

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council
Held in the Reading Room on 11th November 2008 at 7.30pm

Present: B Davidson Vice Chair.
R Atkins
G Penning
T Terry
J Cockerton

H Marshall - District Councillor
Michael Payne - Resident

Apologies: K McCormick Chair.

Minutes: Approved by all Councillors present & signed by B Davidson

Matters Arising:

Cllr Penning reported that the rubble left in the road had been removed.

Portfolio's: Cllr Davidson invited Councillors present to read their reports.

Cllr Terry: Recreation Ground. Fireworks & Bonfire Night – excellent display. Playgroup provided refreshments. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Arthur King & Charles Lee for all their work & assistance. Bottle Bank is full. Clerk to ring NHDC to get this emptied asap. Bench: It was decided that the picture of the bench shown at the meeting is to be ordered. Action: Clerk
Cllr Terry had spoken to Mr Roy Rowe about the design of a new Pavilion. Mr Rowe will be happy to assist.

Cllr Cockerton:

Reported on the following. Christmas performance by Barkway School is to take place on 18th December at 6.30pm. Further information at the next meeting in December.

Walking Bus: It was reported that there is thick mud on the footpath by the Chapel Graveyard.

Cllr Cockerton then passed her complete report to the Clerk.

Cllr Atkins: Reported on the proposed Practice Golf Range on the Nuthampstead Rd 100 vehicles (in & out) are expected to deliver waste materials to this site using the Buckland Rd from the A10 to Barkway then exiting onto the B1368 opposite the Tally Ho & then turning into the Nuthampstead Road. Cllr Davidson will speak to the Chair of Nuthampstead, Mr N Rout. More detailed information was available. This proposal is being dealt with at County Hall on the 16th December.
Dormer Windows: Earls Wood Cottage – No objections

Cllr Penning: CMS have agreed cost now set for OS Map. Walk leaflets agreed. 2009 -last section of Right of Way – end of Church Lane will be made up to a suitable standard. Cont.....

Cllr Penning: RofW 16 through Cokenach – no further information as yet.

FP14: BT trench has subsided

Foot Path to The Penns – needs clearing of overhanging tree branches.

Arthur King to be asked to do this work.

FP 24: Stile either end – no co-operation from land owner. Rights of Way can enforce this work.

Cllr Davidson: Telephone Box – Listed – no cost. Will remain in use.

Traffic Calming: Parish Plan

Wheatsheaf Meadow House: Meeting to be held – residents have not been informed of any meeting as yet.

Parking on Royston Road: Due to the line of parked vehicles in the area of the Garage on-coming traffic is having to drive on the verge – causes mud to be pushed onto the footpath.

PC Brabrook will speak to the Garage owner.

Housing Survey: 32.5% return rate which is EXCELLENT. Cllr McCormick & Cllr Davidson will analyse the need for a small development.

Web Site: slow progress. News page up-dated regularly. Tom Doig & Cllr Davidson will meet to discuss further information for the site.

I.D Cards: Handed out to Councillors present.

Parish Plan: Cllr Davidson welcomed Jaque Grant to the meeting to explain how to Produce a Parish Plan. There are 1-9 steps for developing a Parish Plan Strategy as follows:

- 1 Community – invite to open Event
- 2 Steering Group – wider community – at least 1 from Village but no more than 8 or 9.
- 3 Transport & Travel Group
- 4 Local Authorities involvement – County & District
- 5 Public Event – Survey on key issues
- 6 Parish Plan on-line
- 7 Action Plan
- 8 Living Document
- 9 Tool kit – Rural Action East (RAE) Support & excellent guidance.

Ickelford have produced a very good plan.

Open Consultation – then set-up steering Group

Always Check for advice first.

Plan takes about 1-1½ weeks to produce

School Travel Plan, walking bus (we already have)

School safety zone

Village features

Village Gateway features

Lengthy process

Every single detail must be double checked.

Speed & Volume of Traffic Survey

All Pro's & Con's to be discussed in detail

Consult all Villagers on a regular basis 2-3year process

All Parish Councillors agree to go for this process.

Cllr Davidson thanked Jaque Grant for her time & information.

Reading Room Repairs:

Oak Sill on Window & surrounding wood work to be replaced. Clerk will ask for work to be completed as soon as possible.
All in agreement.

Overhanging Yew Trees:

Cllr McCormick will be asked to again approach Mr Dimsdale about the trimming of the Yew Trees that hang over the High Street footpath near to the junction with Church Lane.

FINANCE: The following cheques were approved & signed:

Start to Finish Bathrooms – Pavilion Sewer Blockage	£ 295.00
Reading Room Electricity	£ 31.64
CDA for Hertfordshire - Annual Subs	£ 30.00
NHDC – Emptying of Dog Bins	£ 317.72
S Neilson – Parish Clerk	£ 287.00
T Bentley – Street Cleaning 27 th Oct-11 th Nov.	£ 45.00

PLANNING: None received.**Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

Meeting to be held on Friday 21st November 2008 to Co-opt a new member onto the Parish Council. Interested parties to be asked to give a short talk on why they would like to be a Parish Councillor & what they can offer to the Village. A vote will be held at the end of the meeting. Chairman will have a casting vote if required.

Correspondence:

Items of interest were placed in the Box for perusal by Councillors.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

War Memorial : Mr John Cliff has now completed the main painting of the War Memorial except for the Coat of Arms colour. Tom Doig to be asked if knows what colour this should be.

Wind Turbines:

District Councillor Howard Marshall talked about the proposals for Wind Turbines on the Weston Hills. For and against were discussed in full. Approval for one then could open the flood gates for more & perhaps be situated on The Joint. Consent from Luton & Stanstead Control would be sought due to the stacking of aircraft over this area.
NHDC Committee Meeting in February or March 2009 on this issue may be discussed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm

signed:
Cllr Davidson -Vice Chair.

