

*Barkway Forum*  
*Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 @ Village Hall*

Present

Gordon Baker	Parish Council
Jo Cockerton	Parish Council & School
Jean Pooley	Barkway Community Group
John Digby	Bowls
Nicholas Tufton	Village Hall
Tom Luckock	School
Richard Atkins	Church Bellringers
Sonja Dipple	Playgroup
Robert Bonfield	Social Club
Simon Taylor	Parish Plan
Kate Beale	Parish Plan
Richard Courtice	Parish Plan
Molly Childs	Youth
Hannah Methven	Youth
Sarah Hillman	Church
Mark Kingston	Chapel

Apologies

Vince & Julie Styles	Youth Club
Bob Davidson	Parish Council
Graham Penning	Social Club
Celia van der Heidjen	Parish Plan
Ken McCormick	Parish Council

Welcome

Gordon welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was a Parish Council initiative which has been incorporated as part of the Parish Plan.

Aims & Objectives

The meeting was designed to set the scene and agree the aims and objectives of the Forum which include the encouragement of communication between the different Village organisations; a platform to share ideas and plans; to suggest policies and strategies for the betterment of the Village; to support each other as required and to consider fundraising for

the Village in general. Future meetings would include on the agendas reports from the various organisations present as to their current and planned activities

### General Discussion

It was discussed what we would like to see taking place in the Village Hall for the village. Suggestions were badminton and a film night. A village activity pack (as part of the welcome pack) for existing residents was discussed. Sarah commented that it would be good to know what is organised in the village each week. Details of this and a list of permanent village hall bookings to be put on the website. Nicholas Tufton to provide details.

Molly Childs and Hannah Methven, representing the Youth, had been in discussions with other children in the Village. They would like some new equipment on the Rec such as football goals, a treehouse, a sandpit and a special swing, as well as some updating to existing equipment including the basketball net to be replaced and climbing frame to be repainted. They had ideas to help raise some of the funds required such as a book stall with Playgroup and a car boot sale.

It was discussed how to increase recruitment to the various village organisations and whether this (such as the Bellringers) could be put on the website. Richard Atkins to provide information about recruitment for Bellringers to Gordon Baker for website

### Frequency of Meetings

In order to maintain the momentum gained from this initial meeting, it was decided to meet again fairly quickly and then on a quarterly basis after that.

### Appointment of Officers

It was suggested and agreed that the position of Chairman should not be fixed and that the position should rotate, with the Chairman for the next meeting being appointed at the current meeting.

Gordon proposed Jean Pooley (seconded by Richard Atkins) as Chair for the next meeting. Jo Cockerton was proposed as Secretary with Sonja Dipple as Assistant Secretary. These are fixed appointments pending election or resignation

### Neighbourhood Watch

We need more volunteers for this. The members present agreed to speak to their respective committees to get volunteers. More information on what is required requested by Kate Beale. Vince Styles to provide this information at the next meeting.

### Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 8pm at the Village Hall committee room. Any apologies to Jo Cockerton, please.