

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARNHAM BROOM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Read (BR)(Chair), Cowan (JC) and Garrard (PG).

In attendance: Heidi Frary (Clerk), CC Dewsbury (MD) and DC Edney (ME)

1. Apologies - Cllr Ewles

2. To accept any declaration(s) of interests

None

3. Adjournment for Public Participation

A member of the public has complained that there is flooding between the Village Hall and the School. MD contacted Paul Sellick, Highways and he reported that he will order jetting of the system as a priority.

There were suggestions regarding the merging of Parish Councils in the future as there is a general shortage of volunteers.

4. The **Minutes** of the meeting held in November 2015 had been circulated before the meeting and were approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)

- None

6. Correspondence

- Crime Figures November – 1 x burglary Mill Road. Retained by the clerk
- NALC – Sector Led body for audit procurement. It was agreed to remain with the NALC scheme for audit procurement. Proposed: JC, seconded: BR
- Wymondham Flexibus – request for route suggestions. Retained by the Clerk
- NCC – Satellite Broadband Voucher Scheme. Retained by the Clerk. MD reported that SNC are looking at a fill in the gaps in broadband coverage using village halls as a central point.
- SNC – big litter pick. **Clerk to organise and Cllr Cowan to approach local celebrities.**
- Paul Frary – The Fen Trust. The Clerk read a letter from Mr Frary explaining that he has temporarily stepped down as trustee. BR asked the clerk to find out who the Lord of the Manor is. **Clerk to action**
- South Norfolk ALC – invitation to briefing session. Taken by the Clerk

7. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications

- 2015/2827: Land North of Norwich Road – 2 proposed bungalow dwellings with double garages. Barnham Broom Parish Council have no objections to the dwellings but are concerned about access to the plot being on a dangerous bend. If permission is granted, the Parish Council would like a condition to be that a path to join to the existing path should be included. This would provide safe pedestrian access to the rest of the village and would also improve the vision splay. Proposed: JC, seconded: PG
- The clerk reported that planning documentation will no longer be posted to the Parish Council. She will print relevant pages to bring to the meetings however if A3 copies are required please let her know.

8. Village Issues

- The Clerk received quotes for trimming the trees in the Memorial Garden and passed them to the Village Hall. The clerk to obtain quotes to level and reseed the ground o allow the garden to be completed. **Clerk to action**
- The clerk has received quotes ranging from £30 to £110 per sign to be placed at the entry points into the village to ask vehicles to slow down. **JEd report back from Mr Lincoln carried forward**
- The Clerk has received numerous complaints about the road surface of Spur Road. Paul Sellick, Highways has ordered remedial work to be completed this spring as it cannot be done until the weather has improved.

9. Queens 90th Birthday (Cllr Cowan)

JC suggested a community event to celebrate the Queens birthday. ME reported that SNC have funds for an event. It was suggested that a queens birthday party to raise money for the bells could be arranged. ME to email the details to the clerk who will forward it to the councillors. **ME and Clerk to action.**

10. To agree to adopt a Members Allowance Scheme

The Clerk explained that there the option to adopt a members allowance scheme to allow the Chair to receive £138 per year to cover his expenses such as telephone calls, mileage etc. whilst acting on behalf of the Parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council would adopt the Members Allowance Scheme. Proposed: JC, seconded: PG

11. To agree the precept for 2016/17

The Clerk distributed a three year summary and after discussion it was agreed that the precept should remain the same for Band D properties and therefore the precept request will be £7,602. Proposed: PG, seconded: BR

12. Payment of Accounts and precept update

The following payments were agreed.

• HMRC	chq 1014	£188.20
• Chairs Allowance	chq 1015	£138.00
• Clerks reimbursements (computer Equipment – Government grant received)	chq 1016	£587.66
• Clerks reimbursements (general)	chq 1017	£22.72

Proposed: PG, seconded: JC.

13. Future Business

Fen Trust update

Dates of future meetings

18 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 14 July, 15 September, 20 October and 17 November.

All at 7.30pm Barnham Broom Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm