

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council  
Held in the Reading Room 13.02.07 @ 7.30pm

Present: C A King - Chairman  
K McCormick – Vice Chair  
G Penning  
A Young  
T Terry  
I Sanders  
Apologies: C Williams

Matters Arising:

Minutes should have read Highfield Farm not Howletts Farm. Clerk apologised for the error .

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Cllr Penning reported that an excellent & fruitful meeting had been held with Mr Iwan, Mr Harris & S Neilson. In depth discussions were held concerning the type of Map Board required, it was decided that this would be in a Lectern style – costing for this and encapsulating the map would be in the region of £1,500.00. We need to check if planning permission is needed for siting this by the Village Pond. Next meeting to be decided.

Recreation Ground:

Clerk to speak to Mr Penny about the litter & state of the Pavilion interior after football matches. It was suggested a letter might be sent to the team managers stating that a fine might be incurred if the rules are not adhered to. Remedial work to the interior will be looked at towards the end of the football season in May.

Summer events on the Rec: Cllr Terry has spoken with the Archery Group to find out if it is an event that could be held on the Rec in the Summer months. Need to check about Liability Insurance.

Trees:

Replacement of dead trees along the road past the Recreation Ground are to be ordered. Clerk will instigate in conjunction with Mr Macpherson.

Web Site:

It was reported that we are not getting good value from the web master. The annual cost of hosting the site is £250. Up-dating is £40p.c.m. Cllr Sanders will look into this and report at the next meeting on the best way forward. All were in agreement that Cllr Sanders speak to Richard Atkins who has said he would be interested in the monthly up-dating.

Notice Board:

This is all in-hand – this is being donated FOC.

Reading Room Cottage:

No reply has been received from the Mr Wallace to our letter. Clerk to write again along the lines of “wondering if you had had a chance to read the letter sent last month”.

Summer Event – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2007. 7.30pm to Midnight

This is going to plan. The Group, Beer Tent, Hog Roast, Bouncy Castle etc.. are all booked. Cllr Terry & Sue Neilson are on the committee of this event representing the Parish Council.

Raffle prizes & Sponsorship are being sought. Tickets will go on sale at the Street Market on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. Insurance, Health & Safety, Fire, Police and St John's Ambulance have been booked etc..

Parish Insurance covers the Recreation Ground – Clerk has spoken to Zurich Insurance and once numbers are confirmed of ticket sales they will be able to tell us if additional insurance is needed to cover the Event.

#### **OPEN SESSION:**

**FINANCE:** The following cheques were approved & signed:

Jewsons - Post Anchor	£16.69
SLCC – Working with your Council	£19.50
G Bentley Street Cleaning	£75.00
Sole Partners – Web Host	£47.00

**PLANNING** - NONE.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

All items discussed were placed in the box for perusal by the Parish Councillors.

AOB.

Cllr Terry reported that Mr Macpherson was seen cutting branches off the dead horse chestnut trees without any safety protection. Clerk to write to Mr Macpherson about this matter thanking him for his help but we will be employing the appropriate services to carry out the work.

Scout: Mr Kevin Green attended the meeting and talked about this service For the 16year old+ members of the Community. Leaflets were left for distribution within the Village. Chairman King thanked Mr Green for attending the meeting and for all the information about this project.

Cllr McCormick was very impressed with the Royston Tip site and the ease of use and cleanliness. It was felt that this facility should be promoted on the Web Site and in the Parish Diary. Clerk to check with the department concerned if this would be in order.

It was decided that at the next meeting we would arrive at 7.10pm to have tea & coffee prior to the start of the Agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed: C A King – Chairman.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007 @ 7.10pm for 7.30pm start.**

