

**Minutes of Barkway Parish Councillor  
held in the Reading Room on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Apologies:** R Atkins

**Present:** K McCormick                      Chair  
              B Davidson                      Vice Chair  
              G Penning  
              T Terry  
              J Cockerton  
              V Styles.

**Minutes:**                              Approved as read.

**Matters Arising:**                  None

**Portfolio Reports:**

Cllr Terry: Recreation Ground:

Pavilion Doors need replacing.

Close Children's Round-about until the safety tiles are installed. Tiles are in local storage. We need to put down a concrete surface to lay these tiles on.

Large "No Dogs" signs required due to the excessive fouling on and around the Playing Fields. Clerk to order.

Notice : " Used at your own Risk" Cllr Terry will arrange a site meeting with NHDC to clarify the items in their Health & Safety Report.

Changing Rooms for Football Teams. Aspenden, Buntingford, Westmill & Kimpton have all got very nice changing rooms. Cost was in the region of £47,000. Chairman McCormick will send an e-mail to Roy Rowe to ask if he can help with a design. We require 4 changing rooms for Wet & Dry Sports/Parties.

Look into Early Year Grants. Facilities for Children's Parties. Playgroup Facility.

More information needed on how to obtain grants. Sport for All was one group that was suggested. More information to follow.

Cllr Penning: P3

Leaflet project is all in-hand. Heidi Hutton requires suggestions for this item.

Decide upon a script, photographs of local items to include Buzzards, Orchids & Deer & Barkway Pylon. Other suggestions were welcome.

Footpath 14: Dog Bin required clerk has ordered.

Cllr Cockerton: Young People:

Successful talks & demonstration to the School by Community Police Officer, Chris Brabrook. RoSPA – on Cycling. World Book Day was enjoyed by the Children.

Following Dates of School Fund Raising:

27<sup>th</sup> February Bingo at the School 6pm:

21<sup>st</sup> March Hand Bags & Glad Rags. Sell & Buy

9<sup>th</sup> May: Barkway Street Market

17<sup>th</sup> October: Auction of Promises at Barkway Village Hall. Tickets: £10.

Cllr Davidson: Special Projects.

Traffic Speeding & volume of large vehicles is an on-going issue that needs to urgently addressed. Cllr Davidson is in contact with CC Tony Hunter on several issues.

Cllr McCormick:

Parish Plan: -Public Meeting to be held in late February early March.

Living Document: Funding from District & County available. Focus Groups.

Traffic calming would be funded partly by The Parish Plan Objectives.

Pathway to Improvements. Commitment from each Councillor for 2009. All funding will come through the Parish Plan. Checks to be made on the ownership of areas of land.

Target Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March – check on Village Hall availability. Overhead Projector required.

**Web Site:** Signs are now in place: 300 hits were noted in the first 14 days. Mr Baker will contact Diary Organisation. Donations to be kept in a separate Account. Excellent response from Villagers. Cllr Styles' photo details required for the Web Site.

#### **PLANNING:**

**Anstey Quarry.** Increase in lorry movements per year. Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January.

All totally against this proposal.. 9 Parish Councils including Hormead, Hare Street & Braughing to be included in all information about this project.

**Land – Application** for stables on plot of Land /Field – London Rd – No Objections.

**Barkway Golf Course:** Application withdrawn.

The Meeting thanked Cllrs Terry & Davidson for their time involved on this application

#### **OPEN MEETING:**

Chairman McCormick opened the Meeting to the Floor.

Mrs Pooley enquired about the use of the Reading Room. Questions were asked about the cost of this operation. Insurance covered by the Parish Council. Heating issues to be addressed.

Funding is available: self funding denotes towards the costs. Agree in principle and need to move forward together on this project.

Chairman McCormick thanked Mrs Pooley for her time & input.

The Reading Room is to be used by a Village Book Exchange Group on a regular basis. A Barkway Resident is organising & running this. It will be held on a Monday evening once a month.

District Councillor Howard Marshall joined the meeting.

Items addressed were: Large Vehicle Movement along the B1368. This is becoming a major problem in the Village. Many of the old Cottages are along this route and several have problems with movement of their buildings.

Cllrs Penning, Styles, Terry all reported that their homes had cracks on their walls.

DC Marshall asked the meeting and those affected to write collectively to him stating the problems which have occurred.

#### **Wheatsheaf Meadow:**

Questions were asked on what proposals had been decided upon. DC Marshall stated that “No Official” information had been sent out.

The Meeting asked what was happening to the Lounge Furniture in the Common Room. If any items were available the Parish would like to purchase for use in the Reading Room. DC Marshall will inquire on our behalf.

**FINANCE:** The following cheques were approved and signed by the meeting.

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| Cyan Limited – New Bench for Recreation Ground | £ 280.99 |
| S Neilson – Clerks Monthly Salary              | £ 283.00 |
| Heffers Limited – Book Token for J Penny       | £ 30.00  |
| Tom Bentley – Street Cleaning 7weeks x £15.00  | £ 105.00 |

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr Davidson asked if The Joint area was being considered for a Wind Farm.

Feeling that this would not be suitable for this area. Mr Marshall could not comment.

Fouling of Footpaths & Pond Area: This is particularly bad by the Pond by the School.

Clerk to arrange for notices - Stating that there is a fine of up to £1,000.00 if the Dog Mess is not picked up and removed from the area.

Pavement – The area past Cokenach is in need of clearing or leaves. Cllr Penning will organise a Working Party to clear this footpath.

Reading Room: White Boarding is required for holding the many photographs that are in the Room. Cllr Terry will purchase this item from Ridgeons in Royston.

Pavement : Royston Road near the Junction with the High Street: This is in need of clearing of mud & leaves. The verge area is being driven on and debris is being pushed onto the Pavement. The School Walking Bus is finding it very difficult to walk on and children are collecting mud on their shoes which is being taken into the School.

Clerk will arrange a meeting with Mr Redrupp to investigate what can be done, and enquire if Bollards could be placed along this area.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed by Chairman McCormick.