

BARBY AND ONLEY - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on THURSDAY 12th MAY 2022 at 7.30pm in Barby Village Hall, Kilsby Road, Barby

Under the Chairmanship of Councillor Paul Reynolds.

Chairman: Councillor Paul Reynolds- Chairman of Barby & Onley Parish Council.

Present: 9 members of the parish plus Mrs Catherine Lomax formerly from Barby.

Retiring Parish Clerk – Catherine Camp and newly appointed Parish Clerk Katrina Jones.

The Annual Parish Meeting is held to celebrate and promote local activities and achievements. It must be held between 1 March and 1 June and is chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, but it is not a Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

1. Apologies: were received from Gareth James, Nigel Gove, Dawn Cotton, Adrian Cooper, Faith Gorman, Bryan O’Rielly, WNC Councillors Alan Chantler and Rosie Humphries, and PCSO Craig Edgell.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 29th March 2021 were taken as read, approved and were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising: None.

4. Plans were outlined for a proposal by Barby Townlands and Educational Charity to develop amenity woodland accessible to the village.

This is a proposal, currently at feasibility stage to plant 20,000 trees on 19 acres of charity grazing land with the help of volunteers from the community. This will then become amenity land for the parish to use. The Townlands Charity will capitalise on grants available for carbon capture to ensure that the land still provides an income that can benefit the local community and meet the charity objectives. The lease of the grazing land ends in late summer 2022 so trees could begin to be planted in the autumn.

5. Barby & Onley Parish Council Chairmans Report was read which outlined all the achievements of the year. (Appendix A)

The Chairman presented Parish Clerk Catherine Camp with flowers and gifts to mark her retirement after 30 years as Clerk to Barby & Onley Parish Council and thanked her for her service to the local community.

6. WNC Councillor Reports were received from Councillor Alan Chantler (Appendix B) and Councillor Rosie Humphreys (Appendix C)

7. Policing The PCSO for the parish, PCSO Craig Edgell was unable to attend the meeting or provide a report on policing in the area over the last year.

The Clerk informed parishioners that the “Police, Fire and Crime Commission” produce a monthly newsletter which is available to read on the parish website. She highlights the following points:-

- the number of household burglaries in Northamptonshire has halved over the last 3 years due to a dedicated police burglary team put in place in April 2019
- A webinar to inform people about “County Lines” will be held on Tues 17 May from 7pm to 8.30pm. Please contact the parish clerk if you would like to register.

- The “knife Angel” a 27ft high sculpture made from over 100,000 knives collected by police from crime scenes will be in front of All Saints Church Northampton until 14 May, and then in Willow Place, Corby from 15v-19 May. It is well worth visiting.

8. Village Hall Report –Keith Ingram

Keith Ingram introduced himself as a villager of 48 years standing who has been Chairman of Barby Village Hall committee for the last 8 years.

He outlined some of the recent upgrades amounting to spend of about £75,000 and was pleased to announce that despite all the spend on improvements the funds are still in good shape.

All doors have been renewed. LED Lighting has been installed. A new car park has been laid. The floor of the main hall has been sanded and revarnished and should last at least another 30 years. The oil tank was replaced about 5 years ago and two new cookers have been installed in the kitchen. New radiators and noticeboards have also been installed.

The flat roof is going to be refurbished shortly and the floors re-damp proofed, screeded and the surface replaced with a dark oak floor.

Painting, decorating and making of new curtains has been carried out by a team of volunteers who work very hard to keep the facility in good order, aided by a first class Treasurer who sources grant funding.

Barby Nurseries are going to sponsor hanging baskets for the hall again so thanks to them.

Following a question about the old shop which has fallen into disrepair, the Chairman explained that since it was privately owned the parish council couldn't insist it was renovated.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

In the absence of further business the meeting closed at 20.30

NB: All Reports can be viewed on the parish website. www.barbyandonleyparishcouncil.co.uk

Signed: Date: