

Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council (BPC)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 11th December'24 at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Heap (Chair) Cllr. D. Goldsbrough Cllr. J. McGregor
Cllr. J. Connor Cllr. G. Grimshaw

In Attendance: C A Heap (Clerk & RFO) **Public:** None

1.	Welcome: The Chairman welcomed James McGregor as a new member of the PC. Apologies: Cllr. J. Harthan (Sick) & L. Rushworth. Absent: None																																																				
2.	Councillors Declaration of Interest: Garry Grimshaw Item 6.																																																				
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 13th November 2024. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of both meeting should be APPROVED and that the Chair sign them as a correct record and append to the PC website.																																																				
4.	Public Participation: None																																																				
5.	Financial Matters: The following payments were approved / ratified for payment: <table border="1" data-bbox="124 936 1385 1765"> <thead> <tr> <th>November'24</th> <th>Expenditure</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>14</td> <td>Octopus Energy Electricity Oct</td> <td>59.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>PwE Commission Card Oct</td> <td>479.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td>UU Water Toilets Oct-Nov.</td> <td>560.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">December '24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Riverside Fence Johnston</td> <td>1250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>JC Xmas Tree Ties</td> <td>4.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>Xmas Sleigh Random Bargains DH</td> <td>189.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>PBC New Waste Bins VG & CP</td> <td>836.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>CMS Live Web Site Host GS</td> <td>162.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Pensioners Xmas Biscuits & Chocolates</td> <td>419.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>Computer Paper</td> <td>19.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9</td> <td>Wilkinson Sept Toilet Clean</td> <td>360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>Clerk Travel - Turf-Sand – Sensors - Xmas Gifts</td> <td>25.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>PwE Commission November</td> <td>352.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>Mini Cherry Picker Xmas Voucher DH</td> <td>40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>Xmas Toys Donation - Events Committee Party</td> <td>250.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		November'24	Expenditure		14	Octopus Energy Electricity Oct	59.21	18	PwE Commission Card Oct	479.70	18	UU Water Toilets Oct-Nov.	560.07	December '24			2	Riverside Fence Johnston	1250.00	2	JC Xmas Tree Ties	4.50	2	Xmas Sleigh Random Bargains DH	189.25	3	PBC New Waste Bins VG & CP	836.40	3	CMS Live Web Site Host GS	162.00	5	Pensioners Xmas Biscuits & Chocolates	419.50	9	Computer Paper	19.99	9	Wilkinson Sept Toilet Clean	360.00	11	Clerk Travel - Turf-Sand – Sensors - Xmas Gifts	25.60	11	PwE Commission November	352.21	11	Mini Cherry Picker Xmas Voucher DH	40.00	11	Xmas Toys Donation - Events Committee Party	250.00
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6.	Planning Applications (PA) for Consideration by Members & Updates: Town and Country Planning Act 1990 APPLICATION: 24/0801/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a first-floor rear extension. Under Pendle House Barley Lane Barley FOR: Lee Hunt																																																				

	<p>The application was to construct a first-floor extension on top of what seemed to be an earlier extension to the farmhouse. This would not increase the footprint of the building but would increase the bulk of the farmhouse.</p> <p>The extension was not new build in the open countryside and the farmhouse was within a small cluster of four properties. The applicant intended to use stone, blue slate and wooden windows to match the existing structure</p> <p>An unusual feature was the inclusion of an internal balcony on the north elevation but this would not be visible from the footpath which ran along the south and west side of the property. Members RESOLVED to raise no objections to the application.</p> <p>Far Banks Farm Garage – No Update</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Parish Maintenance & Village Projects – Members to receive Reports & Proposals</p> <p>Toilet Block Upgrade Robert Baines reported that he has the PC brief for improvement works. He has measured the building layout and undertaken an assessment of the floors, doors and roof. He would be drafting options over the Xmas holiday period with a view to preparing tender documents in January.</p> <p>Update on CCTV Camera Replacement Project Cllr Grimshaw reported he had made no progress in the last month but was confident the project would progress in January.</p> <p>Replacement of post and wire fence on playground near Slide with a picket fence, The chairman reported the work had been completed to a satisfactory standard.</p> <p>Update on Waste Bin Replacements – Project completed.</p> <p>Update on Playground Inspections Cllr Goldsbrough informed he had completed a fourth inspection and he would forward a copy of all four reports to the Clerk for the PC records. Action: Cllr Goldsbrough.</p> <p>Update on application for formal registration of Village Green by Pendle BC The Chairman reported that he had requested PBC to apply for the VG to have a registered status on 1st November and is awaiting their response. Action: Cllr Heap.</p> <p>Update on Other Village Projects – None</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Traffic Issues, Turning Area, Car Park & Planned Events</p> <p><i>Cllr. Goldsbrough reported that he will present details for the proposed additional RPS signage including wording, font size, colour and proposed location for discussion at the next Council meeting. This is to increase visitors' awareness of the RPS. Action: Cllr. Goldsbrough</i> Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>Events Planned: Tour of Pendle - The chairman reported that he had written to the Chairman of the Village Hall and the organiser of the Clayton Harriers Fell race held on 16th November, and reminded them that they should limit participants to 400No to limit the impact on the village. The weather was dry on the day and all available parking spaces had been filled and cars were parked along Barley New Road as far as Thorneyholm.</p>

