

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARNHAM BROOM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 17th MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Read (BR)(Chair), Cowan (JC), Edwards (JEd), Ewles (JEw) and Garrard (PG).

In attendance: Heidi Frary (Clerk).

1. Apologies - Cllr Cowan, CC Dewsbury and DC Edney

2. To accept any declaration(s) of interests

None

3. Adjournment for Public Participation

The meeting was closed at 7.30pm to allow members of the public to speak.

None

The meeting was opened at 7.32pm

4. The **Minutes** of the meeting held in February 2016 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 January 2016 – 1 x burglary Norwich Road, 1 x violence / sexual offence on or near Chapel Close.
- NALC – request for nominations to the Executive committee. None
- South Norfolk ALC Representatives – feedback from meeting. Retained by the clerk

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

- 2016/0575: The Bungalow, Mill Road. Side extension and loft conversion. No views or comments. Proposed: BR, seconded: JEd

8. Village Issues

- The voting slip has been distributed and so far there has been a 19% response which is excellent. Great thanks were recorded to JEd for delivering to every household. **To be added to next agenda.** It was suggested that there be an open weekend to work on the garden on 4th and 5th June. **Details to be arranged at the next meeting.**
- The litterpick has been arranged and the village hall booked.
- During heavy rain, water flowing from the ditch alongside the village hall onto Norwich Road is causing flooding. **Clerk to contact Anglian Water and Highways for information.**
- The Barnham Broom Bell appeal have collected community chest tokens from the EDP and offered them for this month to the Parish Council. BR to forward the information to the Clerk to apply for signs to be placed at the entry to the village to encourage drivers to slow on entering the village. Proposed: BR, seconded: JEd **BR and Clerk to action.**

9. Fen Trust update

Meeting closed at 8.25pm to allow Paul Frary to speak

Paul Frary explained that Valda Harrold has resigned as trustee and it has been requested that the Parish Council take responsibility for the trust with immediate effect. The Clerk has received quotes from solicitors to begin the process of registering the land, and has contacted the Charity Commission for an updated copy of the governance document. Paul Frary and Jez Woods would be interested in forming a management committee to be responsible for the day to day running of the trust and management of the land.

Paul Frary to contact the tenant to ask his intention and begin to look towards the environmental issues.

The clerk to begin the legal transfer of the land and charity status.

Proposed: JEw, seconded: BR. **The Clerk and Paul Frary to action**

10. Payment of Accounts and precept update

The following payments were agreed and a precept summary distributed.

- Clerks reimbursements (general) chq 1019 £35.50
- HRMC chq 1020 £187.60
- Solicitors fees up to a maximum of £500 to be paid for land registry fees Proposed: JEw, seconded: PG.
- NALC membership was discussed and it was agreed that membership should be suspended for a year and discussed again next March. Proposed: JE, seconded: PG

11. Future Business

None

Dates of future meetings

21 April, 19 May (including APM), 16 June, 14 July, 15 September, 20 October and 17 November.

All at 7.30pm Barnham Broom Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm