

BARBY & ONLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting

Held on.....MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014 at.....7.30...pm

In BARBY VILLAGE HALL, Kilsby Road, Barby.

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PRESENT: Chairman – Councillor A Sabine,
Councillors D Blezard, R Camp, D Finch, B Lomax, C Lomax, P Owen, T Thornton, H Vale.
4Members of the public.
Clerk – Catherine Camp.
District Councillor R Atterbury.

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1	APOLOGIES	
1.1	Councillor Dawn Cotton. (delayed at work) County Councillor Steve Slatter did not attend or sent apologies.	Accepted.
2	TO CO-OPT ANY PERSON WISHING TO BE A COUNCILLOR	
	The Clerk reported that she had not received any expressions of interest from members of the public. A member of the public within the room expressed an interest. A short biography to be circulated and she will be considered for co-option along with any others who come forward, at meeting of 7 th April.	
3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	
3.1	The following issues were raised by the public:- a) A concern was raised that the Speedwatch initiative could cause bad feeling within the village. A request was made for bollards to restrict traffic speed. b) Dom Fisher, Highway Warden urged the Council to support Speedwatch, as any request for bollards would need to be backed with evidence of speeding. He reported that 10 volunteers have come forward willing to be trained to use the speed gun. 188 signatures required in support of scheme. These to be collected on Election Day 22 May. c) The Highway Warden has carried out a highway inspection and recommended a list of projects for the Parish Enhancement Gang to tackle. This list to be circulated for Councillors to rank. A response needs to be sent to NCC by 14/3	
3.2	Police reports had been received and were read by the Chairman. There have been 2 crimes associated with interference with vehicles in February. There have been thefts of heating oil in Braunston, and horses marked for theft. A report was given on the Neighbourhood Forum Meeting. Discussion took place over the future of Daventry Police Station. Volunteers are required in the police and fire service.	
3.3	Report from District Councillors C Lomax and R Atterbury:- a) Daventry District Council has now set its budget. b) The Housing strategy has been finalised. There is not enough social housing. DDH is struggling to find land to use for Social Housing sites. c) Empty Homes initiative provides grants of £10K for renovation of empty homes. DDH then manage the property for the following 5 years. d) The Crematorium off Ashlawn Road will take bookings from 17 th March and be operation by April 14. It has been delayed due to BT delaying the phone connection. e) The Parish Council were made aware of a volunteering recruitment event to be held at Stephenson's Court on 6 th March. f) The District Council has budgeted an additional £200K to fund extra staff to support the Planning Conservation Officers. A conservation area review to be carried out. g) DDC are bidding to take part in a "Driverless" car scheme.	
3.4	Councillor S Slatter sent no apologies and no written report despite a letter to be sent to NCC Returning officer expressing concern over the lack of representation.	
4	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	
4.1	Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests – Cllr R Camp declared a pecuniary interest in payments to the Clerk – his wife.	

