

**Minutes of Barkway Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Reading Room on 31 May 2011 at 7.30pm.**

1. Present: R Davidson (Chair)
S Alsop
A Terry
J Cockerton

2. Apologies: K McCormick

3. Resignation of Cllr. Baker, Vice Chairman

Cllr. Cockerton read out a statement from Cllr. Baker, expressing his regret that he had felt necessary to stand down as Parish Councillor due to health concerns and in consideration for his family. He expressed a desire to be able to continue managing the village website and in producing and editing the Barkway Bulletin. He also proposed to remain on the Reading Room and Pavilion Project Management Committees as a public member. In the interim, he would also be happy to provide help and advice to the Parish Council on issues such as Governance and Finance if required.

Cllr. Davidson, on behalf of the Parish Council, wished to sincerely thank Mr Baker for all his hard work and dedication whilst being on the Parish Council. He added that he had been a true driving force behind the Parish Council and that he had made an invaluable contribution and that the Council thanked him for his continuing support, albeit taking a back seat.

4. Bank Signatory

Further to the resignation of Cllr. Baker, a new signatory was now required for the bank. It was agreed that Cllr. Terry would become the replacement signatory. The Clerk agreed to organise the necessary paperwork. **CT/AT**

5. Councillors Vacancies

A Notice of Vacancy in Office of Parish Councillor from NHDC was now on display due to Cllr. Baker's resignation. An election would only take place if ten electors expressed an interest in filling the vacancy, by writing to the Returning Officer at NHDC by 16th June, otherwise the vacancy could be filled by co-option.

It was also hoped to co-opt another Parish Councillor as soon as possible to fill the other remaining vacancy.

6. Portfolio Rework

Due to the current vacancies, it was necessary to temporarily re-shuffle the portfolio areas of responsibility.

Cllr. Davidson would take over Governance as well as continuing with Planning and Highways. Gordon Baker would continue to help the Parish Council with Grants and Funding.

7. Cokenach Cricket Club

It was voted on and agreed by all Councillors present that the Parish Council could go ahead and assist the Cricket Club by sub-selling electricity via the Pavilion on the Rec. to their new Cricket Pavilion, provided that there would be documentation drawn up that would stand the test of time. **RD/CT**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm