



BARKWAY PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Barkway Parish Council consists of seven Councillors elected every four years. North Hertfordshire District Council maintains the Register of Electors.

Barkway Parish Council's vision is "to ensure Barkway continues to be a vibrant rural village with a strong community spirit, where everybody matters. The aim is for Barkway to be a prosperous, safe and attractive place in which to live and work for the present generation and for generations to come".

The purpose of the Council is to work within its statutory powers to maintain and enhance the village's public amenities, and to help the people of Barkway to improve their quality of life, in accordance with the Council's vision, and to work in partnership with North Hertfordshire District Council and Hertfordshire County Council.

The Council will exercise all its powers and duties in accordance with the law and this Constitution, and will utilise its allocated budget to achieve the greatest good for the community.

Councillors agree to follow the Code of Conduct, which is overseen by the Standards Board for England.

The Council's administrative affairs are dealt with by the Parish Clerk who is a part time employee of the Parish Council, and will normally fulfill the role of Responsible Financial Officer.

The Council meets in public on the second Tuesday of each month in the Reading Room, Barkway 7.30pm except for the month of August.

The Council sets up committees to deal with specific matters that require more extensive consideration as and when required. These will consist of at least two nominated Councillors, who may co-opt other, appropriate members, including non-elected representatives.

The Council operates a freedom of information policy and publishes its agendas and minutes on the Parish notice boards and village website. Any member of the public can inspect Council papers and attend Council or committee meetings. They may also inspect the Council's accounts and make their views known to the external auditor.

Dated and adopted
11th May 2010

Signed by the Chairman, Dr Robert Davidson