

**Minutes of Barkway Parish Council**  
**Held in the Reading Room at 7.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Apologies:** Jo Cockerton  
Cty Cllr Tony Hunter  
Sue Neilson – holiday.

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

**Minutes:**            Approved as read.

In the absence of the Parish Clerk, Cllr Davidson agreed to take minutes.

**Open Session :**

Mr Peter & Mrs Lesley Basset and Mr Ralf Watson, made a short presentation on the current parking difficulties in the High Street.

Mr Chris Whitehall made a presentation on a fund raising suggestion. He was requested to put this in writing for further consideration and discussion.

**Portfolio Reports**

**Cllr Davidson:**

**Wheatsheaf Meadow House**

Bungalows have now been decommissioned. Cllr McCormick will contact Mr Kevin Thompson to start dialog on future of the site.

**Traffic**

Bollards are now in place in Royston road. However await reflectors. Cllr McCormick to check update with Herts. Highways. Pavement and verge now protected however pavement /verge now beyond the bollards has been damaged. Cllr Davidson informed this was actually done whilst wall was being repaired and its hoped will not be repeated.

Cllr McCormick informed that he had been informed by County Cllr Hunter that following talks with the police, initiated by Cllr Davidson, that it had been agreed by Herts Police that they will resume full random speed checks on the B1368, including Barkway. These will be full checks by traffic officers who will issue speeding tickets to offenders. The Parish Council and public attendees welcomed this information.

**Quarry**

Consultation period for quarry variation in vehicles has closed with our objections noted. Next hearing in on 24 March 09

Application to extend chalk extraction has been lodged. This will be heard on the April sitting of the planning panel.

#### **Parish Plan**

Roll Out meeting attracted 56 attendees and good interest in the plan. & members of the public have expressed interest in being involved in formulating the plan. Cllr McCormick will act as Parish Council lead member supported by Cllr Davidson. Due to business commitments of Cllr Davidson, a first kick off meeting cannot be organised until after Easter. Cllr McCormick will contact all interested parties and organise initial meeting.

#### **Notice boards.**

New notice board for Periwinkle/Windmill will be located on corner of Periwinkle Close next to Bus Stop, second board will be placed at Star Instruments. Cllr McCormick will contact Community Group to discuss replacement of notice board next to telephone box with access being made to the Community Group. Cllr Davidson hoped the Periwinkle sign would be erected weekend 21/22 March

#### **Power Outage**

Cllr Davidson reported that following talks with EDF that the planned power outage for 21 March has been indefinitely postponed. The Parish Council thanked Dr Davidson for his efforts in securing this postponement.

#### **Cllr Terry.**

#### **Pavillion**

Pavillion doors repaired.

#### **Rubber Matting**

Situation to be checked on when the Parish Clerk returns from holiday

#### **Roundabout**

Work party required to dig out and repair ground under ride. Cllr Terry to organise

#### **New Pavillion**

A draft design from Roy Rowe was shown and given approval. Mr Rowe will now be asked to progress with the internal design.

#### **Litter**

New waste bin at the recycling area has improved the litter situation.

Dog fouling notice to be arranged as a priority, Cllr McCormick will supply wording.

Football pitch requires cutting before 21.3.09

#### **Reading Rooms**

Window repaired fully, but requires painting. Cllr Terry to request tenders. Pin boards and shelving will be installed in the next fortnight. Cllr Terry recommends thereafter the building is redecorated inside.

## **Cllr Penning**

### **Dog fouling**

an issue on path from Cambridge Road to Royston Road. Signage to be put up  
Dog fouling as such remains an nuisance despite provision of bins. Consultation with NHDC to be undertaken to seek assistance on how to ease this situation.

### **Path P14**

Land ownership is not clear. Cllr\ Penning to write to Cockenach Estate to try to establish if they are rightful owners or if it is common ground.

### **Pavements**

Pavements to The Penns and to the Tally Ho are in poor state of repair and need attention. Situation to be raised with Herts Highways as a priority however pavement improvements (not repairs) are highly likely to be included in Parish Plan.

### **Planning** – no issues.

Cllr McCormick requested a volunteer to take on the Planning Portfolio since the resignation of Cllr. Atkins. Cllr Mc Cormick will write to all Councillors individually to discuss.

### **Other matters**

Post system. Cllr Davidson raised the matter of important mail, with short deadlines not being distributed efficiently under the current system. Cllr McCormick agreed there were issues and asked the Council to offer suggestions on how to improve the mail distribution.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2105

**There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.05pm**

**Next meeting date: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.**