



**Bar Hill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Monthly Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held in The Parish Council Office**  
**at 7.00 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**ACTION**

<b>Present:</b>	B Waters	Chair	(BW)
	S Jenkins	Vice-Chair	(SJ)
	J Hoyle	Clerk	(JH)
	R Hall	Councillor	(RH)
	B Howard	Councillor	(BH)
	A Mitchell	Councillor	(AM)
	M Nelson	Councillor	(MN)
	M Pope	Councillor	(MP)
	A Saunders	Councillor	(AS)
	S Spence	Councillor	(SS)
	J York	Councillor	(JY)
<b>Apologies:</b>	B Burrage	Councillor	(BB)
	J Doland	Councillor	(JD)

**2015**

**Open Forum**

BW welcomed Lynda Harford, our new District Councillor, to the meeting.

BW also welcomed Rob Smith of 81 Hollytrees. Rob discussed that the sewerage around his home has been affected by last year's floods. He reported on a comment made by Anglian Waters that *all sewers and drains have been checked, none have issues, and all residents have been informed*. Rob reported that the sewer along his street had been backed up before and after the flood, as recently as Boxing Day, and that surface water was in the foul sewer. Rob noted that a contractor sent by Anglian Waters (no name given) had said to him in late December that both pumping stations in Bar Hill struggle to cope with sewerage. Rob gave a CS number of 000051005733. JH agreed to put the Anglian Water Customer Service Number in next month's Bar Hill News. Rob believes the council should push Anglian Water for further action. JH to write to Johnathan Glerum.

**ACTION: JH**

**10. To receive apologies and declaration of interest**

There were apologies received from BB and JD and JY and MP declared an interest in items regarding Bar Hill Football Club if discussed.

**11. To Approve Minutes of previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were read and approved as a true record. Proposed by MN and seconded by SJ. All in favour.

**Matters arising from the minutes**

BH reported that he had not heard anything regarding his queries into the football projects.

JY reported that he had also received no answer to queries regarding the village green for football use.

BH asked for update on bin collections. BW reported that regular Friday collections are due back, and that JH should advertise in the Bar Hill News for a new litter picker. It was decided that 4 hours per week would be enough.

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SS reported that rubbish is still in the woods by the allotments. JH reported that he had sent SCDC environment agents in last month and they had removed some debris. JH to ask again.

**ACTION: JH**

BW reported that the Jon Hodgson, Engineer on behalf of the Primary carried out a Topographic survey which hopefully, the PC will receive a copy to identify flooding areas and in which we can refer to when dealing with the drain (point 9.7)

**12. Matters for discussion and decisions to be made from previous minutes**

**12.1 The Willows – update**

The PC were advised by Jonathan Lager, of Robinson Layer, who had been dealing with letting the Willows that Thomas Morris, the prospective tenant were unlikely to go ahead with renting the property. AS suggested we do not need an agent, to act for the PC. MP noted that if we dispense with an agent, it would be more work for the Clerk. BH and MN suggested we re-advertise for a new agent once a tenant is in. SJ pointed out looking at Bob Sadler, of Westley & Huff, as a potential candidate. AM suggested we look online at local letting agents. BW suggested we approach Haart. JH to write to Jonathan Lager, settling accounts and severing ties. JH to look into getting a BHPC TO LET board for the building.

**ACTION: JH, BW, SJ, AM**

**12.2 The Farmhouse – update**

BW reported on relevant documents regarding the Farmhouse being lost in the post. RH to re-sign papers again. SJ also advised that the tenant had reported on damp in the building, and her correspondence with Craig Hinchcliffe regarding its clearance.

**ACTION: RH, SJ**

**12.3 Skate Park – update**

SJ reported on Rob Steele's drawings, and noted that a price of approximately £50,000. MP inquired into lifespan and maintenance charges. SJ reported a life span of the surface was 5 years and a free first-year maintenance charge. It would then be a fixed fee plus costs of any parts required.

**12.4 Village Hall - update**

SJ reported that the cost for the Solar Panels has been drastically reduced as a result of them not all being installed.

**12.5 Rubbish - update**

As discussed by BW in "Matters Arising".

**12.6 New Handyman Steve Lawlor**

BW proposed that Steve Lawlor be appointed the new Council handyman. He will work at £10 per hour and would be offered a minimum numbers of hours per week. JH to contact Steve. BW propose/ SJ seconded. All in Favour.

**ACTION: JH**

**12.7 Community Liaison Officer**

AM proposed that particular councillors be designated more specific issues to make liaising with residents easier. BW suggested that each councillor has their own areas of expertise anyway. BH, RH and MP regarded it as unnecessary.

**12.8 DPPO**

BW reported that the police wish the Council to drop the Designated Public Place Order. Agreed by all that the council would not. MN and MP reported that this news mixed with the Youth Bus Provision letter seems contradictory. JH to write letter with *no* answer.



