

# BARNBY IN THE WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WED 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 at 7:00pm.

Attendees: Cllr Graham Bett, Cllr Jackie Parker, Cllr Carina Jukes, Cllr Ben Powell, Cllr Keith Stanton, Cllr Derick Parker, Cllr Neil Gribby, Helen Cowlan (Clerk)  
Public: none

### 1. **Introductions and apologies for absence**

Cllr Debbie Darby's sent apologies due to conflicting commitments.

### 2. **Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as being a true record of the meeting – proposed Cllr Jukes, seconded Cllr J Parker.

### 3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

None

### 4. **Chairman's Report**

Cllr Bett thanked everyone for their support since taking over as Chair in November 2022. The Jubilee and Coronation events were successful, and it was great to get the community together, especially for those newer to the village. Financially, the position is better with the Committee back on track after Covid restrictions, and thank were given for the hard work put into efforts. The re-opening of the pub is very much welcomed. Road surfaces and lettering continue to be issues but thanks were given to those who get involved to provide support and make improvements. The reinstatement of the village newsletter, an important asset, is running smoothly. In terms of planning, Chestnut Lodge was successful in that permission was refused with it is likely that the issues will come back up. Thanks were given to Cllr Lee for his help and support, and to the Clerk.

### 5. **Finance Report**

Overall, 2022-23 was a more positive year with lots of investment and investment into the maintenance of the Hall - looking at the accounts in more detail:

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Running costs were broadly in line with expectations resulting in a small surplus. Investments were made in repointing brickwork and one of the windows being renovated (funds were taken from allocated reserves), and additionally, some of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding was used to buy a new noticeboard. Further funds have been ringfenced for maintenance and repairs looking ahead. The precept increase was to ensure that the general reserve funds were maintained, and to allow for the costs of the election (exact cost tbc) – this will naturally be reviewed each year to ensure a cost effective delivery.

#### Village Hall

Running costs were more expensive than expected due to the unexpected increase in costs related to utilities. The music license (PPLPRS) looks high but reflects two years of licensing and should sit lower going forwards. Income vastly increased thanks to hall hire, donations and fundraising leading to a surplus. It will continue to be monitored, however, it is hoped that in the future surplus funds could be used towards specific projects as well as ensuring running costs are covered. Thanks given to everyone for their hard work and support.

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## 6. Open Forum for residents of the Parish

Concerns raised to / received by Councillors included:

- Newark Hospital – service availability in light of increasing development – local District and County Councillors are aware and there needs to be persistence in canvassing for change.
- Long Lane / Newark Road – the quality of the road surfaces is poor – issues / reports should be raised to Notts County Council, either directly or via the Clerk.
- Hollowdyke Lane – concerns that it will create additional traffic through Barnby and Coddington if opened – Cllr Lee is already liaising with relevant authorities on this.
- Speeding – it is often residents that are the culprits within the village; persistence will be needed to report / try and find solutions.
- Manor Farm – signs which were added without permission have been removed and it is thought that the site is not currently operational.
- Chestnut Lodge- no further information has been received at this time.
- Speed limit signs – the 30mph sign near The Willow Tree needs re-reporting / chasing for repair or replacement.

Meeting ended 19.20, moving on to the Parish Council meetings

**Signed**

.....Chair

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