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4.2	Dispensations – To consider any written requests received for dispensation of DPI – None received.			
5	TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF 6TH JANUARY 2014			
5.1	Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record following alteration to Item 3.3e which should state that DDC has bid to take part in a Driverless car scheme.			Approved
6	MATTERS ARISING			
6.1	Village farm nurseries. This site has an agricultural clause on it. The Chairman reported that the occupants operate the site as a Private Nursery not open to the public, and have no mechanics on site. Planning Department has visited the site and no issues have been raised. The routing of limousines through the village late at night was discussed. The owners are happy to consider re-routing if they are provided with details of specific problem times/areas. Concern was raised about long wheel base vehicles turning out of Village Farm and blocking the road on a blind bend. The owners were asked to consider either having someone available to ensure on-coming vehicles are alerted, or to consider widening their access to allow vehicles to join the highway without crossing the carriageway and causing an obstruction.			
6.2	Temporary Vehicles on open countryside. It was reported that if the sheds/caravans are not being lived in there is little that can be done. It was resolved to write to DDC to raise concerns and to request that legislation be included in the Countryside and Settlements Local Plan.			
7	ACCOUNTS			
7.1	Monies received:	£544 Advertising; £ 0.72 Bank of Ireland Interest. £34.36 towards phone bill from KPC; £36.88 for Stationery from KPC		
7.2	Financial Position at 28.02.14	£21,848.33 Parish Account: £130,499.85 Ring fenced for Onley. Total £ 152,348.18		
7.3	The Council wished to thank Ian Webb for his work as Newsletter Editor and noted his success in obtaining Advertising revenue that has been used to offset the cost of Newsletter printing.			
7.4	It was resolved that the Clerk could attend Social Media training at Higham Ferrers on 18 th March. Cost of £145 to be split between three Councils.			Approved
7.5	Cllr Blezard reported that all the paperwork had been checked. It was resolved to pay the following cheques as listed.			Approved
To Whom Paid	Chq No	Details of Payment	£	Power to Pay
Mrs C Camp	22522	Salary MARCH 2014	785.82	LGA(1972) s112
HMR&C	22523	Tax and NI	56.25	LGA(1972) s112
NCC	22524	Pension Contribution	250.31	LGA(1972) s112
Harry Norton	22525	Newsletter Delivery	12.50	LGA(1972) s142
Ella Cunningham	22526	Newsletter Delivery	12.50	LGA(1972) s142
Carl Weir	22527	Newsletter Delivery	9.00	LGA(1972) s142
Caroline Susan Galloway	22528	Youth Worker	150.00	LG(MP)A 1976
Joanna Camp	22529	Assistant Youth Worker	30.00	LG(MP)A 1976
Krishna Enterprises Ltd	22530	Newsletter Printing	190.00	LGA(1972)s142
Catherine Camp	22531	Clerks Expenses	64.90	LGA(1972) s112
SLCC	22532	Conference Fee	264.00	LGA(1972) s111
BT Payment Services Ltd	22533	Phone Bill	84.21	LGA(1972) s111
E.ON	22534	Lighting - Barby	220.43	PC Act 1957 s3; HA 1980 s301
E.ON	22535	Lighting - Onley	49.49	PC Act 1957 s3; HA 1980 s301
Dawn Cotton	22536	OPRA Printer	46.91	LGA(1972) s111
8	ENVIRONMENT			
8.1	Energy & Carbon Management Meeting 6th Feb EU money is available to help reduce carbon footprint in this area. Villages halls and Sports Pavilion could benefit. The Chairman agreed to make the Cricket Club aware of this initiative.			
8.2	Woodland Trust trees will arrive between 3 and 7 th March. These are still awaited.			
8.3	Community Christmas Tree/Lights annual event – a note was included in the newsletter and a couple has volunteered to organise Advent Windows. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for connecting a power supply. Battery power supply was also discussed.			

