

## **BARKHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes** of meeting of the Barkham Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
in Barkham Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mrs P. Stubbs (in the Chair), Mr F. A. Scott, Dr. R. Loader, Mr. P. King, Mr L. Heath, Mr. S. Goldring, Mr. R. Newman, Mr. D. Oxbridge, Mr. C. Heyliger, Mrs A. Grosz (Independent Member of Wokingham Borough Standards Committee), four members of the public and the Clerk.

**Apologies:**

**Declarations of Interests**

None

09/254 **Minutes** of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

Meeting adjourned in order that any members of the public could address the Council on any matters or concerns relating to Barkham

**09/255 Report from the Villages Youth Project Worker**

Report read by the Clerk.

**09/256 Planning**

There were no planning applications from the Planning Meeting which required referral to the full Council. Mr Heath updated BPC with regard to the Core Strategy Site Allocation, The date for Session 3 on Arborfield Garrison SDL (CP19) is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, when Mr Newman and Mr Heath have been allocated a time slot to speak on behalf of BPC. Mr French will be representing BVRA. It is of grave concern that many of the letters from residents appear to have gone astray and are not in the appropriate file, the file of responses which is available for public inspection at WBC, 44 out of the 66 Barkham responses are missing (including 5 letters which have been individually summarised), not knowing who the letters are from makes it very difficult to trace or to request duplicates. Jane Ireland at WBC has confirmed that they are investigating the matter and a full reply will be sent to Mr French. Mrs Stubbs was asked as the Borough Councillor to seek advice from the Legal Dept. at WBC with regard to the loss of the letters, this must also be brought to the attention of the Inspector and Gary Cowan. This could result in the public consultation being void if it does not comply with legal requirements. Again it must be stressed that the majority of the Garrison is located within Barkham and Section 106 monies must be secured for the benefit of Barkham residents.

Mr Heath, Mr Newman and Mr French had a meeting with a Finchampstead Parish Councillor regarding transport issues, all agreed that the infra structure was inadequate, the meeting was helpful to confirm that the neighbouring parishes have the same issues.

**09/257 Highways**

Mr Scott confirmed that he has arranged to meet with Mr Hopper and Mr Napper from WBC on 18.3.09 to discuss flooding issues within Barkham Parish. The aim is to identify areas where residents are at risk and collect information on land owners. Mr Scott is familiar with the situation and the landowners in the Langley Common Road / School Road area and of the problems in Barkham Street and at the Bridge. Mrs Stubbs will speak to Mrs Wicks who lives at 1 Bridge Cottages who was affected by the flooding when Barkham Brook burst its banks in July 2007. Also Mr Overton, who lives at The White Cottage, Barkham Street was also flooded during this deluge of rain.

It was reported that there is a section of the Bearwood Road opposite the speed warning sign, travelling in the direction of Sindlesham where the road is in a very poor state of repair with a continuous line of pot holes. Clerk to report to WBC. Also lorries pulling out of Highlands Ave cut across the edge of the pavement and are breaking down the pavement at that point, this will ultimately damage the ditch. This is potentially very dangerous, Clerk to notify the police and WBC Highways suggesting bollards be erected to prevent this from happening.

**09/258 Litter**

Barkham is looking very neglected with many roads and verges covered with litter, this will be tackled at the Parish Cleanup on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**09/259 Annual Litter Clearance**

To be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April to coincide with a Borough wide campaign against litter. BPC will organise this in the usual way with a skip at the village hall. Mr Oxbrough has offered to drive round and collect the rubbish bags up. The Clerk will ask Mr Hosgood if BPC can borrow his trailer. WBC will be printing posters for distribution around the parish to publicise the event, BPC to request a supply of posters A4 size and a few A3 to put up a few days before the event. The Clerk will contact the Wokingham Times two weeks before to request that the event is mentioned in the Parish Section of the paper with contact details, WBC will be undertaking the publicity. Mr Postlethwaite was asked if he could organise the distribution of roads and footpaths to the volunteers on the day. The Clerk will organise the refreshments with the help of Louise Goldring.

