



Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting
Held in The Parish Council Office at 7.30pm
On Wednesday 2 July 2014

ACTION

1. Present	B Waters	Chair	(BW)
	L Baffa	Clerk	(LB)
	B Burrage	Councillor	(BB)
	J Doland	Councillor	(JD)
	B Howard	Councillor	(BG)
	M Pope	Councillor	(MP)
	A Saunders	Councillor	(AS)
	J York	Councillor	(JY)

Apologies	R Hall	Councillor	(RH)
	S Jenkins	Vice-Chair	(SJ)
	A Mitchell	Councillor	(AM)
	M Nelson	Councillor	(MN)
	A Pellew	Councillor	(AP)
	S Spence	Councillor	(SS)

2. To approve minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2014 were read and approved as a true record. Proposed by MP and seconded by BW. All in favour. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

3. Matters arising for discussion and decisions to be made from the previous minutes

The Cricket Club – A letter have been received from the Cricket Club (which will be put on the July agenda) informing the Parish Council of their intentions to erect the cricket nets. It was agreed that MP and JY would meet with Paul Stimpson of the Cricket Club to look at the area where they intend to erect the nets.

Also the letter confirmed that the concrete area outside the Scout Hut can be used for the basketball post from the end of August until the spring, as this area is used or training during the summer. It was agreed that we would erect the basketball post at the end of the concrete area as soon as possible. The Clerk will liaise with Steve Lawlor to see how this can be done. C

Lastly they have now finished off the area where the new shed has been built and they have asked that we send the agreed contribution of £200 towards the ground works. It was agreed that this would be put on the July agenda for the contribution to be approved. C

The Scout Hut – The Clerk has had verbal confirmation that Steve Lawlor can paint to front of the Scout Hut for around £200. This has been agreed and the Clerk will ask him to paint the property as soon as possible. The Clerk will inform Mr Lamoon (District Leader) of our intentions. C

BW reported that the concrete steps are in need of repair and asked the Clerk to write to Mr Lamoon and inform him of where grants can be obtained to get the steps repaired/replaced. C

Grass Cutting – It has been reported that once again Fergusons have not completed the Village Green in one cut. The Clerk has emailed Spencer and he will be going back on Thursday to finish the job. It was agreed that a formal letter will be written to Fergusons with regard to the village green and the poor cutting in Otter Gardens and ask for their comments. Also to include in the letter that some areas of the village, especially the perimeter road, are looking very good and we have had many compliments from residents. C



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4. Stream and Nature Reserve – update

An email has been received from Rob Mongovan saying that he has not forgotten the project. He intends to pick up the project in early July when he will be sorting out the tendering process using the Source Cambridgeshire website. If it runs to plan, then he hopes to have a contractor ready to start work on site by early September, after approval from the Parish Council.

5. New handyman – Geoff Summerfield

Geoff started work some weeks ago on cutting back brambles around areas of the village. He has been litter picking this week (to the rear of the village green) and he has also been site visiting areas and taking photos of where hedges need to be trimmed back away from footpaths.

He has confirmed that he will work for 12 hours a week at £5 an hour plus petrol expenses. Some Councillors felt this was not enough but the Clerk confirmed that is all he wants to be paid. In view of this, it was agreed that if he requires any equipment, clothing etc., then the Parish Council would purchase this for him.

Geoff felt that a trailer would not be necessary, however a shredder would be a great help and it was agreed that he and the Clerk would look in to prices for a “robust” shredder to be purchased by the Parish Council. He also confirmed that he already has a petrol mower and strimmer that can be used within the village. C

6. Litter bins – After a short discussion it was agreed that more lidded bins would be purchased and where open bins are located these would be replaced with lidded bins, i.e. outside the Parish Council office, the library and inside the play area. C

It was also agreed that a Litter Picking Day would take place on Saturday 13th September thus giving the Clerk time to advertise the event in the Bar Hill News. C

The Clerk will also contact SCDC to find out how often our bins are being emptied as this has started to become a problem, with bins overflowing half way through the week. C

7. Works outstanding and approval

076/13 - Hedge to side of 32 Spinney to be cut back. **Fergusons quoted £890. CGM quoted £1,800. Atlas quoted £720. (this will be done after birds have stopped nesting)**

081/13 - Oak tree at 104 Brambles to be assessed. **CGM quoted £240. Accepted on PO1149**

001/14 - Scout Hut building to be painted (front only). **MWP quoted £1147. S Lawlor quoted approx' £200. Awaiting official quote before proceeding**

003/14 - Rear/side of 51 Foxhollow. Brambles to be cut back away from garden wall. **MWP quoted £699. Fergusons quoted £300. Brookfield quoted £480 Fergusons accepted on PO1185**

005/14 - Trees and bushes along spine path leading to Little Meadow are overhanging path plus brambles close to 93 Pheasant Rise. **Fergusons quoted under tree management programme**

007/14 - Part of trim trail on village green to be removed as it is broken. **S Lawlor quoted £30. Accepted on PO 1193**

008/14 - Several trees to the front of 27 Fairway needs to be pruned back. **MWP to quote**