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**13. Clerks Financial and Procedural Report**

**13.1 Approval of works by the Parish Council –**

JH reported on the hedge on The Spinney, on ongoing work by Phil Ellis. (003.15) JH to ask Steve Lawlor to clear other green waste at Field View.

JH reported on stream work completed by Fergusons and work to imminent by Atlas.

JH reported complaints by Mr Woolf (009.15) concerning a van parking on grass between Watermead and Appletrees. JH to contact van owner/ company.

BH asked for an update on 80 Pheasant Rise (002.15). JH to quote Steve Lawlor

JH also reported on correspondence from Came & Company regarding insurance renewal due on 12<sup>th</sup> March. JH to accept to pay up to £4997.50. SJ proposed, AS seconded, all in favour.

**13.2 LGS Financial Report – MP approved, seconded by AM, all in favour *\*\*subject to clarification regarding “Skatepark & Willows” and “Octagon”\*\****

**ACTION:JH**

**13.3 Change of Financial Regulations – Anthony Mitchell – AM volunteered to act as Cllr Responsible for Finance duties for checking and looking through financial regulations and accounts, once new RFO is in place. MN proposed, SJ seconded. All in favour**

**13.4 Bar Hill Football Club & Pitch– JH reported letter from Julian Finbow requesting a strategy to work on football pitch drainage and also his official statement on Bar Hill Colts accounts and minutes.**

**13.5 Approval of Accounts and payment of cheques for January 2015**

**The correspondence and accounts are available to view  
in the Parish Council Office, Hanover Close, Off Viking Way, Bar Hill**

**14. General Correspondence Received**

**14.1 SCDC – Youth Bus Provision– Information only. Noted & Filed.**

**14.2 CCC – Brian Heffernan Flood Management & Balancing Pond – BW reported letter from Brian Heffernan regarding the Balancing Pond. MP proposed to note their letter only. AM reported that the council wait for the Anglian Waters report.**

**ACTION: JH to write to Mr Heffernan**

**14.3 SCDC – Planning policy monthly update for February– Noted and filed.**

**14.4 Josephine Powell – Picnic Bench – Information only. Noted and Filed.**

JH also reported a request from Circus Tyanna to move their circus on the field from 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May. AM suggested the school field be used. JY and BH expressed concerns on its impact on the football pitch and cricket calendar respectively. 5 agreed in principle with stipulations which included discussions with the cricket and football teams, 4 disagree. JH to ask about provisions and arrange a possible site visit.

**ACTION: JH**

**15. Chairs Report**



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**16. Committee Reports**

**a) Planning Committee**

**Planning Application S/2706/14/FL – 77 Pheasant Rise – No objection**

**Planning Application S/0058/15/FL Unit 5&6 The Mall - No objection**

**Planning Application S/0302/15/FL 9C Trafalgar Way – No objection**

**Highways Agency A14 – Info only**

- b) Environment Committee** - AS reported on environment committee regarding stream work by Atlas and Fergusons. AS also reported on damaged walls across Appletrees. BW reported on her meeting with Rob Mungovan in which he stated the bank slippage is largely safe – Queried by AS. AS proposed a structural engineer comes for a second opinion. BW then reported on Tesco litter pickers commencing work. AM reported failing lights around the Tesco bus stop. JH to contact Tesco regarding this. SJ reported she is looking at buying a tree and bench for Tom Flanagan with the budget given.

**ACTION: JH, SJ**

**17. Other Reports**

**a) South Cambridgeshire District Council – Lynda Harford**

- Cllr Harford reported that she had attended the latest budget meeting. Council tax would increase by 1.99% adding that many people were prepared to pay more to retain services. Cuts would have to be made to statutory services, while councillor's tea and coffee fund would be kept.
  - BH queried the popularity of the council tax rise, given that a further 0.1% increase would trigger a referendum.
  - AM asked questions regarding multiple occupancies in Bar Hill. LH explained the process for tackling these.
- b)** RH reported that large government funding would cease by 2020 and be reducing each year until then. Priority until then will focus on congested roads. RH also reported on upgrades to planning consent for change of building use, giving an example of pub to house. AM and LH also added information on piloting "floating bus stops" in cycle lanes, particularly in Girton.

**18. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Website** – MN gave update on the Bar Hill Website. Now on 3836 hits.

**LGBT Bar Hill Group** – AM reported that the new LGBT page will soon be on social media.

**Gladeside Van** – RH reported on a van chewing up grass on a verge on Gladeside. **ACTION: JH**

**Loose Bench** – JY reported that a bench close to the park is loose and that another has been moved. **ACTION: JH**

**Flower Pots** – SJ reported that Dobbies have agreed to give some plants for the PC tubs and walls around the village.

**New Councillor** – SJ asked has council considered advertising for a new councillor. 9 in favour, 1 abstain. JH to apply to SCDC **ACTION: JH**

**Next Meeting** - There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.17pm. The next full Parish Council Meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Office.



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Signed .....(Chair)