45.

21.03.24 Climate Change

Cllr Ibison and Cllr Commander updated the Council on plans for Calder Vale Club to submit a grant application to Lancashire County Council, the proposal is to receive funding to install ground source heating at the Club. The Electricity Northwest grant that Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council secured last year has helped fund the video needed for the application. If the application for funding is successful it will enable the oil boiler replacement and reduce co2 emissions. Due to the location of the club, there is a limited electricity supply and no mains gas so the introduction of ground source heating will allow for a long term, dependable and sustainable solution.

It was noted that the cost for the video production is invoiced at £1350 plus VAT and the same invoice incorporated Work completed between 23June23 and 21March24 as part of the Calder Vale and Bonds low carbon heat project to support the Working Group, £1500 + VAT. Total invoice to be paid £3420 incl VAT.

**It was resolved that all outstanding invoices for the Electricity Northwest Grant would be paid by the clerk when the Invoice is received.**

22.03.24 Barnacre Solar Farm application

The Councillors discussed Barnacre Solar Farm application at Turners Farm, discussions included the ecological survey that is taking place in conjunction with Manchester university and the reviews of site access.

**It was resolved that no further communications would take place with Noventum power at this stage.**

23.03.24 Anti-social behaviour guidance for Councillors

This document was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, and **it was resolved that the Parish Council would adopt the procedures and the clerk would add any necessary documents to files.**

24.03.24 Calder Vale Community Event 11.05.24

The clerk updated that all relevant invites have been sent and confirmations have been received from Anne Oliver at Age UK and Stacey Walker at Cosy Homes. Councillors Commander, Ibison, Howell & Reilly confirmed their attendance at the event.

**It was resolved that the clerk would continue to chase invite confirmations and advertise the event.**

25.03.24 Budget 24/25

Amendments were discussed to the 24/25 budget following the last meeting and the previous agreement to an increase in costs for the website and moving to a .gov domain and new Councillor email addresses.

**It was resolved that the Council agree the budget cost changes and that there would be a review of each subscription when renewal was due.**

26.03.24 .Gov domain name changes

Councillor Reilly explained the procedures for making the change to a .gov domain name. The clerk advised of the Parish Council Domains Helper Service and the registration to the process giving information of potential funding for the transition of £100 plus VAT and how to access it.

**It was resolved that the clerk would register with the helper service and explore the potential funding on offer.**

27.03.24 Planning Applications

- **Application Number: - 24/00019/FUL** – Retrospective application for construction of entrance gateway including proposals to lower the flanking walls @ Hillside, Strickens Lane, Barnacre.- **It was resolved there were no comments to be made.**
- **Application Number: - 24/00102/FUL** -Transfer of domestic curtilage to 96 Garstang Road with erection of new single garage on reallocated land and erection of boundary treatments @ 2 Broom Field Bowgreave – **It was resolved there were no comments to be made.**
- **Application Number: - 24/00221/FUL** - Single storey side and rear extension Location @ Woodacre Cottage Hazelhead Lane Barnacre – **It was resolved there were no comments to be made.**

28.03.24 Financial Transactions

**It was resolved that the Chair would sign the bank statements showing the transactions as per the agenda, authorised. The current bank balances of Standard balance £3,593.62 Grant Balance £13,302 Total Balance £16,895.62 as of 12.03.2024 were noted and the bank reconciliation was signed by the chair and the clerk and RFO. Retrospective payments were noted.**

29.03.24 Meeting Dates

As previously agreed, the next meeting (AGM) will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

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