

**Minutes of Barkway Parish Council AGM  
Held in the Reading Room on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm**

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

Apologies: K McCormick, J Cockerton.

Order of Election of Officers:

K McCormick (Chair) Agreed to stand by for a further year by telephone.  
J Cockerton As above

The following Parish Councillor's all agreed to stand for a further Year & were all re-elected at this meeting.

B Davidson (Vice Chair)  
G Penning  
T Terry  
V Styles

**Order of Election of new Parish Councillor.**

The process of election of a new Parish Councillor was explained to Mr S Alsop who had indicated an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

All parties interested in standing for this position will be invited to a private informal meeting – date as yet to be set.

**Minutes:** Approved & signed as read.

**Matters Arising:**

**Portfolio's Reports.**

**Cllr Terry : Recreation Ground.**

Cllr Terry asked that a working party would be required to help with the concreting under the Round-a-Bout, raking the bark under the Fort & Slide.

The Village Sign frame requires Teak Oil on the frame. Cllr Terry will process this work.

Rubber mats need to be moved to a new site in Church Lane. Clerk to check when this would be convenient to process this move with Mrs Barker. Mr King has indicated that he will move these tiles but would require help with loading & unloading.

**Cllr Styles:**

Various designs of Village sign board signs were passed to the Clerk for keeping for further information when required.

**Cllr Penning: P3**

Footpath Clearance – The Penns

Clerk to write to Cokenach Estate and ask them to cut back all the foliage that is overhanging this footpath. When wet it becomes very slippery & unsafe to walk on. Will also contact Highways.

Cllr Penning to write to Cokenach about land through which P14 passes with a view to Parish Council taking ownership.

### **Wheatsheaf Meadow House**

This site is empty bar one flat. It had been agreed with Hertfordshire Homes that a selection of easy chairs & books could be removed to the Reading Room for use of the Village Residents. Cllr Davidson, Mr Arthur King & the Clerk will help with this work.

It was reported that the final residents had been asked to move from the site. Cllr McCormick will speak to Mr Marshall for his assistance. It had been noted that a property in Barley had been offered to the Caretakers.

Cllr Davidson will also contact DC H Marshall to inquire if any further information on this building was forthcoming.

More information to follow.

### **Web Site: All in good order.**

Report of theft of vehicle Sunday night/Monday morning. Attempted break-into a garden shed at Mrs Eatwell's residence. Cllr Terry spoke to Police (Chris Brabrook). A leaflet to be sent out to every new resident with information & contact numbers of Police, Parish Councillor's & Web Site address and other useful links.

### **Reading Room:**

2 Quotes are required for the paint work on the exterior of the Reading Room. Mr P Hales was one of those to be asked

### **Parish Plan:**

Cllr Davidson will arrange the first Kick of Meeting. Clerk to send e-mail address list of those residents who put their names forward to help on the project.

### **PLANNING: None**

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

S Neilson	Clerk Salary	£238.00
T Bentley	Street Cleaner	£ 60.00
T Drake	Recreation Ground Grass Cutting x 3@ £55.per cut	£165.00

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Hot Air Balloon's: Will not be flying from the Recreation Ground until after Easter. They will give notice when possible when they will be taking off. Councillor Davidson will hand write a letter apologising for not making contact sooner. All were in agreement that they could fly from the Recreation Ground.

Clerk to organise a set of keys for the Recreation Ground Gate to all Parish Councillors.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

**Date of Next Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009. in the Reading Room 7 for 7.30pm**

**signed by Vice Chairman  
Bob Davidson.**