013/14 - Rear of 9 Robin Close is a large conifer overtaking the area. **Fergusons quoted £480.00 Brookfield quoted £410. Atlas quoted £380. Ferguson accepted on PO1177**



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- 020/14 - Trees to rear of 134 Appletrees to be trimmed back. CGM quoted £480. Brookfield quoted £400. Atlas quoted £240. Atlas accepted on PO 1178
- 028/14 - Trees to the rear/side of 8 Appletrees to be cut back. Roots have brought up slabs in garden. Inspection needed. Brookfield quoted £1250. Fergusons quoted £1860. Atlas to quote
- 032/14 - Large wild hedge to borders front garden of 45 Brambles needs to be cut back hard, as access is now a problem. Geoff Summerfield doing job over a period of several weeks
- 034/14 - Tree of small green in front of 43 Acorn Ave to be cut back. Ferguson quoted £170. Accepted on PO 1189
- 036/14 - Various jobs on 5 trees to be done in Stonefield. Fergusons quote of £260 accepted on PO 1172
- 037/14 - Various works opposite Thruffle Way. Fergusons quote of £190 accepted on PO 1173
- 038/14 - Various works to entrance of Oatlands Ave. Fergusons quote of £190 accepted on PO 1174
- 039/14 - 5 Oatlands Ave (trees overhanging path to be cut back (resident dies 6 months ago (PC to do). MWP quoted £196. Accepted on PO 1194
- 041/14 - Resident says that trees to front of property at 105 Hollytrees are overhanging and are causing cracks. Atlas quoted £40. Accepted on PO 1192
- 042/14 - Willow tree on ring road by Otter Gardens in dangerous condition. Ferguson quoted £480 Brookfield quoted £380. Atlas quoted £340. Atlas accepted on PO 1190
- 044/14 - Tree work on village green. Fergusons quoted £800. Brookfield quoted £495. Atlas quoted £400. Atlas accepted on PO 1191
- 045/14 - Large conifers at 2 Appletrees to be attended to as they are over hanging this rented property. Brookfield to quote
- 046/14 - 14 Hollytrees – large conifers to the side of the garages to be looked at. Brookfield to quote
- 047/14 - Rear of 187 Spinney needs to be cleared of debris and old shrubs/weeds. Atlas quoted £650
- 050/14 - Tree to be pruned back from 21 Chestnut Rise. Brookfield to quote
- 053/14 - Trees to the side of 13 Gladeside to be cut back away from garden fence. Ferguson to quote
- 054/14 - Overgrown wild rose bush at Almond Grove (located on the path leading to the Hotel). Lawlor to quote
- 055/14 - Overgrown tree to rear of 11 Robin Close, overhanging garden. MWP to quote
- 056/14 - Bushes and trees opposite property of 187 Appletrees and surrounding garages very overgrown. Atlas to quote. Brookfield to quote. Ferguson to quote
- 058/14 - To the rear of 75 Appletrees there is a dead Willow and a Crab Apple that needs to be reduced Atlas to quote



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060/14 - To the rear of 68 Hollytrees (along the stream) several trees need to be cut back.
Fergusons to quote

061/14 - To the rear of 95 Appletrees, there are several trees to be cut back away from garden wall (along stream). **Brookfield to quote. Atlas to quote. Ferguson to quote**

062/14 - Tree to the rear of 31 Otter Close to be cut back. **MWP to quote**

063/14 - Fly tipping to the rear of 36 The Spinney needs to be removed. **S Lawlor to quote**

064/14 - 2 conifers are blocking the view of drivers coming from the first cul-de-sac out of 4 Acorn.
Establish who owns

065/14 - PC fencing has been damaged by storms (back of 160 Pheasant Rise). Repairs needed.
Brookfield to quote

066/14 - Path that runs alongside 55 Watermead and to the door of 52 has become very overgrown. **MWP to quote. Or Geoff could do**

067/14 - Large tree to the rear 112 Spinney to be cut back. **Atlas to quote**

068/14 - Self setting trees to side of 27 Oatlands to be cleared and area tidied. **MWP to quote**

069/14 - Bus shelter roof at Pheasant Rise needs to be repaired.

8. Items for information

Hillcrest – MP reported that the roadwork signs are still in Hillcrest and have not been collected. The Clerk had emailed and had a reply from the company who said they would pick them up so she will email again to ensure this is done. **C**

Village Fete – This was discussed at length as most of the work involved was given to the Clerk and she has not had the time to do some of it. Due to the short notice BH proposed that we cancel the Parish Council stall this year and this was seconded by JD. All in favour. It was agreed that the Fete will be put on the main agenda from January 2015, jobs will be allocated to councillors and it will stay on the agenda for monthly updates so the stall can be done for July 2015. **C**

Skate park – The raffle for the skate park was also discussed and it was brought up that the Parish Council may not be able to fundraise in this way. However, the Skate Park Committee may be able to fundraise under their sub-committee. The Clerk will contact CAPALC and find out the legal implications to this. **C**

Viking Way – Parking in Viking Way will be put on the main agenda for July for further discussion on how we may be able to deter HCV drivers from parking here. **C**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next Environment Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Signed..... (Chair of the Environment Committee)