	<p>Some day-visitors to Barley had not been able to park in the village. A parking enforcement officer had attended and six parking charges had been issued.</p>
9	<p>Members to receive an update on the Xmas decorations purchases for 2024 including the Village Hall (Snowflake) and a Xmas Sleigh for the Turning Area.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the 2m snowflake for the Village Hall and a 3ft sleigh with reindeers for the Turning Area had been delivered the previous week. He also confirmed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cherry picker was required to fix the snowflake high on the roadside elevation of the VH. Sourcing a cherry picker to lift the snowflake into place on the VH had been difficult but he was optimistic that the electrician and cherry picker would erect the snowflake the following Sunday. • Arrangements had been made with ABC Electrical Ltd to erect stars and lighting braids on the VH, Chapel and Toilet Block on Friday 13 December. An additional socket was planned for the Bus Shelter so that a sleigh can be fitted on the roof. Action: Cllr. Heap.
10	<p>Members are asked to consider a grant application for £30 from the Women's Institute for the purchase of batteries for Xmas lights display on the garden area they manage on the car park.</p> <p>Although the WI had not submitted a formal application members agreed to support the application which represented 60% of the total cost. Action: Clerk to complete form.</p> <p>Update on grant application for £250 from the Events Committee for the purchase of presents and food for the Children's Xmas Party.</p> <p>The grant had been paid representing almost 60% of the total cost. The party is to take place on 15th December prior to the Barley to Bethlehem procession. This year is the 25th Anniversary of the procession.</p>
11	<p>Members to consider awarding a contract extension of 2 Years to Park with Ease Ltd.</p> <p>Members RESOLVED to extend the contract at the existing commission rates.</p> <p>Contract documents to be drafted and signed by both PwE & PC which extend the contract for two years from 1st January 2025. Action: Chairman, Vice Chairman and RFO.</p>
11 A	<p>Reports from Chairman</p> <p>Update on large Waterplus invoice in September of £1,497 and October of £560.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had queried the water charge with Waterplus. They had responded that according to their records the charge was correct. He has highlighted the unprecedented increase in water usage to UU and asked them to check for leaks on the system. Since then, the water usage had remained high in October but has returned to previous usage levels in November. The Cabin have willingly paid their share of the water supply bill.</p> <p>Members agreed to continue monitoring usage and progress the installation of separate meters for the toilet block and the Cabin to ensure more accurate billing. Action: Clerk</p> <p>Outstanding Action - Winter Maintenance Policy on Website.</p> <p>Cllr. Grimshaw said he would put the policy on the website and add Cllr. McGregor to the list of Councillors on the site. Action: Cllr. Grimshaw.</p> <p>Boothman Wood – The chairman is hoping to meet the new owners soon.</p>

12	<p>Clerk & Financial Officers Report The current bank balance was £91,674 and after setting aside commitments, and reserves, the monies available for the Council to spend is £39k.</p>
13	<p>Reports from Councillors & Borough Councillor Reports: Councillor Connor reported that he and Dan Goldsbrough, assisted by Paul & Becky Barlow, had erected the Xmas lights on the Turning Area Xmas tree and bus shelter.</p> <p>Councillor Connor reported that the Coronation Oak tree, which had died, had been replaced by and planted free of charge by the supplier on 6th December. On behalf of the Events Committee, he had reinstated the steel cage around the tree.</p> <p>Councillor Connor had asked the police to attend the Barley to Bethlehem procession on behalf of the Events Committee.</p> <p>Councillor Goldsbrough reported he was sourcing "No Dogs Allowed" signs for the playground, one for each gate, and looking into a plaque design to identify that the PC had improved the playground. Action: Cllr Goldsbrough.</p>
14	<p>Distribution of Pensioners Xmas Biscuits & Chocolates</p> <p>The Clerk issued a distribution list to members along with the chocolates and biscuits they had to deliver to pensioners. Action: All.</p>
15	<p>Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 8th January 2025 (agenda items by 2nd January 2025)</p>