

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council
Held in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on 10th February 2009

Apologies: Cllr V Styles.

Present: K McCormick Chair
 B Davidson Vice Chair
 G Penning
 T Terry
 J Cockerto

Cllr R Atkins resigned, as of today from Barkway Parish Council due to unavoidable commitments.

Minutes: Approved as read.

Matters Arising: None.

Portfolio Reports:

Cllr Penning –P3.

The Footpath Walk Leaflet project is now ready for printing. Cllr Penning stated that P3 is not an Organisation as shown on the Web Site.

Dog Bin: FP14 will be installed when weather conditions improve.

FP clearance work was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. New date to be set.

Chairman McCormick welcomed District Councillor Howard Marshall to the Meeting:

Concern has been voiced within the Village of potential damage to properties on the High Street due to the proposal by Anstey Quarry for greatly increased lorry movements related to landfill to be delivered to their site. District Councillor Marshall had voiced his concern to North Hertfordshire Highways. Legal advice may be sought. A copy of the report was requested.

Cllr Cockerton: Young People

School still concerned about the speed of traffic within the vicinity. Chairman McCormick had noted that Fowlmere School have markings that could be suitable for Barkway School. Cllr Cockerton will visit Fowlmere to view the markings.

Playgroup Open Day 24th & 26th February.

Fund Raising- It is proposed to have a Camping Event on the Recreation Ground.

More information for next meeting.

It was reported that the Black Bin on the Recreation Ground is missing. Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Terry: Recreation Ground

Cars are damaging the surface of the Recreation/Village Hall Car Park. Car numbers to be obtained if possible & reported to the Police. Also vehicles are causing a disturbance in the region of the entrance to Wheatsheaf Meadow House. Again numbers to be taken and reported.

Suggested Plans for the proposed new Pavilion/Youth Club/Football Pavilion are being produced by Mr Roy Rowe. Ideas discussed are that the building will be of wood construction with brick base:

Requirements

4 Dressing Rooms required: 2 Male & 2 Female.

Approximate length 40ft x 80ft. x 2.

Trees behind the present Pavilion will need to be checked on size.

Mr Richard Tiffin – NHDC to be asked to view the site.

Consideration to be made on how funding is to be held.

Buildings Funding could be sought through Passive Funding from NHDC.

Cllr Terry reported that due to uneven surface underneath the small roundabout he had closed this off. The stakes & rope had been removed by persons unknown. Notice to be produced “Use at your own Risk”.

Play Items to be inspected under NHDC Scheme.

Damaged Pavilion door will be re-hung this week and in the meantime has been made secure.

Chairman McCormick will contact Mr Roy Rowe to arrange a suitable meeting date to discuss the design required for this facility to encompass both Football & Play Group/Youth Club.

Mr Rowe is un-available at the moment – Clerk will make contact on his return to arrange a meeting

Large “No Dog” signs required near the Play Area. Clerk to source.

Sign required that the Play Area Equipment is used at your own risk. Clerk to check with RoSPA that we purchase the correct signage for the area.

Cllr Davidson : Special Projects.

Traffic speed awareness – a copy of report on file. No response, as yet from County Councillor T Hunter on these issues.

Garage congestion Royston Road, has been addressed. Bollards to be installed on the verge by the Chapel Graveyard. These will be installed by Highways after 1st April 2009. This will stop vehicles driving on this area and causing mud to be spread onto the pavement.

Chairman McCormick spoke to PC Marina concerning vehicles parking partially on the pavements. Police in Action – number of vehicle to be taken and reported.

Housing Survey: This requires to be adopted. Letter to be sent by Cllr Davidson.
Propose a Motion: Cllr Penning proposed – Vice Chairman Davidson seconded.
Motion Approved.
Wheatsheaf Meadow House is now empty.

Parish Plan – Power Point Presentation date set for 6th March at 8pm in the Village Hall.
Projector required. Cllr Davidson will source. Set-up 7pm. Every household to receive information .

Notice Boards: Now ready for installation. Exact location to be decided upon in
Townsend Close & Periwinkle Close. These are being stored in the Reading Room.

Web Site: Gaps on Landmarks need addressing. Chairman McCormick will seek further
information from Barkway Chapel .
Road Works Page – is being kept up to date.
Clerk to give District Councillor Marshall the Web Site Address.

Anstey Quarry: Re-application will be produced with-in the next week. Quarry infill
deferred. Highways recommend 340 movements per week.
Barley Parish Council continue to voice their objections to this proposal.
Villagers to be encouraged to write with their reasons for objections.
10 Reasons : Why NO.

Reading Room Grant;

Quote required for the repairs/replacement to the remaining windows.
Shelving – Cllr Terry is overseeing this. Carpenter will install.
Wall Boards have been painted.
Chairman McCormick has more shelving if required.
Clerk to find original drawings produced many years ago.
Cllr Davidson has taken photos to store while the necessary work takes place.
It was suggested a Quiet Area in the Reading Room would be beneficial to all.
Mrs R Ellis would like to run a Book Club in the Reading Room. All in agreement.
The Room is also to be used by Mrs S Macdonald for a reading group every other month.
Heating: Heaters need to be on Timers. Skylight window needs to be closed.
Police have asked to use the Reading Room for a regular Surgery. This was welcomed by
the Parish Council. More information from the Police to be sought.

PLANNING: No Planning Applications for this month.

FINANCE:

The following cheques were approved by the Meeting and signed by Cllrs McCormick &
Cllr Penning.

Stationery Cupboard Printing Anstey Quarry Letter	£ 77.57
Mr K Sell – 2 Parish Notice Boards agreed sum...	£651.33
Glasdon Uk – Dog Bin	£ 96.87

Clerks Monthly Salary & Expenses £299.13

Finance cont....

CA King – Pavilion Cleaning £ 52.00

Stationery Cupboard – Photocopying & Ink Cartridges £ 33.15

T Bentley : Street Cleaning x 4 £ 60.00

Hockey Table for the Youth Club – Donation from the Parish Council was agreed.

Cheque will be raised when requested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS;

Cllr Cockerton: Playgroup Fund Raising Camping Event has been suggested on the Recreation Ground. More information for next meeting.

Cllr Davidson: Wind Farm – Cllr Marshall – No comment. General feeling that the Area is not suitable for this item.

Cllr Terry: White Boarding to be purchased from Ridgeons for the Reading Room walls. Cllr Terry will speak to Mrs Styles about some concerns that have occurred with the Youth Club. Report will be available at the next Parish Meeting.

Cllr Penning: Milestone painting. One side has been completed & Mr Robert Hare's Coat of Arms has been painted. Various suggestions of the correct colour for the stone have been discussed. Trinity College have, as yet not given information of the correct colour. Chairman McCormick will speak to Trinity College. Cllr Terry will speak to Mr Tom Doig any further information about paint colour.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Next meeting date: 10th March 2009 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.