

Minutes of the meeting of Barkston Ash Parish Council held on 16th January 2024 at 7.30 in the Village Hall

Present: Catherine Daniels, Chair, Jeanette Beresford, Nick Beresford, John Brassington, Guy Williams, Phil Williams, and Sue Williams.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2023 were agreed Phil Williams and Nick Beresford.

Matters Arising:

- a) Parking on A162 verges. This is of particular concern during the events held at the school. Catherine Daniels is to source large planters to place on the verge.
- b) Parents and children crossing A162 at The Ash Tree was of particular concern and the Clerk is to request an on-site meeting with Highways and the Road Safety Committee to discuss a crossing warden and other safety measures.
- c) Village Gateways: The Clerk is to refer to an email from Nick Beresford detailing the positions of the gateways. These will be forwarded to the manufacturers, Harrison Signs for a quotation. The suggested wording to be. 'Welcome to Barkston Ash Village, Historic Centre of Yorkshire' with an Ash Tree at the top. On the reverse 'Thank you for driving carefully'
- d) The date for a CPR refresher course is to be decided.
- e) The litter picking equipment is now in the Village Hall and a notice will be added to the website for anyone wanting to make use of this.
- f) Christmas Lights – Catherine Daniels was thanked for putting up and dismantling the lights at the Church and Fir Tree Court. Despite the power cuts which disrupted the lights Catherine was able to add extra lights to the display in Fir Tree Court. A lantern is to be considered over the church gate. Thanks were given to Jenny Frost for supplying and arranging the Christmas lights around the trees and flower beds on Main Street.
- g) Network Rail: The work on the replacement rail bridge over the A162 had been abandoned due to the extremely high winds. A date has not been confirmed for completion of the work. The diversion signage over the period had not been acceptable and traffic was causing problems throughout the area. The Clerk is to write to Network Rail and Murphy Contractors requesting an improved Traffic Control plan.
The large vehicles that Network Rail were driving down to the railway bridge at Saw Wells have caused a wall at Ivy Brook Lodge to be damaged due to the tight manoeuvres. This has now been repaired by Network Rail.

Finance

Invoices for payment were approved by Sue Williams and Guy Williams.

HMRC National Insurance	£26.00
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Clerks Fee Dec/Jan	£190.15
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Correspondence

A letter had been received regarding the 80th Anniversary of the second world war suggesting a beacon or lantern to be lit on 6th June 2024.

Details are to be circulated to councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

Any Other Business

The Clerk gave details of the change of Electoral boundaries whereby Barkston Ash will be included in the new Wetherby and Easingwold Constituency.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th March 2024