

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Wednesday 11th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

- 55.24 Present: Parish Councillors Fennell (Chair), Reilly (Vice Chair), Commander, Howell, Harkins.
Apologies – Cllr Webster and Cllr Ibison.
- 56.24 Minutes from the AGM meeting held on 15.05.2024 were discussed. Cllr Howell advised that the roles of planning Ambassadors for the Council were not included, **it was resolved that Cllr Commander and Cllr Harkins be recorded as Planning ambassadors and the clerk will advise the relevant bodies at Wyre Council. The Chair would sign the minutes as a correct record, and they were signed by Cllr Fennell.**
- 57.24 Declarations of Interest - Cllr James Reilly – Declared an Interest – Owner and Director of the company Easy Websites.
- 58.24 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.**

Meeting closed 19.33

Cllr Commander advised that the drain on the access road into Calder vale is leaking causing flooding on the road, the flooding is causing problems for residents as this is the only road into and out of the village. The drain leaking is an ongoing issue and United Utilities have been out on numerous occasions to try to rectify the problem. The Clerk will report the issue to United Utilities.

The Clerk updated the Councillors on the broken bench at the end of Calder House Lane – Cllr David Swift advised bench was owned by Wyre Council but has been removed. Clerk has advised bench is still in situ and has asked for further update on maintenance or removal from Cllr Swift.

Clerk to create risk assessment for benches on Parish council’s asset register.

Meeting reopened 19.41

- 59.24 **Climate Change**
Cllr Commander updated – Expecting application response for Calder Vale Club air source heating pump very soon.
Quotes for the Almshouses project is going ahead, slow but steady progress being made and they are hoping to gain some press coverage for the project.
- 60.24 Coronation Living Heritage fund – **It was resolved this Item will be deferred to next meeting when Cllr Webster is present.**
- 61.24 Public Rights of Way (available grant £500) – local delivery biodiversity scheme (available grant £300). Councillors discussed possible locations for use of the grants if applications are submitted, including the footpath at the River Wyre and the footpath adjacent to Barnacre Church along with potential for SS Mary & Michaels School project funding utilising biodiversity grant. **It was resolved that the Parish Council would progress the application for both grants. (Provisional application submitted 11.06.24).**
- 62.24 **Calder Vale War Memorial** – Clerk has visited the memorial and pictures have been taken of the Memorial and its present condition. The Parish Council agrees that maintenance work is required – The War Memorial Trust list the condition as fair. Cllr Commander requested the Clerk upload the photographs to the War Memorial Trust website showing the inscription work needed and the pointing required and the current stonework condition. The clerk advised the photographs have been forwarded to a specialist company Drystone Craft based in Houghton, Preston. The company have completed work on Broughton War Memorial and Catforth Memorial. Drystone craft have quoted £750-£850 as an estimate for the work needed. The Parish Council discussed the donation received from Legend Fires Northwest Rally of £300 **and it was resolved that this donation would be used as partial funding for the upgrade of the War memorial in Clader Vale. The Clerk will send a pre application to the War Memorial Trust for potential funding. Cllr Reilly will contact Broughton council to discuss the repair work and the Clerk will contact Catforth Parish Council. The Memorial will be added to the agenda for the next meeting in September for further discussion.**
- 63.24 Chair/Vice Chair ‘Medallion of Office’ – The medallion of Office will be used to ensure that the Chair/Vice chair are more prominent at public events. **It was resolved Cllr Fennell and Cllr Reilly would make a donation to the Parish Council of the Medallion of Office for the Chair at a cost of £120 + VAT and additional service brass bars (end of tenure) £25 + VAT per bar. Item will be engraved with Parish Council name. The parish Council will purchase a Medallion for the vice chair. Cost £90 + VAT. Items to be purchased from Carrs Jewellers Garstang.**

- 64.24 Microsoft Office Invoice – Councillors discussed next years subscription and the offers available to nonprofit organisations. **It was resolved to pay the invoice of £148.32 inc of VAT and printer ink at £40.83.**
- 65.24 Legend Fires Northwest Stages – Donation £300. Item discussed minute ref 62.24.
- 66.24 Community Event SS Mary & Michael’s Hall – Event to be held 9th November 2024 10.30-12pm. Councillors discussed opening a Barnacre Parish Council Facebook Page to be more prominent on social media and promote Council events. **It was resolved the Clerk would send early invites to the usual organisations, source new contact with the fire service and contact schools with promotional material when available for distribution in the community prior to events.**
- 67.24 **Planning**
- Application 24/00529/REM – Reserved application for 2 NO. dwellings (appearance, landscaping, scale and layout) @The Orchard, Bowgreave – **it was resolved there were no comments to be made.**

- 68.24 **Chair authorised and signed printed bank statement and approved transactions below.**

Date of Bank statement	Paid IN / OUT	Paid on	Paid to	Amount £	Payment method
	OUT	16.05.24	Zurich Insurance (Town & Parish Councils)	324.61	FP
	OUT	16.05.24	LALC Annual Subscription	512.18	FP
	IN	17.05.24	HMRC VAT Return 23/24	1012.48	BGC
	OUT	28.05.24	H. Adair (Clerk’s May salary)	478.75	SO
	OUT	03.06.24	Easy Websites	30.36	DD
	OUT	25.06.24	H Adair (Clerk’s June Salary)	478.75	SO
	IN	28.06.24	Motorsport Ltd Northwest Stages Donation	300.00	FPI
	OUT	01.07.24	Easy Websites	30.36	DD

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

- 69.24 **It was resolved to note current bank balance of Standard balance £9543.96 Grant Balance £10,735 Canal Project Reserve £8000 Total Balance £28,278.96 as of 2024.**

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It was resolved to authorise retrospective payment of the following:

MOP	Paid	For	Amount £
FP	02.07.24 Autela Group	Payroll services (Apr-Jul)	75.05

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