

February Minutes of Barkway Parish Council  
Held in the Reading Room on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 pm

Present: K McCormick Chairman  
I Sanders Vice Chairman  
G Penning  
A Young  
T Terry  
R Atkins  
J Cockerton.

Minutes of the last meeting

There were no amendments - the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

Mrs Julie Styles enquired if any more thought or information had been received regarding the request to open up a Youth Club in the Village. Possible sites were again discussed but all were not suitable. More research to ascertain how we can help will take place. The up-grading of the Recreation Ground Pavilion would be the most suitable. Grants are available and thought should be given to extending the Pavilion to incorporate a Youth Club area. Clerk will ask for help and advice from NHDC. Mrs Styles then left the room.

Matters arising

High Street Milestone:

Mr John Cliff has removed the plaque from the Mile Stone to paint.

The stone work remaining was discussed and it was decided that this would not be painted but cleaned and sealed.

Royal Mail Box – Royston Road.

Chairman & Clerk will meet Mr P Renwick on 15<sup>th</sup> February to look at the proposed new location for the Mail Box. It was agreed that this would be near the junction of Periwinkle Close and Royston Road beside the Bus Shelter.

Portfolio's: Chairman McCormick will take on Cllr Sanders Portfolio's until March 2008.

P3:

Parish Map -Draft has been viewed by Dieter Iwan & Cllr Penning & is now with the Printers this will take approximately 4-6weeks to completion.

A Walk to meet at the Village Pond where the new map is to be sited will take place on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am, route to be decided.

Financial funding starts in April – we hope to be granted an amount of £500 towards the cost of producing leaflets of the Map.

Pub Walks: Paul Danter is pleased to support the walks and is happy to accommodate parking in his Car Park, when necessary.

Recreation Ground.:

RoSPA report: Items still need to be addressed – Clerk to meet with Cllr Terry to ascertain what is still outstanding. A working party will then be required to help instigate the work. Cllr Terry is researching the cost of a bench which Mr Arthur King donated £210 for.

Recreation Ground cont.....

Pavilion Extension:

Clerk to ask advice from PC Paul Mariner on how we can provide a shelter for the young people of Barkway. A site meeting is to be arranged.

Wheatsheaf Meadow House:

Chairman McCormick reported that he had received an e-mail on the 9<sup>th</sup> February from NHH stated that problems had occurred due to illness of one of their Staff. Housing survey is still required. More information will shortly be available. Survey will take 3-4 weeks to complete, start date to be confirmed.

Chairman McCormick will copy all correspondence received to Cllr Penning.

P3

Councillor Penning reported that although the map has been completed there was a delay in map reproduction. P3 Annual Meeting with Mr Iwan and Mr Bell to sort out funding for producing leaflets of our map. Installation date will be confirmed asap. A question was asked if we were going to sell maps but as it was intended that only a few would be produced then the answer was no. A reduced copy of the map will be on the leaflets.

Open Session:

Chairman McCormick welcomed Mr Such who wishes to fly a Hot Air Balloon from the far end of the Recreation Ground. Mr Such provided all information & insurance details and explained the routine safety checks necessary before a flight could take place.

Typical time of a flight is 1 – 1.5 hrs and would not land on the Recreation Ground. A maximum of 10 flights would take place between mid-end of March to September. Clerk has checked with our Parish Insurers who state that we are covered by our insurers to drive a vehicle down the side of the right-hand side of the Recreation Ground. Clerk also checked with RoSPA who were also happy about this.

Chairman McCormick thanked Mr Such for all the information provided.

Chairman McCormick welcomed Mr Bob Davidson to give an update on the proposed Travellers Sites.

County Councillor Oliver Heald had met with the Travellers representation and reported EEA to the Audit Commission because he claimed the Travellers needs & requests have not been met.

Mr Davidson stated that it was imperative that residents wrote if they wished before the deadline of 18<sup>th</sup> March with their reasons for objection. At present 287 letters had been received. These need to be addressed to Mr Andy Beavan (LDF Planning).

Chairman McCormick thanked Mr Davidson & Mr Danter for all their input on this item, they then left the room.

PLANNING:

Cllr Atkins will look at the Planning Application for 43 High Street....and then arrange for all Parish Councillors to view this item as necessary.

## **FINANCE:**

The following cheques were approved & signed;

Donation to Mr John Penny for work pertaining to Football Pitch Marking	£100.00
Richmond Coaches: Coach hire to NHDC for Travellers Sites Presentation	£235.00
Jewsons Limited: Padlock & Keys for Recreation Ground Gate	£ 23.48
S Neilson: Pen Drive, Additional 6 Padlock Keys, Stationary	£ 43.90
G Bentley: Street Cleaning – 5 weeks	£ 75.00
C A King – Bonfire Site Clearance, Pavilion Cleaning	£108.00

### AOB:

It was reported that a vehicle had broken down in Burrs Lane causing a complete obstruction to the Lane. This was rectified by one of the residents.

All residents attending future Parish Council Meetings who wish to speak, will be requested to do so only during the Open Session of the Meeting.

It was suggested that the Open Session is held at the start of the Parish Council Meeting. The chairs should be set out before the meeting & the tables and chairs for the Parish Councillors should be placed further back in the room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at...9.50pm

Signed  
Chairman K McCormick

**Date of next meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**