

Minutes of Barkway Parish Councillor  
Held in the Reading Room on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** K McCormick                      Chair  
              B Davidson                      Vice Chair  
              G Penning  
              T Terry  
              R Atkins  
              J Cockerton.  
              V Styles

Chairman McCormick welcomed Mr Vince Styles to the Parish Council.

Apologies: None

Minutes: Planning item Correction to minutes.  
              Earls Wood Cottage : Detached Garage  
              19 Townsend Close: Dormer Windows  
              The Minutes were then signed as correct.

Matters Arising:

Parish Plan: 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting date to be set late January/February, this will be held in the Village Hall.

Parking- Royston Road:

The Police have spoken to the garage about the Parking along the Royston Road & as yet there has been no change to the problem.

Parish Council to write to the garage owners. Photos have been taken of the mud that is on the footpath when vehicles cannot pass because of the parked cars.

Length of parked vehicles is excessive.

A.M – No of parked cars 11. P.M – only 1.

Cllrs McCormick & Davidson will draft a letter for approval by Parish Councillor's & then send to PC Marina at Royston Police Station.

Housing Survey:

This has been analysed – no problems envisaged. Copy of Plan to be placed in the Box Cllrs to make comments – back to Clerk who will speak to North Herts Homes.

Web Site: 90% completed – ready to go live. Photos from Mr Doig of years gone by will be added to the site.

Regular news items to be sent to Gordon Baker – use network to send information.

Considering writing to local Businesses to invite them to contribute to the site.

Include North Herts District on site.

Site is taking shape and looking very good & up-to-date.

Barkway Park Golf Course:

Cllr McCormick, Cllr Davidson & Cllr Terry – attended the site visit on Friday.

Representation from neighbouring Parish Councillors were also present.

All were opposed to this proposal.

Presentation of the Plans will be held at NH District Council Offices on 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

#### Barkway Park Golf Course: cont...

Barley are very interested in joining with us on our objections to this application.

3Minute presentation by each village or share with other Villages and have a complete 9minute presentation.

Combined Villages on B1368 – Joint voices in our opposition to the application.

Royston & Buntingford Councils to be invited to join the objections.

Some of the statements in the application were incorrect.

Road system in the area could not cope with the excessive amount of vehicles envisaged

Summary to be included in these minutes by Cllr Davidson.

#### Cllr Terry: Recreation Ground report:

Door to Pavilion needs to be repaired this work will be carried out shortly.

Small round-about needs the rubber mats placed on the ground. This item will be closed for the winter months.

Working party needed in the Spring to address items on the Recreation Ground.

Safety Tiles to be placed under all Playground Items. These at present are being stored at Barley. Clerk to find an alternative location for these items. Will ask Mr Barker if the buildings in Church Lane could be used to store these.

#### Cllr Cockerton:

Royston Free Press are coming to report on the problems with the footpath on the Royston Rd with the junction of the High Street. Photographs will be taken of the problems the Walking Bus are having in negotiating the footpath due to excessive mud.

#### Cllr Penning:

Leaflets for Parish Walks are waiting for the agreed script. Cost of these will be

On-going projects: BT trench from the High Street to Earls Wood Cottage in places is sinking. This has been reported.

Footpath to the Penns has been cleared of leaves – thanks to Mr Arthur King.

#### PLANNING:

Highfield Farm – Burrs Lane. Agricultural Workers Cottage:

This is a large house; Mr Stokes requires accommodation for an Agricultural Worker.

Solid structure allowed as long as it was removed after 5years. Mobile home on stand.

Appeal against original applications. Now with the Secretary of State.

Full report of this item will be held on file.

Cllr Atkins will circulate all documentation to the Parish Councillors.

97 High Street: Summer House: No opposition.

Wheatsheaf Meadow House: This item will be removed from the Agenda until further information is available.

Web Site : Site address to be added to all Notice Boards.

Action: Clerk.

Almshouses: New resident now in situ.

#### Reading Room repair:

Clerk to source of grants for the repair to the front window of the Reading Room.

Ideas were voiced on the possible future use of this venue.

Information Centre was one suggestion. Toilets to be added. Chairman McCormick will speak to Mr Roy Rowe who many years ago drew up plans for a small toilet & kitchen area.

A Book Club has also been suggested by a Village resident. More details at a later date.

**FINANCE:** The following cheques were approved & signed by the meeting.

CA King – Pavilion Cleaning & trimming footpath hedge	£ 94.00
M Hills Electrical – Camera for Recreation Ground Parking Area	£ 45.83
NHDC Annual Playground Inspection	£ 51.75
SLCC Annual Subscription	£ 82.00
T Bentley - 4 weeks Street Cleaning	£ 60.00
S Neilson Clerks monthly salary (£287) & Expenses	£ 288.73
Refreshments for Parish Council Meeting Room	£ 19.10
Stationery – Paper – Envelopes & Diary	£ 15.14

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Cllr Davidson: Buckland Rd turning onto B1368 suggested observation mirrors. Could come under the Village Plan Project.

Cllr McCormick: Reading Room: New white boarding around the room.

Use for Displaying photos & work produced by the Barkway Children.

Consider an Annual Art Exhibition.

Mrs Styles will look into this & speak to Mrs Heinzelmann.

Bookcases & shelves need installing these were kindly donated by our Chairman.

Need new curtains.

Use room for teaching purposes.

Cllr Atkins: Nothing to report

Cllr Penning: Caption required for the existing photographs Cllr Penning will research this item and report at the next meeting.

Cllr Styles: Youth Club have requested a Portable Football table for the sum of £60.

All Parish Councillors were in agreement with this request.

Cllr McCormick: Possible use of the land owned by Mr McIntyre for Village

Allotments. Sworders deal with this parcel of land on behalf of the owner.

Cllr Penning & Cllr Styles will liaise with Sworders.

Bench for Recreation Ground: Donation given to the Village from Mr Arthur King to provide a bench for this area. Clerk to order this item asap.

There being no further business the Meeting Closed at 8.54pm.

Signed by Chairman McCormick.