

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BARNHAM BROOM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 24th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 9.30 AM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Burns (JB), Cowan (JC), Hensley (JH), Ewles (JEw) and Read (BR)(Chair).

In attendance: Heidi Frary (Clerk), CC Dewsbury, DC Edney and one member of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Garrard (PG)

2. To accept any declaration(s) of interests

None

3. Adjournment for Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned at 9.31am to allow members of the public to speak

DC Edney explained that there is currently a Community Governance review of all Parish Councils in the country. Due to the small size of many Parish Councils within South Norfolk and the lack of volunteers becoming Parish Councillors there is the recommendation that Councils join together. DC Edney confirmed that there will be no compulsion to join and it will be up to local Councils to begin discussions if they wish to do so. Michael strongly recommends that Barnham Broom begin to consider their options and talk to neighbouring parishes.

DC Edney explained that there are plans for a 14 acre anaerobic digester within Morley. There have been many objections and it will be heard by the planning committee at the end of March.

South Norfolk will be putting their precept up by £5 per band D household per year.

Tony Cooke, SNC Housing Access & Standards Manager attended the meeting to discuss the concerns raised by residents about affordable housing allocation within the parish. He explained that he had been very concerned about the public suggestion that housing had been allocated unfairly. He informed the Council that the last social rent house which became available in Barnham Broom was in 2016. He explained the process which is followed in determining who is eligible and qualified to be on the housing register and assured the Council that there is no way that the process can be abused for personal gain. He explained that there are currently four properties in Barnham Broom within the 'Local Connection Cascade' system where people who have lived within the parish for at least three of the last ten years have priority. The new affordable properties built in Bell Road will also be within this category. Mr Cooke will attend a public meeting nearer the time of the build to explain the process to residents. He added that should a local connection property becomes available the Parish Council are informed so that they can advertise locally.

CC Dewsbury reported that the County Council precept has been agreed to include a 4.8% increase, 1.8% being a general increase and 3% being for adult services. There has been a long consultation about the Foodhub Local Development Order and more will be known after the April Broadland Council Cabinet.

Meeting opened at 10.15am

4. The Minutes of the meeting held in January and February 2017 had been circulated before the meeting and were approved.

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

- Local Housing was discussed earlier in the meeting.

6. Correspondence

- Hornsea Project Three – January Newsletter & Phase One Consultation Summary. Distributed to Councillors.

- Request from a resident for a new dog bin at the Playing Field. DC Edney explained that charges for dog bin emptying will be raised to £100 per bin per year for 16/17, £150 for 17/18 and is likely to rise to £160 from then onwards. There was discussion and it was agreed that as the bin is on the Village Hall land it should not be replaced. The Clerk to inform the Village Hall that she will arrange for the bin to be removed and suggest that if they would like a replacement it is possible that Barford & Wramplingham Parish Council may be able to sell them a second hand bin.
Proposed: JH, Seconded: JC. **Clerk to action**
- City of Norwich Athletic Club – Half Marathon Route. Retained by the Clerk
- SNC – Request for Parish Council to appoint a Tree Warden. Clerk to contact SNC to confirm that the Parish already have a warden. **Clerk to action**
- Kimerley & Carleton Forehoe Parish Council – request for the Parish Council consider joining under the Community Governance Review. It was agreed that further consideration would be given in the future. Proposed: JC, seconded: BR. **Clerk to reply**

7. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications

- 2017/0297: The Cottage, Pockthorpe Loke – Erection of new dwelling to replace existing. No views or comments. Proposed: JC, seconded: JH

8. Village Issues

- Memorial Garden working party. BR has booked a digger and driver for Thursday 16th March. The spoil will be moved onto the playing field as agreed with the Village Hall Committee.
- Highways Issues including abnormal loads in the village. Carry forward.
- JH has made dog bag dispensers and installed them in the village. There is less dog fouling as a result of this. Thanks were recorded to JH for his help in this matter.
- The tree outside 82 Norwich Road dropped some branches in storm Doris. Clerk to contact Saffron Housing and Highways to try to find ownership. **Clerk to action.**

9. To consider whether to agree a donation towards a replacement boiler for the Village Hall and discuss the amount to donate towards the defibrillator electricity supply.

Carried forward to next meeting

10. Parish Clerk recruitment update

Carried forward to next meeting

11. Payment of Accounts and precept update

The following payments were agreed and a precept summary distributed.

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| • Dog fouling signs and laminating costs | £20.00 |
| • Stationery and storage for new Clerk | £101.19 + VAT |
| • LGPS | £80.33 |
| • Clerks reimbursements | £36.08 |

Proposed: JE, seconded: JB

12. Future Business

Change of meeting date - DC Edney explained that the third Thursday of the month is the South Norfolk Council Conservative Group meeting. He is Deputy Leader of the Council and CC Dewsbury is vice-chairman of the Conservative Group so neither can regularly attend Barnham Broom meetings unless the date is changed.

Abnormal loads travelling through the Village.

Dates of future meetings

16 March, 20 April, 18 May (Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting), 15 June, 20 July, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November 2017 at 7.30pm Barnham Broom Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 10.45am