

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Reading Room 10th June 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: K McCormick Chairman
T Terry
R Atkins
A Young
B Davidson

Apologies: J Cockerton & G Penning.

Chairman McCormick welcomes Dr Bob Davidson to serve as a Parish Councillor for Barkway. Cllr Davidson agreed to become Vice Chairman to Barkway Parish Council.

Minutes: Approved by the Councillors present.

Matters Arising:

Post Box has now been re-sited in Periwinkle Close beside the seat. It was agreed that the Notice Board is to be placed in the same area. Cllr Young will purchase necessary items for this work. Cllr Davison will check on installation & safety aspects of this item.

Portfolio's

Cllr Davidson will be responsible for Special Projects.

Chairman McCormick reported that Mr Roy Rowe would be very keen to assist in the planning of a Youth Club on the Recreation Ground. Cllrs to try and find out as much information about Youth Clubs in our area.

Changing Rooms: If the Pavilion is taken down and re-built there would then be a link between the Youth Club & the changing rooms with toilets in a central position with locked access to either of the buildings.

Charles Lee will be available to help with the painting FOC –we provide paint etc..

Vince & Julie Styles are willing to help with the design of the Youth Club Area & Mr John Penny is available for advice on the football section.

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Parish Map is now in place & has been very well received. John Harris & Tom Doig will assist with the design of the leaflets. The spare Map Board is to be placed in the Tally Ho Pub. Parish Council appreciate all the time & work involved with this venture.

Recreation Ground:

Cllr Terry reported that due to work commitments some items still to be addressed.

Cllr Terry will purchase bark surface dressing for under the Fort. A hard wood seat is still to be purchased with the donation of £210 received from Mr King. Clerk to speak to Mr Lee for ideas on where a reasonably priced hardwood seat could be purchased.

OPEN SESSION:

Mr Ian Sanders reported the following on Standing Orders review:

Standing Orders: /Summary

Accuracy & typing: 3 Omissions: Electronic Documents

Rules on resigning, moment of Notice

Separate Standing Orders – temporary Co-option reviewed 4 yearly

Annually: Routinely given to all members:

Rules: For sub-committees. Chairman & Vice Chairman

Chairman McCormick thanked Mr Sanders for this information – changes & amendments will be discussed at a later date. Speak to North Herts to ask their advice.

Wheatsheaf Meadow House:

It was reported that District Councillor Howard Marshall had started contacting the remaining residents – with a view to a one to one meeting. Moving forward slowly & still working on the information received from Mrs Groborz. Cllrs McCormick had spoken to Mrs Groborz & the correct approach to residents is being addressed.

Cllrs McCormick & Davidson along with Cllr Penning representing the Community Group will keep working together on this matter. NH Homes letter will shortly be available.

Travellers Sites:

Meeting to be held at Letchworth Council Offices on 24th June at 7.30pm re: The Final outcome of this issue will be heard. EERA initial hearing July 26th in Letchworth. 20 day period further information at a later date.

Village of the Year.:

Due to lack of information forthcoming from groups in the Village it was decided that we would not be able to enter this Year.

Emptying of Dog Waste Bins:

The Bin down Burrs Lane has now been emptied & is on North Herts list along with our other bins. Fly Tipping in Burrs Lane had been addressed.

Over Hanging Trees – High Street with the corner of Church Lane:

Issue recently raised by residents concerning over hanging of trees on the High Street at the junction with Church Lane. Request to owner if these can be pruned back as the over hang of branches onto to the pavement & road is causing concern. Clerk to speak to Highways.

8.30pm : Chairman McCormick left the meeting. Vice Chair Davidson then took the meeting.

Reading Room:

Painting & repairing of Reading Room external woodwork. Exterior woodwork (windows) needs replacing .

Quotes for this work are to be invited. All quotes to be in sealed envelopes & opened at special meeting of the Parish Council. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Planning:

The following plans were viewed:

Conservatory – No 3 Townsend Close

No objections.

FINANCE:

The following cheques were approved & signed by the members.

Mr T Drake Rec grass cutting x 2 x£55.00 per cut.	£110.00
G Bentley Street Cleaning 4 weeks x £15 pr week	£ 60.00
S Neilson – Monthly salary + purchase of AVG for Laptop	£ 334.98
S Scott – Whiteley Hill grass verge cut	£ 29.37
Barkway PCC – Pew for Reading Room	£ 20.00
Barley Stores – refreshments for APM	£ 76.29
S Neilson - Wifi connection for Laptop & Up-dating	£ 50.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Speed Issues: The following are to be addressed:

Speed Camera's, Street Lighting, Power Source for Street Lighting – Royston Area Committee agreed to explore the possibility of a chicane at each end of the Village. Larger signs to sourced. Speak to Adrian Redrup – Herts Highways as to the above possibilities.

School area needs addressing.

Lorries from Anstey Quarry.

Campaign with Villages on the B1368.

Ask PC Marina to attend our next meeting to discuss these issues further.

Parked cars near junction from Royston Rd & High Street – letter to be sent.

Cllr Young stated that Caravan lights had been noticed in the field next to the Village Hall. Police to be informed..

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: Vice Chair Dr B Davidson

Next Meeting Date: 8th July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.