

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARNHAM BROOM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 17th August 2017 AT 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs Garrard (PG), Burns (JB), Hensley (JH), Edwards (ME), Ewles (JE) and Read (BR)(Chair).

In attendance: Beth Boorman (Clerk), 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr John Cowan

2. To accept any declaration(s) of interests

None

3. Adjournment for Public Participation

Point 8 regarding the Fen Trust Land was brought forward to coincide with public participation.

BR summarised the history of the Fen Trust and how the piece of land has been brought under Parish Council responsibility. After a few years of being rented out to a local farmer, the council needs to decide what to do with it next. BR stressed that priority was to use the land with best interests of the village if possible. A resident asked how much was the rental previously to which it was clarified a sum of £500 per annum. Another local resident who used to be a trustee of the charity/trust clarified that historically money could be given to individuals of pensionable age deserving of it, (through applying via a notice in Group News). It was also discussed that the land is of scientific interest and has a unique habitat and a local member of the village is keen to pursue its potential in this way. A resident suggested that the lane leading to the land, (and other properties) is not designed for frequent traffic and that it was worth noting that the line of poplar trees requires considerable maintenance/expense. The councillors explained that pursuing ideas and projects was on hold until all those affected were met with and thoughts shared. It was again suggested by a local resident near the land, that he was concerned about use of the shared track and consequences of maintenance, privacy and security. Access was discussed and that people have right of way historically if using it. BR shared a map dating back to 1840 which provided evidence of access. The county wildlife protection order on the land was also discussed and its potential as a wildlife project. JB referred to options for the local Primary School and help from College students. Again, it was stressed that these ideas were on hold until all those potentially affected were met with and the challenges of pursuing such a project were carefully considered. Clerk took details of residents living close to the land in order to be able to keep the informed.

4. The Minutes of the meeting held in July were approved by BR

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)

None

6. Correspondence

- a. Norfolk Family Mediation- a letter of thanks from the organisation was read out.
- b. Proposed a Public Space Protection Orders- email forwarded to Chair of the village hall.

7. To review and agree the rent for the Parish Land and the Parish Trust.

It was discussed and agreed that rent to be increased as per inflation with a year's notice to be given. Therefore the rent will be increased to £737.43 for the 9 acres and £95.60 for the 1.17 acres (Parish Trust land). JH proposed and JB seconded. **Clerk to action**

8. Fen Trust Land- discussed under public participation.

9. To update planning responses and consider the Councils view of the following planning applications:

- a. *2017/1797. Location: Mill End Mill Road. Proposal: Front and rear extension. Comment deadline 21 Aug*

No comments

Any planning notifications: 71 Norwich Road. Conversion to form a 3 bed annex. Application withdrawn.

10. Village Issues

- a. Yellow zig-zag lines outside Primary School. Clerk summarized email from Highways who misunderstood request to re-position the lines rather than extend. JB stressed safety of children paramount and keen to meet Mr Weston from Highways when he visits the site. Clerk to email Mr Weston. Feedback from M Dewsbury was also read out. Councilors suggested writing to Primary school again regarding staff parking all day. ME proposed, JB seconded. **Clerk to action**
- b. Newbery Homes development play area. No reply to previous email regarding responsibility and maintenance. **Clerk to action**
- c. Village newsletter. Clerk explained that the newsletter was in process of being created and further ideas for content were suggested by the councilors.
- d. Village garage/yard sale. Happy Days Under Fives Pre school are keen to fundraise and wished to gain the council's support with potential to open up to other charities. JH explained the idea and council keen to support. Clerk to contact Happy Days. **Clerk to action**
- e. Memorial Garden Working Party update. Grass is fully established and ready for working party. £60 has been raised by another quiz and £250 from Waitrose. JH summarized those donating items such as planters, plants and bark. Paving slabs are needed and potentially other decorative items such as sculptures. JH to make a list of what required and prices.
- f. 'Beggars Roost' development. No updates.
- g. Cold Calling. Vulnerable areas that could be zoned as no cold calling areas by NCC were discussed. BR to talk with residents of Mill View. JB requested that signs could be useful for individuals. Clerk to investigate possibility. **Clerk to action**
- h. Any other village Issues
Tree outside 80/82 Norwich Road.
A resident has emailed with concerns over a tree which has a history of problems and is a hazard. Clerk explained information gleaned from Highways and Saffron housing and that was awaiting further clarification on who was responsible for the tree. A local resident referred to issues with other trees down Norwich Road. **Clerk to continue investigating.**

11. Payment of accounts and precept update

The following payments were agreed and a precept summary distributed.

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| a. Clerks salary and reimbursements - | £153.80 |
| b. Mazars audit fee | £120.00 |
| c. Zurich Insurance renewal | £278.34 |

12. Future Business

None

13. Dates of future meetings

21 September, 16 November 2017 at 7.30pm Barnham Broom Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm