

Barnacre-with-Bonds Parish Council

MINUTES

Of the Parish Council Meeting which took place at Barnacre Memorial Hall on Wednesday 12th March 2025 at 7.30pm.

18.25 Present: Councillors Fennell (chair), Reilly (Vice Chair), Howell, Ibison, Harkins, Webster, Commander.

Apologies: Cllr Shaun Turner – Meeting.

19.25 Minutes from the regular meeting held on 09.01.2025 were discussed, **it was resolved that Cllr Fennell (Chair) would sign the minutes as a true record.**

20.25 Declarations of interest – Cllr Reilly, Owner of Easy websites.

21.25 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 at 19.31

Cllr Webster noted that the bulbs planted with SS Mary & Michaels Catholic Primary school near the river banking were starting to bloom and it was suggested that a future bulb planting project would take place due to its success.

Cllr Ibison and Cllr Howell advised that approval had been granted by Cosy homes for Solar Panels and Air source heating for the Almshouses, a fully funded project. The Council were advised that work would start in the coming weeks. Council agreed this is fantastic news for the Parish and this would be promoted via website and local news outlets and local Events.

Cllr Fennell updated the council on his participation in the VE Day Online meeting of local Councils. The plans were discussed for commemorative flags to fly, and it was recognised that Barnacre-with-Bonds do not have a flagpole at Calder Vale War Memorial. Cllr Howell suggested that the flag be attached to a board and laid adjacent to the memorial for the required time. The clerk was asked to write to SS Mary & Michael’s Catholic Primary School and St Johns C of E School, Calder Vale. The letter should invite a school representative and six pupils to the commemoration service on Kepple Lane at 10:00AM on 08th May 2025 at the park with refreshments at the Scout hut following the event. The clerk will also contact SS Mary & Michael’s Church and St John’s church in Calder vale to request the bells be rung at 6.30PM for 5 Minutes in unison with the invited churches in the Parishes. Cllr Fennell will unveil the flag at Calder Vale War Memorial.

Delegated authority was agreed for Cllr Tony Fennell to authorise the payment for the flags when pricing is confirmed by Edwina Parry at Garstang Town Council.

Cllr Ibison is to do some research regarding the PROW grant.

Meeting reopened at 20.10.

22.25 **Request for donation Lancashire Police** – It was resolved that the Parish Council would donate £150 for the purchase of two electric bikes for the use in the local Parishes to Lancashire Police. The money should be used for the specified purpose only.

23.25 **Climate Change** - Cllr Ibison is to report back to Electricity NW and provide them with an update on the Almshouses project. Cllr Ibison introduced a provisional project idea of a data centre in Calder Vale. Initial discussions as to feasibility and productivity took place. **It was resolved the council would continue to look for future projects.**

24.25 PAC – It was resolved that the clerk would source further information regarding Clerk’s Pay Scale criteria and that the Parish Council would accept NALC recommendations for pay increase and any pay increase would be backdated to 01.04.25. Next meeting would be held 09th July 2025.

25.25 **LCC Bowgreave Rise** – Cllrs discussed the email received in response to the Parish Councils letter regarding Maintenance of the playing field and the reference to the planned sale of the land of the former Care home. **It was resolved that the clerk would write to Wyre Council to determine how the land is defined in the local plan. The clerk will write back to LCC expressing the Parish Councils views and disappointment regarding the response received and advise Cllr Turner of the ongoing correspondence.**

26.25 Planning Applications

- **Application Number:** 24/01088/FUL **Proposal:** Construction of agricultural building with slurry tank below @ Lucas Farm, Strickens Lane, Barnacre-with-bonds. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- **Application Number:** 25/00115/COUQ **Proposal:** Prior approval for proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 5.no dwelling houses (C3) with building operations under Class Q of the GPDO @ Clarksons Farm, Parkhead Lane, Barnacre With Bonds. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**
- **Application Number:** 25/00112/TELNOT **Proposal:**Telecommunication notification for the installation of 3no. antennas at 11.2m on new support steelwork and 1no. GPS antenna @Mast Forge Lane, Barnacre-with-bonds. **This was discussed and resolved that there were no comments.**

27.25 It was resolved to approve the following transactions as per the bank statement.

Date of Bank statement	Paid IN / OUT	Paid on	Paid to	Amount £	Payment method
04.01.2025	OUT	02.01.25	Easywebsite	£36.96	DD
04.01.2025	OUT	10.01.25	H.Adair (Printer ink)	£30.99	FP
04.01.2025	OUT	27.01.25	H. Adair (Clerk’s Jan Salary)	£500.59	SO
04.01.2025	OUT	03.02.25	Easywebsites	£36.96	DD
04.01.2025	OUT	25.02.25	H.Adair (Clerk’s Feb Salary)	£500.59	SO
04.01.2025	OUT	28.02.25	Bank service charges	£4.25	Pay
04.01.2025	OUT	03.02.25	Easywebsites	£36.96	DD

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

Signed.....Date.....

28.25 It was resolved to note current standard bank balance of £3628.54 and Total balance including reserves of £23,663.54.

29.25 It was resolved to authorise payment of the following:

MOP	Pay	For	Amount £
FP	Starboard Systems Ltd	Scribe Accounting Software 2025/2026	172.80
FP	Autela Group	Payroll Services	94.56

30.25 Meeting Dates – It was resolved that the next meeting would be held as previously agreed on Wednesday 14th May AGM.

Signed.....Date.....

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