

**Barkway Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held in the Reading Room on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** K McCormick           Chair  
          G Penning  
          T Terry  
          J Cockerton.  
          V Styles  
          District Councillor Howard Marshall

**Apologies:** Cllr Davidson   Vice Chairman

**Minutes:** Approved & signed as read. Chairman McCormick welcomed DC Howard Marshall to the meeting.

**Matters Arising:**

Cllr Cockerton's Portfolio Report from the last meeting was received & placed on file.

**Open Session:**

Chairman McCormick invited Mr. Marshall to address the meeting. He reported on the following item.

Anstey Quarry Planning – There was considerable spirited discussion over this item by the members of the Planning committee. Many negative comments were made by members of the committee, and it appeared that the majority spoke against this application. However, all members bar one voted to approve this application. County Councillor Tony Hunter also spoke strongly against this proposal. **Chairman will write to CC Tony Hunter to thank him for his input on behalf of Barkway Parish Council.**

**Parish Plan - Priority.**

Following discussion of the above item, it was agreed to investigate the availability and cost of renting seismometers to measure the vibrations being felt in period houses on the High Street and the effect on the quality of life for people living in the houses in question. Further action, including the possibility of legal action, would be dependent on the results of such a study. .

**Portfolio's: Reports.**

**Cllr Terry: Recreation Ground**

Interior Plans for the Pavilion have now been received, **but exterior plans are still required from Mr. Rowe.**

The problem with dogs fouling the Recreation Ground continues, signs will be put in place on an urgent basis; **wording requirements will be sought from other sites.**

The round-about needs ground work done – fill with concrete & top with rubber mats.

**Clerk to advise Arthur King on removal of the mats to a new location.**

Music on the Rec: "Hot Air Balloons" have contributed to the "Give A Glow event and have also donated a raffle prize of a trip in the balloon for 2 people.

Site meeting will take place to mark the exact location for the Hot Air Balloons. **Cllrs Terry & Styles will attend.** The Parish Council is covered by the Insurance on the Recreation Area for this event whilst the Balloons are on the ground but once airborne the owners are responsible for Insurance coverage to cover any eventualities.

Toilets: 4 Portaloo's + 2 toilets in the Pavilion are deemed to be adequate. Portaloo's

have their own insurance.

**Cllr Styles will attend the next Village Hall Meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. More wood bark is required for under the Fort. Clerk to order.**

**Cllr Styles:**

Reported that the entry signs to the Village are in need of a spruce-up & repair (south end also damaged) **Clerk will request this work to be carried out and will create a file for Signs which can be circulated to the Parish Councillors.**

**Cllr Cockerton:**

Barkway School Ofsted visit is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Community Policeman Chris Brabrook will visit the School in the last week of June to talk to Year 4 Children about safety.

Playgroup: Sonia Dipple is the new Leader. Lisa (Chair) has requested permission for the children to use the Recreation Ground on the 15<sup>th</sup> August for a Camping Night with BBQ & small Bonfire. **Cllrs Cockerton & Terry will meet on site to decide on the area to be used. Local Police will be informed of this event & Parish Council Insurance will be checked by the Clerk.**

**Cllr Penning - P3**

Walks Leaflets funding has been approved. Electronic copy of Barkway Logo is required for the leaflets. **Cllr McCormick will send an electronic version to Cllr Styles for review.**

The problem with dog fouling on Footpath 18 has improved slightly, **Cllr Penning has spoke to NHDC re: signs, this information will also inform the signs for the Recreation Area.** It was suggested that photographs should be taken of offenders dogs.

Pavements to The Penns are in need of clearing from the Village Hall to the Penns. Over growing trees and fallen leaves are making the area slippery & dangerous for pedestrians to walk on. **Clerk will speak to Highways on this issue.**

**Web Site:**

Mr. Gordon Baker reports that the website is working well. Clerk to pass on our thanks for all the work & input Mr. Baker has provided.

**Chairman will speak to Sarah Hillman (Vicar) to ask if the Church would like to make more use of the site.**

**Reading Room:**

Exterior wood work needs urgent work. The Chairman explained that three sealed tenders are required for such work, with the proviso that the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. **Parish Chairman & Clerk to meet to set this work in motion by the end of May.**

Shelving has been made for the Reading Room but the contractor is unable to install them at present. **Cllr Terry will monitor situation and advise when the work can be completed.**

Cllr Terry advised that A4 & A5 & A3 clip frames (approx 30) are required to display historical photographs of the village in the Reading Room. **Cllr's Terry & Styles will do the necessary work. Cllr Cockerton will check the internet for suppliers.**

Cllr Styles announced that an exhibition of youth club photos & children's Photos will take place this summer in the Reading Room **Cllr Styles will provide more information at the next meeting.**

**Book Club:** Now meets once a month in the Reading Room on a Monday evening. Chairman McCormick noted that furniture in Wheatsheaf Meadow Common Room would be very acceptable for use in the Reading Room. **Chairman McCormick will speak to Mr. Kevin Thompson about the furniture.**

**Replacement Parish Councillor's: Clerk to speak to Mrs. Mary Hobman to ascertain the correct procedure for Co-option of a Parish Councillor.**

**PLANNING:**

Cllr Penning is helping with the Planning Applications at present.

Cokenach – New Barns -	No Objections
Newsells Estate: Memorial Building	No Objections.
158 High Street: Clock House	No Objections
63 High Street: The Limes	No Objections.
12 Townsend Close	No Objections.

**FINANCE: The following cheques were approved at this meeting.**

S Scott	Whiteley Hill Road Verge	£ 29.37
Mrs J Styles	Youth Club Purchase	£ 79.00
Cyan Limited	Ground Anchors for new Bench	£ 91.00
GR Pepper	Repair to Pavilion Doors	£ 175.00
GR Pepper	Reading Room Work & Repairs	£ 271.26
T Bentley	Street Cleaning 4weeks	£ 60.00
S Neilson	Salary£287.00 expenses:£41.18	£ 328.18
Zurich Insurance	Parish Council Annual Insurance.	£1,677.64
CA King	Laying of gravel on Rec Entrance	£ 150.00
Norborys	Gravel for Rec Entrance	£ 110.40
G Miles	Keys cut for Parish Councillors	£ 67.35

**Cheques signed at this Meeting:**

Nuneaton Signs – Neighbourhood Watch Signs	£ 60.95
Zurich Insurance Premium Tax.	£ 83.88
S Neilson Salary & Expenses	£ 310.25
T Bentley Street Cleaning 5 weeks	£ 65.00
T Drake Recreation Ground Grass Cuttingx3	£ 150.00
Communi Corp	£ 65.00
Jewsons Ltd Wood for Reading Room	£ 182.44
HAPTC Annual Parish Subscription	£ 418.89

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Village Hall – Music on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Terry had approached the Hot Air Balloon Company. It appears that there has been a breakdown in communications between this company and the Parish Council following a request made by the company to possibly use the Recreation Area as a taking off point for the hot air balloon. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, expressed his regret at this situation and his

willingness to revisit the situation with the company. The Chairman asked Cllr Terry to convey the Council's feelings to the company and asked the **Clerk to check the minutes for the relevant meetings and Council correspondence regarding this issue and to advise him of her findings.**

**Parish Plan; The Chairman again stressed the urgency of organizing a further meeting of the individuals who had volunteered to work on the Parish Plan and to make application for funding through the grants process. Clerk to organize.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 12<sup>th</sup> May AGM in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.**