**09/260 Finance**

Inland Revenue – Tax & N.I. for Clerk for 3 months	175	£60.63
Neat Ideas – ink cartridges	176	£86.91 (£75.57 exc VAT)
J.P. Neuhofer – expenses and postage costs for the year	177	£92.90
Standing Order for Clerk’s salary for March		£542.78
Standing Order to Royal Bor. Windsor – Pension Fund for Clerk for month of March (Employee & employer contribution).		£111.29

To date 841 books have been sold, an income of £4404.24, thus leaving 159 unsold, and the Council is now in credit to the amount of £438.57.

**09/261 Borough Councillor's Report**

Mrs Stubbs did not make a report. She continues to assist residents with their problems who contact her via the Post Office.

**09/262 Correspondence**

- WBC Tenant Services Open Day 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 2.00 – 7.00 p.m. at Sindlesham Court. The Clerk to ascertain exactly which properties are owned by WBC in Barkham. Mr Newman will try to attend.
- BALC invitation to Royal Garden Party to be held on 7.7.09. BPC would like to nominate Mr Scott in recognition of his many years of loyal and invaluable service for the Council.
- BALC training session on the planning system to be held on 16.4.09 at Windsor & Maidenhead Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead 6.00 – 9.00 p.m. Mr Heath and Dr Loader would like to attend.
- WBC Request for discussion Topic Suggestions For 2009 Wokingham Borough Town and Parish Conference. The topics suggested by WBC were considered by BPC as not relevant for the Parish Conference. Topics that do affect all the parishes would be:

- Co ordination of road works throughout the Borough.
- Planning Issues
- Highway Issues
- Youth Provision at Parish level
- Improved public transport
- Infra structure to be in place before development
- The decline of Wokingham Town Centre
- The future of the railway crossing

Clerk to write to WBC suggesting these as alternatives to the suggested ones. Copy of letter to be sent to WDALC.

- WBC Agenda for campaign Against Waste Meeting to be held on 30.3.09 at Smallmead. Mr Newman, Dr Loader, Mrs Stubbs, Mr Heath and the Clerk would like to attend.

**Distribution**

- WBC Planning Applications Input & Decisions Issued for the period 2.2.09 – 6.2.09.
- WBC Mayor’s Office – The Royal British Legion ordering of wreaths.
- WBC Agenda for Meeting of the Council on 19.2.09.
- WBC Agenda for Meeting of the Executive on 19.2.09.
- WBC Planning Applications Input & Decisions Issued for the period 9.2.09 – 13.2.09.
- WBC Minutes of Telecommunication Roll Out Meeting held on 30.1.09.
- WBC Agenda for Meeting of the Standards Committee on 24.2.09.

WBC Agenda for Meeting of the Service Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel.  
WBC Street Naming & Numbering – Erection of two dwellings at 71 Bearwood Road will be numbered 69A & 71 Bearwood Road.  
WBC Agenda for Meeting of the Planning Committee on 4.3.09.  
WBC Staff Bulletin Issue 4.  
Town and Parish Standard February 2009.  
WBC Place & Neighbourhood Services Bulletin. March 2009.  
Arborfield News Issue 67.  
WBC The Town & Parish News February 2009.  
WBC Corporate News February 2009.  
WBC Planning Applications Input & Decisions Issued for the period 16.2.09 – 27.2.09.  
WBC Minutes of Southern Parishes Area Youth Committee Meeting.

**09/263 Councillors Forum**

Mr Newman explained that questionnaires will be distributed with the next edition of the BVRA magazine from the BaA NAG requesting the views of the residents on which issues concern them. Collection boxes will be placed around the village (Post Office, The Bull, and the Garrison Spa Store).  
Mr Heyliger asked if any progress had been made with the improvements to the pavement/bus stop area along Barkham Street. The Clerk to ask Julia Tredwell at WBC for an update.  
Mr King announced that it was with deep regret that the pressure of work and his family commitments had brought him to the decision to resign from BPC. Mrs Stubbs and fellow councillors expressed their deep regret at the departure of Mr King who had been a valuable member of the Council who will be greatly missed. His letter of resignation will be sent to Mrs Stubbs as Chairman.

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Next meeting of full Council will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. followed by the Parish Assembly at 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting of Planning Committee will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30 p.m.