



**Bar Hill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting**  
**Held in The Parish Council Office at 7.30pm**  
**On Wednesday 7 May 2014**

**ACTION**

<b>1. Present</b>	B Waters	Chair	(BW)
	L Baffa	Clerk	(LB)
	S Jenkins	Vice-Chair	(SJ)
	A Mitchell	Councillor	(AM)
	A Pellew	Councillor	(AP)
	M Pope	Councillor	(MP)
	A Saunders	Councillor	(AS)
<b>Apologies</b>	J York	Councillor	(JY)
	B Howard	Councillor	(BG)

**2. To approve minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were read and approved as a true record. Proposed by SJ and seconded by AM. 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**

**Donation from Tom Flanagan** – It was confirmed at the last Parish Council Meeting that the Clerk had a conversation with Tom's Daughter Melanie, and she was very happy for the donation of £1000 to be spent on a park bench and a couple of small trees planted near the bench in Tom's memory. **C**

**The Scout Hut** – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Jim Platts with regard to the repainting of the Scout Hut, as there has been a recent change of leadership and they have been seeking grants for the refurbishment of the interior of the building and the Clerk would find out exactly what was required before going ahead with further quotations. **C**

**The Cricket Club** – MP reported that the shed had now been installed and they will be finishing off the ground works at the end of the season and will be taking up the Parish Council's kind offer of the contribution towards the works at that time. Also the Clerk reported that she had spoken with Paul Stimpson who had confirmed that the concrete cricket square could be used for our basketball post as this was not used any longer. BW said that they were told the contrary and that the square was used for 3 months of the year so it was agreed that a confirmation letter was required before going ahead with the installation. **C**

**4. Stream and Nature Reserve – update**

An email was received today from Rob Mongovan as follows: *With regard to the balancing pond project, due to other work commitments (a river project that needed to be delivered in spring) I have had to put the project on hold. I have had some advice from a procurements officer who has advised me to get the job on to a website which enables all local authority jobs to be advertised to a wide audience (we can also advise potential contractors of its presence). SCDC would then effectively partner with the parish to get the project delivered. The parish would still be letting the contract; however I have been advised of a number of points that would need to go in the contract. Realistically, I'm looking to get this work delivered towards late Aug after all birds have finished nesting, then we could have a volunteer planting session to make good and bare ground bare the weather turns. (simple notes on the projects contract details attached for interest only at this stage)*

*I was disappointed and surprised by the lack of suitable contractors putting in a tender. But we can still move the project forward if the tendering process can take place this summer.*



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**5. K Fergusons Grass Cutting in general**

MP reported that Fergusons have been cutting the village green in sections and felt this was not acceptable. It must be cut all at once.

The triangle outside the Farmhouse has not been done at all this year. This will be added to the grass cutting map.

SJ reported that the layby outside 59 Foxhollow has also not been done at all this year. Again the Clerk will add this to the grass cutting map.

BW informed the committee that Fergusons had cut the rear of Otter Gardens and left large clumps of grass uncut. The Clerk had emailed Fergusons about this and had a reply to say that this would be rectified.

There have been no other complaints about the grass cutting so far this year and AP felt that they were doing a very good job.

**6. Litter – update**

**Machinery for street cleaning** – The Clerk had looked on the internet and found a company that could supply hire equipment for two days at a cost of £500 plus £75 delivery and collection for a Karcher street cleaner. After a discussion it was generally felt that £575 could give the Parish Council a lot of man hours to clear the village of litter and leaves and it was agreed that we would look in to perhaps hiring an industrial pressure washer, also to contact the Probation Service to see if they can supply manual help.

The Clerk confirmed that the Farmhouse has been put on the Annual Maintenance Contract along with The Willows (as both are our Commercial properties) for general maintenance and tidying up). This will be done by Steve Lawlor and she has asked him to have a good clean up all around the Farmhouse as soon as possible.

**Bins** – Further areas in need of bins was discussed at length. The Clerk emphasised that certain areas will not be emptied by SCDC because of access and already she is emptying bins herself due to the access problem. It was agreed that a further bin be installed between the tennis courts and All Weather Sports Pitch and a letter would be written to the All Weather requesting that we attach the bin to their fence once it has been installed. New bins will need to be purchased before this can be done.

AS asked for a further bin to be located at the corner of Tesco car park, by the school entrance and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Tesco and ask if they would consider putting one here at their expense rather than ours.

