

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council
Held in the Reading Room 11.01.07 @ 7.30pm

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

Tony Hunter – County Councillor for NH.

Matters Arising: Cllr Sanders stated that the minutes under AOB should have read
“Mrs Sanders had a painting not a photograph of The Old Brewery”

Thanks were voiced to Cllr Terry for his work planting the bulbs around the Church & Graveyard.

Cllr Williams had not been able to empty the rubbish bin by the Pavilion
Cllr King will empty this as he holds the key to the locking system.
Rubbish from the Bonfire site still to be moved when weather improves.

The Minutes were then duly agreed and signed by Chairman King.

Recreation Ground:

Bird Deterrents still need to be set correctly. Cable on Arial Runway needs tightening-up. A new seat near the play area has been requested.
RoSPA check lists completed by Cllr Williams & handed to the Clerk.

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Plaques for benches have been passed to Cllr Penning who will put these on the appropriate benches. Cllr Terry had agreed to help.
2 Oak Posts needed – Cllr Terry will ask Bill Nottage if he would be able to supply them & at what cost.

FP11 : Clerk to ask Owen Bell if the maintenance work done on this footpath can now stop as Mr. M Macpherson has stated he will keep this area in good order.

Parish Map: Meeting at Cllr Penning's will be held on Tuesday 16th with Mr Harris, Mr Iwan & S Neilson. Wording for identifying the areas on the map to be discussed at the meeting.

Web Site:

Cllr Sanders stated that items were being addressed. Cllr's names will be added to the site along with their own e-mail “name”@barkway-newsells.org.uk . All were in agreement with this. These will also be password protected.

Notice Boards

We are still waiting for completion of these items. They are being donated FOC but Clerk will try to hurry up completion & delivery.

Reading Room

Cottage:

Cllr Penning has written to the owner of the cottage enquiring about the possibility of linking into his sewer system at the rear of his cottage so that we could then install a small kitchen & toilet in the Reading Room. This would be of great benefit for the village to be able to use the room more regularly. Awaiting a reply.

Barkway Pictures:

History of..

County Councillor Tony Hunter told the meeting that there were photographs and information at Royston Museum – he will speak to the curator of the museum to ask if there are any items that would be of interest to Barkway. More about this at next month's meeting.

Summer on the Recreation Ground:

Cllr Terry is looking into holding events for residents of all ages in the summer – perhaps an Archery Class. Chairman King hoped to hold a Piano Smashing Event to raise funds for the Play Equipment. Clerk told the meeting that there will be a Summer Evening Event on the 23rd June to celebrate the Village Hall's 80th Anniversary. More information at the next meeting.

Open Session:

Chairman King welcomed CC Hunter who talked about the problems with parking costs, up-keep of the Toilets at Royston Bus Station. Allocation of money to be spent in the District is very tight and the District is looking at all ways possible to keep the Town & Villages running smoothly & meeting the needs of the residents.

PLANNING:

145 High Street – This application was looked at by Parish Councillors & the overall view was that this application should be Refused on the following grounds: Outside metal fire escape (un-necessary) & Air Conditioning Unit not within the "green belt area rules". The Parish Councillors were unanimous in their objections.

FINANCE:

The following cheques were approved & duly signed:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Items were placed in the box for perusal by Parish Councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Recreation Ground: Items required: Benches:

Cllr Terry showed items from various catalogues which would be suitable for Barkway Play Ground. Further discussions were needed & decisions made as soon as possible. The seats already on the site need repairing & moving. Cllr Terry would look into the possibility of repairing the metal seat.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS cont...

L shaped fencing around the play area needs to be installed. Chairman King had previously raised £210 doing a Piano Smash event specifically for this item. When new equipment is obtained & sited it will be possible to then install the fencing.

Howletts Farm House: 5ft fencing had been placed along the border of the field to the back of the houses along Burrs Lane. Some of the residents were concerned about this. Clerk to check with Planning that this did not need a planning approval. Also the colour of the house which is now cream – when it was understood that the building should remain in its original colour of black. Clerk will check on this item.

Clerk reminded the meeting that a date for the Annual Parish Meeting had to be set in May. Dates would be either of the following 15th, 16th or 17th depending on the availability of the Village Hall. Clerk will book the venue as soon as possible. Then inform Tony Hunter, Howard Marshall & the Police of the date. Suggestions needed for a quest speaker.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed by :**Chairman C A King**

Next Meeting date: Tuesday 13th February 2007 at 7.30pm