

BARHAM AND WOOLLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Wednesday 2nd October 2018 DRAFT

Approved and signed minutes from the definitive legal record of council business. In the interest of early publication for residents, the notice board carries text of draft minutes awaiting approval. Draft minutes may sometimes be amended at the next council meeting before being signed. If amendments are made, this will be noted in the draft minutes of the next meeting.

Councillors Present: Mr N Grundy-councillor
Mrs Grove-Price-vice chair
Mr T Massey-treasurer
Mrs A King-councillor

Chairman: Mr P Harrison sent his apologies

5 members of the public were present

- 1. Chairman:** The meeting commenced at 19.50 with Mrs Grove-Price acting as Chairman for the meeting in Mr Harrison's absence.
- 2. Apologies:** Mr P Harrison
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting-** Minutes have been circulated, no amendments were required. The Council moved to accept them as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by Vice Chairman Mrs Grove-Price.
- 4. Matters arising:** The clerk has heard via email from the Cambs Community Foundation that oversee the Woolley Hill windfarm Community funding. Despite our application being received from them in February 2018, the application is still being processed and discussed at their meeting late September. We should hear the outcome in the next few weeks.
- 5. Pecuniary interest:** None were disclosed concerning any of the Agenda items.
- 6. Correspondence:** Huntingdon District Council have requested the Precept amount for 2019-20, which has been forwarded to Mr Massey to reply.

3 letters have been received from a member of the public, all of which have been replied to.

Numerous potholes have been reported to Cambs County Council Highways in the last few weeks, with numerous ones over the weekend due to the traffic using the local roads from the A14 closure.

The auditors have been emailing the Clerk, but to an incorrect email address, and also Mr Massey, again to an incorrect email, requesting the accounts by the end of September. This is covered in the Treasurers report.

7. Treasurers Report: The Treasurer distributed a balance sheet to all Councillors. The total funds available are £3735.39 with £750 to be kept aside for a possible local election in 2020. The subscription to CALPAC is £80, annually, the web hosting cost is £400.00, and the external auditors fee is £40 reduced from £240 as we have submitted an exemption certificate as we have so few monetary transactions due to the size of the Parish Council.

Mr Massey expressed his frustration at the external auditors online submission forms and the difficulty in completing them due to so many programmed errors materialising during completion.

This had been discussed with them by phone and all forms have now been submitted within the timescale.

Mr Massey proposed that we pay the £40 to the external auditors and Mr Grundy seconded. Mr Grundy also proposed that the precept be kept the same as for 2018-19 and Mrs King seconded.

Mr Massey reported that £750 was an amount suggested by HDC to be kept aside for possible local elections in 2020. He also advised that there would be a fee of £400 for the web hosting.

The thanks of the Parish Council were given to the internal auditor, Mrs Grundy, for her audit of the accounts.

8. Woolley Well

Mr Massey reported that there is a well on the left hand side of the Ellington Road going out of Woolley. The well has a lid and some bricks have fallen in on the side of the well near the top. The well may go under the road, it isn't known, but as it is on the verge it was felt that the Highways Division would have it under their remit. Due to the volume of traffic using this road at the weekend when the A14 was closed, it subsequently had to be closed by the police due to the volume of HGV's causing damage to the well and also the small bridge over the brook. A resident of Woolley contacted the Highways and they sent someone out later on the Saturday to inspect both the bridge and the well.

Mr Massey has been told that they were again inspected today and the road has been re opened. It was discussed as to whether it is possible to have the well filled in, or what to do about it. The Clerk is to contact the Highways Dept to see if she can arrange a visit with the relevant person to gain clarification as to the state of both these structures.

The meeting was closed at 08.12 for members of the public to speak on these issues.

The meeting was opened at 08.16.

9. Any other Business

The state of the local road was a huge problem at the weekend, and a lot of nights in the past few weeks, due to the A14/A1 closures. Ellington Parish Council are looking into taking possible legal action as they have numerous road/kerb , signage etc damage in the village. It was discussed as to whether we try and get a temporary, at the least, 7 ½ ton weight restriction from Beltons Hill to Barham to try and keep the big vehicles out of the villages. The Clerk will look into this.

The meeting was again closed at 08.24 and reopened at 08.32 to discuss the drainage problems on the Woolley Road at Barham with members of the public present.

When the meeting reopened, Mr Grundy proposed that if there is an appeal from the residents then the Parish Council will be supportive of this and give whatever assistance it can. Mrs King seconded this proposal.

It was also noted that the end of the village drain is still open even though HDC said last winter they would come and mend it. Clerk will chase this up with them again.

10. Time, place, date of next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 19.45 at St Giles Church, Barham.

Meeting closed at 20.35

Signed by the Clerk.....

Date.....

Signed by the Chairman
Barham and Woolley Parish Council

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