*BARKBY & BARKBY THORPE PARISH COUNCIL*

Minutes Of The Parish Council Meeting On Tuesday 12th November 2024 @ 7.30 pm at Barkby Village Hall

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| **Present:** : Cllr Chris Thompson (chair), Cllr Owen Bentley, Cllr Paul Fletcher, Cllr Dwayne Toon, Cllr Phil Saunders**Members of Public:** **Apologies**: Cllr Darren Heyes, Cllr Brenda Seaton054/24**Parishioner Business** None055/24**Police Report** Crime reported to the Police for the month of October 2024 was there has been one theft  from a car, and damage caused to a farmer’s field by vehicles driving across it. 056/24 **Declarations of Interest on the Agenda – Personal &** **Prejudicial**: None057/24 **To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting and**  **the meeting minutes for the Annual parish council meeting held** **on the 24th September 2024 in Barkby village hall:-** The minutes were signed by as a true record. No matters arising. The meeting minutes will be posted on the parish council website. The clerk will also put a draft copy of the meeting minutes of this meeting on the noticeboard. 058/24**Borough Councillor Report**  None available 059/24**County Councillor Report** None available 060/24**Financial Reports:** B**ank Reconciliation:** The balance on the 31st October 2024 was £35,918.55 **Payments** Total authorized payments for the period 1st September 2024 – 31st October 2024 =  £3386.37 Page 102**Receipts** Total income received for the period 1st  September 2024 – 31st October 2024 =  £8228.27 As of today the “Platinum group” balance of £1,951.43, which sits in the Parish council  account.061/24 **Estate woodland update by Ross Maidment** Woodland Management plan. Document agreed with the Forestry Commission to formalise the  ongoing management of all woodlands on the Pochin Estates.  Work carried out so far; ⁃ Clearfell and replant Coronation. ⁃ 4500 trees planted around established woods. All British native and British grown species,  chosen to enhance and encourage biodiversity.  ⁃ Thinning fruit farm using Park Hill training.  ⁃ Cleared footpaths in Holt ⁃ Thinning Holt ⁃ Coppicing in Holt ⁃ Work outside of Woodland management plan ⁃ Addressing trees along Brookside (ownership issues, access etc) ⁃ Roadside trees / survey ⁃ Replanting hedgerow trees Cllr Dwayne Toon on behalf of the Parish council thanked Ross for his hard work to date on  the estate woodlands as he has personally observed some real improvements on the land.062/24 **Thorpebury & housing development – Updates** **Thorpebury** Occupations DWH now have 108 houses occupied. Figures for the other two builders will be  available shortly but overall there is only a small increase on the 160 figure given in September.  Traffic Mitigation There is still no date yet fixed for work to start on the traffic mitigation measures. Before CEG  awards the contract an objection in the public consultation to the traffic chicane on Beeby Road  needs to be resolved. The objector is concerned that the chicane will reduce parking for parents  dropping and picking up pupils from the Pochinschool.  Reopening of Hamilton Lane The Lane has been reopened though a little more work needs to be done which will involve traffic  controls but no additional closure. The new access closest to Barkby Thorpe, (Redlands Road),  will open fully by March next year providing a link from Hamilton Lane through the estate to  Barkbythorpe Lane. There is no date yet for the opening of a through road from the southern  access. Remedial work on Barkbythorpe Road Page 103 Work on the pinch, the gate and on signage is now likely to go ahead in the New Year, The proposed new bus service from Thorpebury to St Margaret’s has hit a problem. A loop is  needed for the route and the current proposal to use temporarily the haul road is being resisted b  the City Council.  The Southern Link Road Negotiations continue between the City Council and CEG on the sale of City land to the  developers. It looks increasingly likely that all sides will agree to a short-term alternative to the  new road to enable Phase 2 to happen but only if there is a cast iron agreement that the  Southern Link Road will be built within a certain timescale. The cricket ground There is much interest from clubs in leasing the ground including from Barkby United Cricket  Club. It will, however, be two or three years before the wicket and the facilities are ready.  **The Local Plan** Charnwood Council is still awaiting the final Inspectors’ report which is expected to give the  greenlight to the Council to adopt the new Local Plan. This is now likely to be at a full council  meeting in the New Year. The 195 houses to the north-west of the traffic light on the Queniborough Road This development now looks likely to bethe first of several medium size sites which will see 1500  new houses close to Barkby. Already given outline planning permission it has now met council  imposed conditions (reserved matters).063/24 **Brookside footpath – Update** The issue of responsibility and ownership continues. The clerk is in touch with Leicestershire  county council and Fisher German to try and resolve.064/24 **Precept 2025/2026** The clerk has shared the forecast numbers for 2025/2026. The Parish council taking into  consideration increasing costs will likely request a 3% increase. This will be confirmed at the  next parish council meeting in January 2025.065/24 **Financial regulations, risk assessment policy, internal controls policy** The Parish council have updated and agreed these. They will be posted on the Parish  council website.066/24**Clerk’s Report**1. Footbridge (J1b) along Brookside – It was unanimously agreed that the works be awarded to BAC fabrications for the steelworks and DAC property for the remedial/repairs works. The grant received by the Parish council will cover the costs of these works, and the work will commence asap.
2. “Barkby in bloom” – many, many spring bulbs have now been planted around the village. Thank you to all those kind volunteers who have helped with this.
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4. Payroll/pension - The payroll company DCK will now run the monthly payroll for the Parish Council, and the Parish council will contribute 5% to employee pension scheme via NEST.
5. Clerks pay review – The Parish council discussed and agreed to increase the clerk’s salary by 1 SCP with immediate effect.

067/24 **General Correspondence*** Solar street light along the Brookside. This is now in situ and working well.
* BABTAG – Cllr Chris Thompson presented a gift to Owen Bentley as former chair of BABTAG since 2008 for his continued hard work. BABTAG has no be wound up, however Cllr Owen Bentley will continue to update the Parish council on developments at Thorpebury and other development activity which will affect Barkby & Barkby Thorpe.

068/24 **Items for Next Months Agenda** Precept Footpath **Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.30pm at****Barkby Village Hall**The meeting closed at 8.30pm  Chairman:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Clerk to doClerk to do |
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