

Minutes of Barkway Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Reading Room 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 @ 7.30pm

Present: K McCormick Chairman  
B Davidson Vice Chair  
G Penning  
R Atkins  
J Cockerton

Apologies: T Terry

Minutes: Approved by the Councillors present.

Open Session:

Chairman McCormick invited Mr Sinclair to discuss his ideas for Bonfire Night. After hearing the proposals it was agreed that only the lighting of the footpath from the War Memorial to the Recreation Ground with Tea Lights would take place. Mr Sinclair agreed to organise this.

Clerk to speak to Mr King regarding the building & lighting of the Bonfire.

Fireworks: Clerk & Cllr Terry will organise the purchase of these from Tapps at Baldock. Cost similar to 2007 purchase.

Cllr Cockerton will speak to Barkway School about refreshments and posters. Clerk to check on Licensing Laws.

Portfolio's

Chairman McCormick invited the Parish Councillors to read their reports: Clerk will keep these in a Portfolio Folder for future reference.

Special Projects	Cllr Davidson
Parish Paths	Cllr Penning
Young People	Cllr Cockerton
Planning	Cllr Atkins
Recreation Ground	Cllr Terry (hand written report)

ID Cards:

Cllr Davidson handed around the proposed ID Cards, Headed Paper & Compliment Slips for approval. These were discussed in details and decided upon. Cllr Davidson will arrange the production of these items.

Planning:

The following plans were discussed in detail:

Earls Wood Cottage: Dormer Windows new building, removal of old house: No objections to either application.

Planning cont...

Highfield Farm: Mobile Home. Conditional Permission with glazed canopy, as long as a need is required for Agricultural Workers.

Cokenach: New site for Cricket Ground & Pavilion – No Objections.

Satellite Dish: Planning Permission required in a Conservation Area.

Young People:

Cllr Cockerton reported the following:

No parking area outside the School & Pond Area. Mrs Heinzlemann will write to Highways with concerns over the speed and traffic in this area. Request date of when this letter is to be sent. Clerk to ask for more speed checks in this area.

P3:

Cllr Penning reported that at present only a 50% grant for the Parish Map Leaflets has been given. The price of these is deemed to be high – Cllr Penning will endeavour to obtain a better price.

Footpath from the Penns to Barkway is overgrown. Clerk to speak to Right of Way if this could be dealt with. Cllr Penning is happy to organise a working party.

Web Site:

Slow progress – problems with difference in Software. Parish Diary is happy to work in conjunction with the Parish Council on this item. Costing will be considered at a later date once it is running correctly – full Year in general for advertising.

Cllr Davidson will check on possible grant availability.

Recreation Ground:

Cllr Terry's report was placed in the Box for perusal by Coucillors.

Co-option of Parish Councillors:

Several Residents had shown interest in becoming a Barkway Parish Councillor.

Co-option can take place, as NHDC had not received any requests for nominations.

It was suggested that a job description should be written. All interested parties to be asked to write a short precise/CV of why they would like to be a Parish Councillor.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr Penning reported that a heap of spoils left by BT was still outside his property. Clerk to ask Highways to have this removed.

It was reported that the School Walking Bus leaders have reported that dog fouling is being allowed on the High Street footpath in various areas. Clerk to investigate & purchase more "Dog Fouling" Notices.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: Chairman K McCormick