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8.4	Unsafe tree near the Skate Park has been felled. Since this tree was outside the Sports Field the invoice has been passed to Barby Townlands Charity. This was noted.	
9	PLANNING	
9.1	<i>New Planning Applications</i>	
9.1.1	DA/2014/0097 Old Stone Cottage, 23 Daventry Road. Conversion and increase of ridge height of existing garage to form home office, store and gym and build new car port and log store. The Parish Council had no objection but wished to see a condition applied that the home office, store and gym remains as ancillary accommodation to the main house and is not sold as a separate dwelling.	
9.1.2	DA/2014/0145 Construction of detached garage, September House, Star Corner, Barby. The Parish Council object to this application as they consider it over-development of the site. If the District Council is minded to grant the application then they would like a condition imposed that the building must remain as a garage and not be converted into a separate dwelling. Due to the promixity of the property to the road junction the Parish Council request that 2 off road parking spaces are retained in perpetuity as part of this application.	
9.2	<i>Outstanding Applications</i>	
9.2.1	DA/2013/0982 Redevelopment of Stobart Truck stop, to provide additional HGV and car parking, Multi-storey car park with egress onto Hillmorton Lane.	Awaited
9.2.2	Appeal 2200749 Land adjacent to Canal and SE of Tower Farm Saddlers. This application is now going to be determined at an open hearing. Date TBC	Awaited
9.3	<i>Other Planning Matters</i>	
9.3.1	Neighbourhood Planning. The large hall is booked for a meeting to be held on 10 th March. Neither Tom James DDC, or Elaine O’Leary from ACRE are able to attend, but the Clerk has received various documents on Community Engagement. This meeting will aim to get people in the parish involved in drawing up a Plan. Cllr Finch reported that a questionnaire had been sent to residents at Onley asking them if they are interested in being involved and they received 7.5% response.	
9.32	Neighbourhood Planning. Update and review of meeting held at Spratton was given by Cllr Sabine. It has taken Spratton 2.5 years and cost £10K.	
9.3.3	Diversity of Planning & Fracking CPRE at Gt Houghton 10 April 6.30pm. – No one wished to attend.	
10	ONLEY	
10.1	The Prison owned link service road is in need or repair. The prison to be informed.	
10.2	Humps on the Estate roads need repainting. The prison to be approached to carry this out.	
11	YOUTH / PLAY AREAS	
11.1	Safety Reports on all play areas were received. It was reported that the fence post to the right of the gate into Onley Play Area has rotted at the base and the fence is wobbly.	
11.2	Onley Park Youth Club –Policy document paperwork was signed to allow committee formation and allow us to obtain grants to help with funding. The youth club is attended by 11-16 children.	
12	HIGHWAYS	
12.1	Notification that A361 at Ashby St Ledgers will be closed for carriageway repairs. This was noted.	
12.2	Curtilage at 7 Rugby Road - the verge has been damaged. To be referred to NCC Highways.	
13	CORRESPONDENCE Any other correspondence to be made aware of.	
13.1	Meeting to become a special constable or police cadet 3pm – 6th March at Stephenson Court, Kilsby. Joint venture with Police, Fire Service and Volunteer bureau. Leaflets will be available in the shop.	
13.2	Notice of “The Greener Northamptonshire Fair” to be displayed on the notice board.	
13.3	Response from Brandon Lewis MP regarding the passing down of Local Government Finance Settlement from District Councils to Parish and Town Councils was read. Brandon Lewis MP stated that the District Councils had been expected to pass down the Finance Settlement to Parish Councils.	
13.4	Daventry Calling Magazine	
13.5	Cards with contact details for MP Chris Heaton-Harris	
13.6	Clerk and Councils Direct magazine	
13.7	CPRE Northamptonshire “Outlook” Magazine	

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13.8	Update – previously circulated by email	
13.9	Daventry over 50s Informative Event 27 th March 2-4pm	
13.10	Onley Park Newsletter with a request to get involved in Neighbourhood Planning	
13.11	CPRE Northamptonshire spring clean-up campaign Friday 28 March to Sunday 6 April . The Clerk reported that there is a financial prize for the best photograph of Community Litter picking.	
13.12	Volunteer recruitment for Emergency planning officers.	
13.13	Guidance on Principal Councillor attendance at local council meetings.	
13.14	National Association for the Blind Mobile Centre will be at Daventry 19 Mar 10-1pm	
13.15	List of Training courses was read. No Councillor wished to attend any training.	
13.16	The Clerk gave a verbal report on the SLCC Practitioners Conference. In particular the Council were made aware that Insurance Companies will not honour Fidelity Guarantee Insurance if letters of reference were not taken up at the time of Employing an employee. Youth Councillors were discussed. It was decided that Barby & Onley was too small with children attended too large a number of Secondary Schools from the area for this to work effectively. Information obtained about the “Open Spaces Society” suggest that they may provide help in protecting The Ware as a village green. Clerk to investigate.	
14	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA	
14.1	To receive an update on Sports Field Maintenance following Cricket Club AGM	AS

In the absence of further business the meeting closed at 21.15

Next Neighbourhood Planning Meeting Monday 10th March in Barby Village Hall – 7.30pm
Next Meeting MONDAY 7th APRIL 2014 in Barby Village Hall at 7.30pm.