**7. Works outstanding and approval**

003/13 - Dead trees/thick brambles to be removed from the rear of 10 Almond Grove. (To the rear there is a little green area, where it has become a dumping ground). **CGM quoted £840. Ferguson quoted £420. Fergusons accepted on PO 1122 @ £378**

027/13 - Trees to the rear of 69 Foxhollow need to be trimmed back away from garden. **MWP quoted £746. Ferguson quoted £470. Ferguson accepted on PO 1139**

074/13 - Area outside 39 Brambles needs to be tidied up with self-setting tree to be removed. **S Lawlor to quote**



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076/13 - Hedge to side of 32 Spinney to be cut back. **Fergusons quoted £890. CGM quoted £1,800. Atlas quoted £720.**

081/13 - Oak tree at 104 Brambles to be assessed. **CGM quoted £240. Accepted on PO 1149**

001/14 - Scout Hut building to be painted (front only) **MWP to quote. Lawlor to quote**

003/14 - Rear/side of 51 Foxhollow. Brambles to be cut back away from garden wall. **MWP to quote. Fergusons to quote. Brookfield to quote**

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 - Trim Trail around village green to be removed (not to be removed, only broken sections). **S Lawlor to quote. MWP quoted £1,200. C Brays quoted £1,825**

008/14 - Several trees to the front of 27 Fairway needs to be pruned back. **Tree management programme (Fergusons to do the work)**

011/14 - 1 Acorn Avenue – a couple of trees to be cut back. **MWP to quote**

013/14 - Rear of 9 Robin Close is a large conifer overtaking the area. **Fergusons quoted £480.00. Brookfield to quote. Atlas to quote**

014/14 - Jobs at the Fairway to be done. **Fergusons quote of £210 accepted on PO 1165**

015/14 - Jobs at Robin Close and Almond Grove to be done. **Fergusons quote of £370 accepted on PO 1159**

016/14 - Perimeter road hedging to be flailed. **Fergusons quote of £360 accepted on PO 1158**

019/14 - Large branch on main spine path between Field View and Little Meadow needs to be removed **Lawlor to quote**

020/14 - Trees to rear of 134 Appletrees to be trimmed back. **CGM quoted £480. Brookfield to quote. Atlas to quote**

022/14 - Hibernian bush to be taken out to the rear of 28 Partridge Drive (along main spine path) **MWP to quote**

024/14 - 57 Foxhollow – vegetation at the rear of property needs to be taken down as he wishes to replace his fencing. **MWP to quote**

027/14 - Ditch on Appletrees drift needs to be inspected And cleared of debris, shrubs and roots. **Contacted Rob Mongovan**

028/14 - Trees to the rear and side of 8 Appletrees to be cut in height. Also roots have brought up slabs in garden. Inspection needed to see what trees are causing this and roots to be removed. **Brookfield to quote. Fergusons to quote. Atlas to quote**

029/14 - Thorny bush behind 53 Acorn Ave to be cut back hard. **Brookfield to quote**

030/14 - Large tree close to 30 Acorn Ave is obscuring street light. This needs to be cut back. **Atlas to quote**

031/14 - Large tree is down to the rear of 174 Spinney. Being propped up by BT caballing. To be removed **Brookfield to quote**



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032/14 - Large wild hedge to borders front garden of 45 Brambles needs to be cut back hard, as access is now a problem. **Ferguson to quote. Brookfield to quote**

033/14 - Willow tree that backs on to Whale of A Time has a large broken branch. To be removed. **Brookfield to quote**

034/14 - Tree of small green in front of 43 Acorn Ave to be cut back. **Ferguson to quote**

035/14 - Village green to be vertidraind. **Mel Pooley quoted £625. Accepted on PO 1171**

036/15 - Various jobs on 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 work entrance of Oatlands Ave. **Fergusons quote of £190 accepted on PO 1174**

039/145 - Oatlands Avenue (trees from rare garden overhanging footpath to be cut back (resident dies 6 months ago (PC to do instead). **MWP to quote**

040/14 - Dumped green waste at rear of 79 Hollytrees **Letter to resident**

041/14 - Resident says that trees to front of property are overhanging and are causing cracks **Inspection needed**

**8. Items for information**

**Pheasant Rise** – MP reported that the National Grid has being doing work in Pheasant Rise without any prior warning to residents and the Clerk confirmed that she has had several phone calls from irate residents and the Parish Council has also had no notification of any works to be carried out in the street.

MP said that the National Grid was knocking on doors and informing residents that they would be working across their land and digging up their front gardens without any prior warning. MP's son did not give his permission at first but after being given assurance that everything would be reinstated he gave permission only to find on his return from work that all they did was throw some earth back over the trenches they had dug. He will take photographs and send them to the Clerk and it was agreed that an official letter of complaint will be sent to the National Grid. **C**

**Community Flower Initiative** – After BW mentioned the state of the flower pots in the village AM mentioned the community flower initiative whereby the community adopt areas in the village and plant with flowers and shrubs. After a short debate it was agreed that AM would investigate further. **AM**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next Environment Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.

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