

# **BARNETBY-LE-WOLD PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023, held at Barnetby le Wold Village Hall

**Cllrs Present, Cllr B Baker, A Vora, H Munn, T Cropley, S Huck, M Hoggard, W Broughton, A Thomas.**

**Ward Cllrs Present: Cllrs Carl Sherwood**

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## **1. Approval of Annual Meeting of the Parish Minutes 25 April 2022**

Resolution – the minutes were duly approved.

## **2. The Chair of the Parish Council will welcome and feedback on last year and plans for the coming year.**

### **Chairs Annual Report – Barnetby Le Wold Annual Meeting of the Parish**

#### **Achievements 2022/2023**

2022/2023 saw a positive year for the Parish Council, we have achieved so many things as well as managing the day to day business ensuring the village remains a safe and vibrant community. In this report I wish to highlight some of the key achievements in the year:

The Parish Council re-launched the Roundabout Magazine after the dissolving of Barnetby Community Club. The residents were consulted, in which the majority voted to keep the magazine. This has been committed until the end of 2023/2024 and we shall be trialling different printing options to keep the costs as low as possible.

The Parish Council invited the Police and Crime Commissioner - Cllr John Evison, to meet with the Parish Council and the public to outline their plans and what the role of the police and Crime Commissioner entails. This was a really interesting meeting, and we intend to invite Cllr John Evison back during this year to continue to build on these relationships.

We continue to keep strong link and support to Jim Munn in his role as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Jim has created some fantastic links with Humberside Police and Safer Neighbourhood Team at NLC.

#### **ERNLLCA**

The Parish Council signed up to ERNLLCA at the beginning of 2022, this supports Parish Councils in the North Lincolnshire and East Riding region with training and guidance to ensure that your Parish Councillors have access to regular training and support to ensure that they fulfil their roles as Councillors to the best of their ability.

## **Village Maintenance**

In April 2023 following a procurement exercise, the Parish Council successfully awarded a Village Maintenance Contract to Wilden Farm. This contract seeks to provide a localised maintenance throughout the village to ensure the upkeep of the open spaces and Parish Council street assets.

## **Planning**

There have been some controversial planning applications this year, namely the Lorry Park continues, more housing developments for multiple builds – the Parish Council continue to challenge that the village drainage cannot cope with the increased volume of housing, traffic and road safety concerns as well as looking at each application and assessing the local impacts that the requests may have and feeding back appropriately.

## **Elections**

On 4 May 2023, the local Town and Parish Council Elections were held, as a result this saw the Parish Council elect new member and we now have a full council of 11 Councillors – which we haven't had for a number of years. After this meeting we are holding a Networking event in which you can take the opportunity to meet and discuss with your new council, and hear their personal skills, experience and plans for the village over the coming years.

## **Recreational Field**

The Trustee continues to undertake several aspects of maintenance and improvements in the recreational field areas. We have commissioned the training of one of our Parish Councillors to be RPII Certified which ensures regular Operational Inspections are carried out in accordance with Health and Safety and best practice.

In June 2022 to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee the Recreational Field Trustees hosted a Village Gala Day, the event was very well attended, the feedback received was very positive. The Trustees are pleased to confirm that another Gala Day for 2023 has been confirmed and will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 with Carnival rides, live entertainment and we will also be hosting an Arts and Craft Fair in the Village Hall and the Bowls Club are hosting an Open Day so there will be plenty of activities for all.

## **Community Projects**

Barnetby Le Wold continues to support the Barnetby in Bloom Community Planning Group with Budget being agreed for a further 12 months.

The Group once again entered into the Best Kept Village Awards hosted by CPRE, and were awarded Second Place in the Medium Village Category – missing out by 1 POINT!

Some of the Judges comments were;

*“This is a well-cared for village with many attractive features, not least the excellent community planting. A great deal of thought and a lot of hard work has gone into making this a very pleasant village to visit and to live in, and residents are to be commended for their efforts”.*

Also they noted; *“One commendable feature of the village is the absence of litter, which is an impressive achievement”.*

We also have introduced a Community Planting Project with 8 large planting boxes being installed at the recreational field for residents to grow flowers and crops. We are pleased to say that 6 of the 8 boxes have now been taken and this has brought some great pleasure to those using the facility. In addition to the 8 boxes we have also allocated a large section of the planters to the Barnetby Under 5's as an educational resource which extends their learning and development offer.

## **Challenges this year**

Speeding Traffic continues to be an issue for the village, we have requested speed monitoring support for Safer Roads Humber and we are hoping to obtain some funding to install Speed Awareness monitors.

POTHLES – the road surfaces in the village are an uphill challenge but working with our Ward Councillors we are managing to get the reports in, and action taken (if not without a little delay). We were pleased to see the full resurfacing of Silver Street and working closely with NLC we were able to manage the disruption of car parking during the works – thank you to all Silver Street residents for patience in this matter.

Overall challenges have been minimal this year and we hope to build on community participation and build strong relationships with our local community groups and businesses.

I would also like to thank all previous Councillors that were part of the 2022/2023 efforts, as these achievements would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of these Parish Councillors. As we welcome newly elected Councillors I would like to express that going forward the plans for the Council and Community will be well supported and in safe hands with the skills and experience each individual can bring to the Council.

Finally on behalf of this Council I wish to reflect with great appreciation the personal efforts of the Clerk, Rachael Reddin and our Cemetery Clerk Jenny Pitt.

### **3. Brigg and Wolds Ward Councillors Reports**

Cllr Carl Sherwood firstly thanked the Parish Council for the invite to attend this evening and congratulated all Councillors on the election for this term.

Apologies from Cllr R Waltham MBE and Cllr Nigel Sherwood

#### **Enable People to keep themselves safe and well**

- Ofsted - 4-star outstanding rating for care and support for children
- Frozen general council tax
- Care and support for adults who don't get it from family and friendly rated among best in the country.
- Launched LiveWell - a community directory where people can access information, advice and guidance.
- Protect enhanced free travel for older and disabled people
- Committed to free swimming at leisure centres across the area to keep kids active (and safe) through summer holidays.
- Launched a campaign to keep people well during the summer months
- Agreed a new waste contract which is designed to eradicate waste going to landfill (already less than 1%)
- Almost one million books given out to children up to five years old thanks to the council's support of the Imagination Library
- Provided £1m to pensioners to help with cost of energy
- Support for a new £20m diagnostic centre to cut waiting times for people to get MRI, x-ray and other scans

#### **Enable resilient and flourishing communities.**

- Made hundreds of thousands of pounds available through community grants and UK Shared Prosperity across North Lincolnshire, supporting Coronation parties, In Bloom, community gyms, local athletes, village shows & fetes, community sports facilities.

- Switched 1,100 brown bins to home composters.
- Reduced speed limits in Barton and Burringham to 20mph
- Installed solar panels on several schools saving more than £100k from energy bills every year.
- Announced major road resurfacing schemes and continue to tackle potholes - if you see one please report it on the council's website
- Confirmed a £3.5m investment in Epworth community hub, following a multimillion pound community investment programme in Crowle, Brigg, Barton, Scunthorpe and Ashby.
- Spend around £1m a year tackling litter and fly tipping
- Opened the Armed Forces Hub
- Planted 100,000 trees

#### **Enable the local economy to grow**

- Completed investment of new ultra-fast broadband plus worked with private sector to deliver into rural communities.
- Completed new park and gardens in Scunthorpe town centre - started work on bring St John's Church back to life.
- Launched a £1m fund for people to build more homes in town centre
- Kept £20m in people's pockets through 13m free parking tickets in town centres (not last year but we issue more than 1m every year)
- Running the highly successful Jobs Expo events to get people back into work.
- Had £20 confirmed for Barton bypass through Govt Levelling Up Funding

#### **4. Community Groups are invited to share feedback on last year and plans for coming year:**

##### **Barnetby United Football Club**

Lee Fielden updated that there are now two sides a Saturday and Sunday side, unfortunately no junior side at present time. It is unfortunate as there used to be 5 sides prior to covid, however changes in the legislation makes it more difficult to attract new coaches to take on new teams. Looking forward we are hoping that during winter period we can discuss with the Recreational Field Trustee and Bowls club to share the parking area on the Bowls Club side – and potentially move towards a more hardstanding parking area.

