

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council
Held in the Reading Room on 10th April 2007 @ 7.30pm

Present: C A King Chairman
 K McCormick Vice Chairman
 C Williams
 G Penning
 T Terry
 H Marshall District Councillor

Apologies: A Young. I Sanders.

Community Police Officers C Brabrook & Tracy Kennedy were welcomed to the meeting and spoke about Policing in Barkway & surrounding area.

Hare Coursing, Speeding & Burglaries were discussed.

Hare Coursing is down in numbers – if Hare Coursing is seen in the area please report to the Police.

Speeding is an ongoing problem in Barkway – more speed checks were requested from the Chair – C Brabrook will pass this request onto the Traffic Department. C Brabrook will speak to PC Nick Muster. The Cambridge Road & High Street (School onwards going South) are a particular problem area.

Burglaries: There have been burglaries in the area. The meeting was advised to be more vigilant and make sure properties are properly locked. Metal is of high value to burglars.

Off Road: Byway 2 is a major problem with speeding Motor Bikes & 4x4's. PC Brabrook noted this problem area.

Cllr McCormick requested a Breakdown of Crimes in our Parish.

C Brabrook stated that there were Hard Copies of "Away on Holiday" forms in Barley Shop. Clerk will obtain some and keep them in Barkway.

The meeting thanked Chris & Tracy for all the information and advice given.

Minutes: Cllr McCormick asked if the money being spent on Playground Equipment was be used out of the Parish Precept. Cllr Terry stated that the monies were raised by fund raising events in 2006 – i.e Swing Evening on the 18th February & Gangsters & Molls evening on the 15th July.

Amendment to Minutes of 13.02.07: Cllr McCormick asked for amendment to these Minutes under AOB Cllr Terry reported that Mr Macpherson was seen cutting branches off the dead horse chestnut trees without any safety protection. This item to be deleted. The Minutes were then duly signed by Chairman C A King.

MATTERS ARISING:

P3: No further information on the Parish Map. Footpath bench plaques will be installed by Cllr Penning & Cllr Terry this month.

Cllr Penning asked that a further letter was written to Mr Powles in connection with the Permission to replace the stiles on footpath 24 with medium mobility kissing gates.

FP sign still not re-installed on the corner of Gas Lane. Clerk to speak to Mr Bell (Rights of Way).

Recreation Ground: Large branch on the recreation ground near the Arial Runway. Cllr King will remove this item.

Archery: Cllr Terry reported that he is due to meet with the Archery Club date to be confirmed. This is to see if it would be feasible to have an Archery Club, during the summer on the Recreation ground.

New Play Equipment: This has been ordered. Items will be installed by the companies own fitters to the suppliers specification. These items will be placed between the swings & Slide/Fort. Access will be left for Emergency Services.

RoSPA inspection due later May. The present items will be checked over before the inspection takes place.

Pavilion: Quotes are being obtained for new doors to the Pavilion Entrance. These are to be of solid construction & Fire proof checked.

Letter from Mr Penny thanking the Parish Council for their kind donation in recognition of his work pertaining to the Football teams/pitches.

Damage to interior door (away team) Royston team are taking this up with the Herts FA. Mr Penny will install a new door FOC. Clerk to thank Mr Penny.

Web Site: Software has increased in price. It was agreed that this item should be purchased asap.

Notice Board: Will be in place by the end of the week.

Photographs: Old photos and postcards of Barkway have been given to the Parish Council by Mr R Cording. Everyone looked at these items with great interest. Clerk will send a "thank you" card to Mr Reg Cording for his kind donation.

23rd June – Summer Party: This is running to plan. Curtain sided vehicle has been ordered by the Village Hall Committee. All other items are in hand. Numbers will be known after the Street Market (Tickets will be on sale then) Insurance Company will be kept informed of the number of tickets sold.

APM: Posters have been produced & displayed, invites to all Barkway Organisations will be delivered by hand in the next few days. Guest Speaker, County & District Councillors & Police will all be in attendance. Clerk to buy the necessary refreshments.

Open Session: The meeting welcomed District Councillor Marshall who spoke about the Election and duties of County & District Councillors. Cllr Marshall said it would be beneficial to District Councillors, when discussing Planning issues if someone on the Parish Council were able to liase with the Planning Officer. Cllr Marshall will provide more Planning information at a later date.

PLANNING: None

FINANCE: The following items were approved and cheques signed.

Three Valleys Water (Pavilion)	£ 72.55
CommuniCorp – Local Council Update	£ 100.00
Mr Macpherson (payment for trees)	£ 42.00

Finance cont...

HAPTC – Annual Subscription	£ 404.89
Finance cont...	
G Bentley – Street Cleaning (4 weeks)	£ 60.00
HAPTC Additional Local Review	£ 13.50
Dr I Sanders – Web Software for Parish	£ 348.39

CORRESPONDENCE: All items placed in the Box for perusal by the Parish Councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr John Penny has suggested that it would be in order to apply for a grant towards the upkeep of the Pavilion from the FA. He will be looking into this on our behalf.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

**Signed CA King
Chairman**

Next Meeting to be agreed at a later date. This is due to the timing of Elections, Annual Parish Meeting /Election of Parish Councillors & Clerk's Annual Leave.

Possible Dates: for Annual General Parish Meeting for Parish Councillors
14th or 15th May in the Reading Room at 7.30pm to be confirmed.

Annual Parish Meeting: 16th May – 7.30pm for 8pm in the Village Hall.