Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council held on Tuesday, 21st November 2023 at 7.00 in the Village Hall.

<u>Present:</u> Catherine Daniels, Chair, Jeanette Beresford, Nick Beresford, Phil Williams and Sue Williams and Guy Williams.

Apologies John Brassington

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September were approved by Sue Williams and Jeanette Beresford.

Matters Arising:

a) Parents/Carers are continuing to park cars on the west side verge of the A162 at school pick up time. It was agreed that the barrels that were currently used in the village would be too small to have any impact on parking. Catherine Daniels is to source larger planters from a garden centre.

The request for a crossing point/warden was still awaiting a decision from the road safety committee.

- b) There had been vehicle damage to the grass on the ash tree triangle. Tony Wright to repair and turf the area. Phil Williams is to organise a weed and feed when the season is appropriate.
- c) Litter bins –N Y Council have been asked for a date to fit the bins.
- Village Gateways Nick Beresford gave details of the suppliers of the signs in Towton.
 Harrisons Signs with the artwork by Sharon Mann Creations.
 The clerk is to email Harrison Signs to ask for a price for supply and fit the signs.
- e) The CPR refresher course will be run once Dr Turton is available.
- f) Litter picking equipment had been purchased and will be kept in the village hall.

Finance.

Precept – details of the budget to the year end were provided and a discussion was held into the requirements for the year 2023/2024.

It was proposed Catherine Daniels and Sue Williams that the precept should remain as the current year at £6,200. This was unanimously agreed.

Invoices for payment were agreed Jeanette Beresford and Guy Williams.

Bacs	Defib Store	£134.40
Bacs	Parker Hartley 31397/32780	£33.60
Bacs	HMRC Mth 8	£22.60
	G Stephenson Clerks fee	
Bacs	Oct/Nov	£179.56
Bacs	Litter picking equipment	£66.35

Planning.

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Erection of detached garage at Linley House, Main Street.

Has been granted permission.

Correspondence

A notice had been circulated and put on the notice board regarding the closure of the A162 over the Christmas period to allow for the railway bridge to be replaced.

An email had been received from Mr Mason regarding the village Christmas tree. It was explained that there would be a lighted pyramid similar to the one in the churchyard that could be used each year as the cost of a fresh tree had proved prohibitive. Mr Mason's daughter has provided an electric socket for Parish Council use.

Any Other Business.

There is a heavy goods vehicle parking at the entrance of Fir Tree Court overnight.

This will be reported to the police as there is a weight restriction through the village and HGV's should have a designated parking place when not in use.

Catherine Daniels said that the Local Councils Association had issued a revised pay scale for Clerks. The Clerk is paid on scale point 17 at 104 hours per year. The increase was approved by Sue Williams and Phil Williams. The accountant is to be advised of the change.

Date of next meeting. 19th January 2024 at 7pm.