##### **Horticultural Society**

Maggie Hoggard updated that this year will see the 65<sup>th</sup> Horticultural Society Show, will be the usual format and will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

##### **Barnetby Central Bowls Club**

Sue Huck updated that the Bowls Club have worked hard over past year to improve the green as many clubs over the region have been suffering from drought, with lots of volunteers and hours Barnetby Central Bowls Club have managed to keep the facility in good condition, There are 3 teams entered in the Scunthorpe League, we will be holding an open day in conjunction with the Gala day, we also have regular roll up events to encourage people to come and try the game of Bowls.

We are always wishing to get more people involved with the bowls club particularly younger and families – it is a fun game.

We are not a closed membership, anyone can join. If you are interested speak to myself Sue Huck (Chair) or Peter Booker (Secretary).

We have the Youth club due to come down and anyone can come have a play or receive some coaching.

## **Barnetby in Bloom**

The group has been very busy over the last month, shopping, planting and watering the mixed perennials in barrels and boxes. This year's change of direction is a bit experimental: we are trying to avoid planting too many half-hardy annuals in order to save water and to avoid over-use of the peat-based composts used by commercial growers and also plastic pots, most of which continue to be unrecyclable. Some of us are also providing plants we have grown ourselves from seed and those we have split and divided. These plants might seem a bit small this year but will go on growing and spreading from year to year, supplemented by bulbs in the spring.

We are pleased that most of the community planters at the Village Hall have been taken on. This venture will be facilitated by the rainwater container (IBC) which is to be attached to the Village Hall roof. Many thanks to the PC for funding this and to the Village Hall for allowing it. It will have a combination lock on its tap.

We are currently in discussion with the PCC about a similar facility on the Church Hall. Carrying water from our houses to the boxes in our main problem, especially in the increasingly long drought periods we seem to be having. Although our plants need less water, they still need SOME. Sadly, a casualty of the droughts is likely to be the trees planted on the field. They were so small when planted that they are being swamped by grass and really need watering to survive. We are having a Front Garden competition. Judging will be on July 23rd. All gardens will be viewed so no entry required. Small, larger and container gardens are the categories. Judged on being cared-for, nature friendly and making the judges smile! I will include these details in my Roundabout contribution.

The railway embankment is a long term project. It has been sprayed to remove pernicious weeds. Then suitable planting can be undertaken.

Jan Welch (Chair - Barnetby in Bloom)

