

August 2023

Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council (BPC)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th August'23 at Barley Village Hall

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Members to consider a request from "Chris Neve & Son" to park their licensed vehicle for up to one hour near the Village Hall for the purpose of selling fresh fish.
Members agreed to support the request and see how it went – Every Wednesday.

Report from Pendleside Hospice Pub Walk (17 June) meeting held on 14 August to consider to consider feedback to the Organisers – Report from the Clerk.

Councillors who were in the Village during the 'Pub Walk' confirmed that it had been extremely busy and some walkers had behaved in an extremely antisocial manner. The Clerk had reported those concerns to the Burnley Hospice by e-mail.

The meeting was well attended and Hospice staff realise the challenge the walk has become due to popularity and the reduced age diversity with many participants now from the younger generation. If the event was to continue as a successful income generator for the hospice the main issues involved more police and marshall involvement, more toilet facilities, and more bins to be provided. This would require better engagement by the Hospice with the Police, the Borough & Parish Councils and bodies who can provide marshals. The Hospice will be circulating a formal response to those who raised concerns and attended the meeting.

Pothole Repairs in the Village Centre & Barley Lane

The Chairman reported that pothole repairs had been undertaken in the last few days using a "Jet Patcher" technique and this had filled potholes and roadside erosion.

9. **Members to consider a proposal to purchase a second tablet for issuing Parking Charge Notices on the Turning Area from Park with Ease.**

Members agreed that the purchase of a second tablet would increase the capacity of the Council to monitor parking on the Turning Area. A quote for a second tablet had been received and it was agreed that further negotiation on price would follow in order to ensure best value is achieved. **Action: Cllr. Hunt.**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a second tablet for issuing Parking Charge Notices.

10. **Reports from Chairman**

Roles and responsibilities of individual Councillors

The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to all Councillors about their individual roles and responsibilities allocated to them (as set out in a spreadsheet) and they had all responded affirmatively. All Councillors in attendance confirmed they were satisfied with the responsibilities allocated to them.

The Chairman said that over the coming weeks he would aim to share information with individual Councillors that they will need to carry out the necessary functions associated with their responsibilities. **Action: Chairman**

Proposal to construct a hardstand at the bottom of the car park with fence to store signs, traffic cones and materials at the bottom of the car park.

It was **RESOLVED** to construct a hardstand at the bottom of the car park with fencing to store PC equipment including signs and cones etc next time a Contractor is working in the Parish – this is not an urgent item.

Proposal to support Narrowgates Residents with the tarmac surfacing of the access road off Barley Lane as a share of the resident's contributions up to an agreed level.

Since no formal application had been made Members considered this as an "in principle" request for support. Since the bridleway was a well trafficked key route between Barley &

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	<p>Roughlee and served many properties (approximately 9No) then Members thought they might be able to contribute up to 10% or £2k, whichever is the lowest. Concerns were raised regarding setting precedents, land ownership and statutory powers to contribute. To be considered further if the works progress and a formal request is made.</p> <p>Proposal to purchase bags of tarmac to repair the carriageway edge outside the Village Hall. It was RESOLVED to purchase bags of tarmac and infill the carriageway edge as required. Action: Cllr. Heap & Grimshaw.</p> <p>Weed Spraying in the Village In order to get a reliable weed spraying service that is flexible to the vagaries of the weather, the Council RESOLVED to fund the training of two Councillors to be trained and licensed to apply herbicides. Costs are anticipated to be £600 and training could be carried out over the winter period. Action: Cllr Heap & Goldsbrough.</p> <p>Bench Seating Opposite Chapel – Discussions are progressing with Mrs N Chadwick regarding a bench seat located at start of footpath up to Pendle opposite the Chapel. Action: Cllr. Heap & Connor are liaising with N. Chadwick.</p>
11.	<p>Best Kept Village Update The Chairman reported that Barley had not reached the final of the BKV competition. A report detailing the judge's findings will be circulated after the awards ceremony. It was agreed to progress maintenance works including landscaped area maintenance, weed spraying and balsam removal on the car park, village green and embankment.</p>
12.	<p>Update on Grant Applications to Pendle Borough Council 2023-24. The Chairman reported the Council had been successful with two grant applications to Barrowford & Western Parishes Committee as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Playground Improvements – A grant of £3,000 had been allocated. ➤ Repairs to Masonry Wall between Village Green & Cabin - £2500 allocated. <p>The Council were required to spend the money by 31 March 2024.</p>
13.	<p>Clerk & Financial Officers Report The current bank balance was £91,811.04 and after setting aside commitments, and reserves, the monies available for the Council to spend is £29k. The external audit is in progress and the draft accounts have been posted on the PC website and the "Notice of Public Rights" has been posted on the village noticeboard.</p>
14.	<p>Reports from Councillors & Borough Councillor Reports Cllr Hunt asked Members if they had an interest in developing the Council's website to make it more interactive and community based. There was a positive response and Cllr. Hunt said he would be pleased to take this on as a long-term project and come back to the Council with some proposals. Action: Cllr. Hunt.</p>
16..	<p>Exempt Items – Exclusion of Public & Press</p> <p>Members to decide whether to extend the toilet lease to the Cabin. Members agreed to extend the lease and increase the rent by a small amount. Action: Clerk to inform the Cabin and confirm if they wish to progress with the rental.</p>
17.	<p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 13th September 2023 (agenda items by 7th Sept '23)</p>