

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

### BARSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**DATE:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**TIME:** 7:30pm

**PLACE:** Barsham Village Hall

**PRESENT:** Andrew Ross (Chairman), Barry Samson (Vice Chairman), Grace Howlett, Robert Fletcher,  
James Goodley

Linda Arthur (Clerk)

Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick (District Councillor)

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1. **Welcome by the Chairman at 7.31 pm.**

2. **To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Stuart Laws, Cllr Marie Strong, Ruth Loades.

3. **To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and requests for dispensation**

None

4. **Meeting Adjourned by Chairman**

- Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick reported on many items including the North Norfolk Big Society fund, Community Transport fund and Arts & Culture fund. He **agreed** to support the Parish Council's application for improvements to the village hall floor.
- Cllr Fitzpatrick spoke about his role with Better Broadband for Norfolk and **agreed** to look into broadband problems in the area.

5. **The meeting reconvened by the Chairman at approximately 7.50 pm.**

8. There was a change to the agenda order to now discuss item 8

**Shrine Traffic. General Update**

There was a general discussion with regard to the shrine traffic, following on from what had been agreed at the last meeting. Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick informed the meeting that some improvements were proposed to the shrine. James Goodley said he was disappointed that these improvements were being considered, which may worsen the existing traffic problems in the area, particularly as the shrine visitors do not, on the whole, contribute to the local community. Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick confirmed that the planning application for the improvements was in preliminary stages, but said that he supports Barsham PC's agreed plan and that it was important that those producing the traffic study should come and look at the problem. However there was very little to do other than to wait for the results of that study.

Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick left the meeting at 8.50 pm.

**6. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

The minutes were **AGREED** by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**7. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

There were no matters arising.

**8. Shrine Traffic**

This had previously been dealt with.

**9. Speeding through Houghton St Giles. Result of Speed monitoring.**

There were no results as yet.

**10. Defibrillator installation. General update**

There was no progress.

**11. Memorial Bench**

James Goodley agreed to follow up the supplier.

**12. Web Site**

The Parish Clerk asked the Council what they would like to appear on the web site. James Goodley suggested that a map of the parish could be considered, with contributions from local businesses towards the cost. He also suggested some information about the Parish Hall and it was **agreed** that an advert could be put on the site.

**Meeting Adjourned by Chairman**

The meeting was adjourned due to the arrival of Christine Good, a parishioner. She had already emailed a request to speak to the Parish Council with a proposal regarding broadband in the area. As a local business owner, her business is being affected by slow and sometimes non-existent broadband services in the area.

She spoke to the Parish Councillors about the Gigabyte Voucher Scheme. Gigabit vouchers can be used by small businesses and the local communities surrounding them to contribute to the installation cost of a gigabit capable connection. Businesses can claim up to £3,000 against the cost of connection either individually or as part of a group project. Residents can benefit from the scheme with a voucher worth £500 as part of a group project.

Christine proposed to contact local businesses to gain support, as well as a number of residents, before obtaining a quote from Openreach to supply the improved broadband service.

Parishioners running small businesses in the area are losing business due to virtually non-existent broadband services.

It was **AGREED** that Christine should go ahead and would be beneficial in addition to the support that had previously been offered by Cllr Tom Fitzpatrick.

**The meeting reconvened by the Chairman at approximately 8.30 pm.**

**13. Planning matters:**

- a) There were no results of any previous applications
- b) There were no new planning applications

**14. Finance:****a) To receive, consider and authorise payment of invoices**

Payment to	Description	Payment	Comment
Norfolk Alc	Membership Fees 2018-2019	£99.41	<b>AGREED</b>
Miss Linda Arthur	Parish Clerk – Payment for period June 18 – August 18	£135.98	<b>AGREED</b>
	<b>Total</b>	£235.39	

**b) To record income received**

Payment from	Description	Payment
E,N & W Barsham Parochial Church Council	Donation regarding memorial bench for Phyllis Bowes	£100.00

**c) Presentation of accounts**

The financial statement for the period 06.06.18 to 03.08.18 was presented to the council and is attached as Appendix 1.

**15. Correspondence:****a) To receive correspondence that may require action to be taken**

- Request for donation to News & Views. It was **AGREED** that £75.00 would be donated
- Email from Sharon Garth regarding North Norfolk Big Society Fund. This was previously dealt with by Tom Fitzpatrick
- Email from Sharon Garth regarding North Norfolk Community Transport Grants and Arts & Culture Grants. Both previously dealt with by Tom Fitzpatrick
- Letter from Sharon Garth regarding WW1 Centenary Armistice – Clerk to reply with planned event
- Email from Graham Connolly regarding Almshouses – Clerk to reply that there are no almshouses in the Parish.

**b) To receive correspondence for information only**

The Clerk had circulated various documents prior to the meeting detailing correspondence and links to emails & websites.

**16. Any other business**

James Goodley requested the assistance of Councillors and Parishioners to help farmers in the area by informing them of any walkers seen trespassing on fields and damaging crops.

**17. Date and time of next meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 7.30 pm Barsham Village Hall

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

\_\_\_\_\_ (Chairperson)

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