## **St Barnabas Church**



St Barnabas Church Report June 23.pdf

## **Barnetby Village Hall**



Village Hall Report June 23.pdf

## **Barnetby Under 5's**



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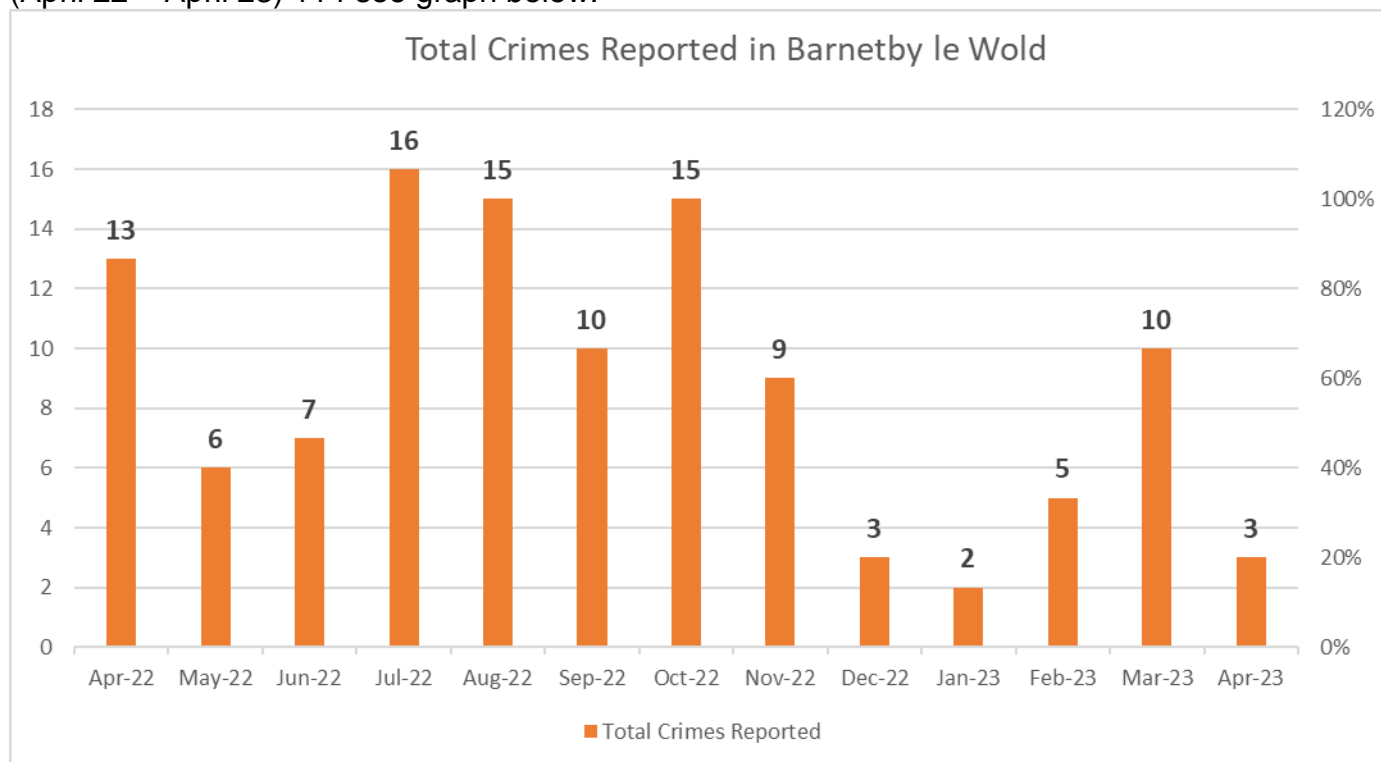
## **Barnetby Youth Club**

Emma Matthew updated - We are a self-funded club that runs on fundraising events, we don't cover the costs of hiring the hall due to trying to keep prices low to include everyone, so we rely on fundraising to keep the costs low for the children. We believe we act as positive role models and mentors for our young people that join us, while also offering a safe space to play and socialise.

Our main aim is to be able to offer a nurturing environment where young people can develop essential life skills, build relationships and explore their interests via guest clubs visiting us to showcase different activities. We are also working on helping our young members feel part of the community and look after their village. Teenagers often get a lot of bad press, but this village has some lovely kind kids that just need entertaining and keeping off the streets.

### Neighbourhood Watch

Helen Munn updated on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch - Crime figures over last 12 months (April 22 – April 23) 114 see graph below.



It is really important to report ALL crimes to 101 no matter how minor, the Police work on the statistics and if they do not have the figures to go by, our village will not get the police oversight we feel it needs.

### Barnetby News

Ajay Vora wanted to quickly update that the rumours the news agents was shutting was incorrectly reported, the opening hours are reduced at present but bear with the new management and expect good news coming next week.

Keep supporting this local business and hopefully this will enable them to return to being open all day. We all need to use the shop to keep it going. Support Local Business.

## 5. To agree key areas of action for the coming year.

Cllr Barry Baker updated on the Focus for the year ahead 2022/2023

Barnetby le Wold will continue to be committed to ongoing improvements across the village.

We have committed to the Gala Day on 8<sup>th</sup> July which will be a fantastic event for the whole village, publications will be out very soon with further details.

Barnetby Le Wold have entered the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition in 2023/2024 – we are aiming for First this coming year!

We have funded confirmed to improve the CCTV at the Recreational field. We also have funding awaiting approval to improve the cemetery and make this more accessible.

Community Engagement will be a key focus and theme this year, the networking event following this meeting will be the start of this approach, as we look forward to seeing the Councillors input and a great year ahead of supporting Barnetby.