

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF BARMSTON &
FRAISTHORPE held in THE VILLAGE HALL, BARMSTON
on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors: J Swift (Chairman), S Austerfield, G Riby, K Manuel, M Marshall and L Wiles

In Attendance: R Swift (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

The Chairman greeted Mr & Mrs Osbourn and informed them that should they wish to address the meeting on any topic, he would close the meeting to enable them to do so

1. Apologies: Councillor K Manuel and Ward Councillors J Evison, J Owen & P Lisseter

The Parish Council expressed its condolences to Councillor Manuel on the death of his Father.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests in relation to this Agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. There were none

3. Minutes of the Meetings on 8th November 2017 were approved and signed

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Notice Board Fraisthorpe The Chairman showed the meeting the transfer which is now ready to be put on the Fraisthorpe notice board. Councillor Riby volunteered to do this and will contact the Chairman to arrange to meet him at the site when convenient.

4.2 Trees and usage Hollycroft Green carried forward to next month

4.3 Telephone Box and Defibrillator Barmston The Chairman reported that nothing further has been heard from BT re the telephone box transfer of ownership to the parish council. Neil Marsay has said that he has passed the problem with the defibrillator to a colleague who will contact the Chairman direct. Nothing has been heard further to this and the clerk was instructed to email Neil Marsay again.

4.4 Wind Farm Funds The Chairman confirmed that the agreed document has been distributed to all organisations who have previously applied for grants from the parish council's small grant fund. The Chairman asked Councillor Wiles what he wanted to raise under this topic as he had requested wind farm grants should go on the agenda. Councillor Wiles said that he hoped that the parish council would do a better job of distributing the grants next year and only accept written applications as the Church had been given a grant after a verbal application only. The Chairman said that any topic upon which a resolution had been passed by the parish council could not be raised again for a minimum of six months so this could not be raised again at this time. However, he informed Councillor Wiles that his accusation was untrue, all applications for grants had been in writing, including the church's one, and had been gone through in detail at the parish council meeting, attended by Councillor Wiles, when the distribution of grants was approved unanimously.

4.5 Post Office Councillor Wiles reported that a BT representative had been to the Village Hall but he had heard nothing further. The clerk reported that Jane Evison has been contacting the Post Office on a regular basis in an effort to obtain some definite information about how long the post office will remain closed.

The Chairman then asked the two residents, Mr & Mrs Osbourn whether they wanted to address the meeting. Mr Osbourn said he did and so the Chairman closed the meeting to enable them to speak.

Mr Osbourn said he was the spokesperson for some residents and they had requested that the Minutes or a summary of them and Agendas for the parish council meetings should be put in the Village Voice. He further raised the issues of a “no through road” sign being put at the entrance to Hamilton Hill Road and of a rubbish skip in the garden of number 7, Hamilton Hill Road attracting travellers who have been taking items from it.

The Chairman said that all agendas were put on the parish council notice board and on its web site. Minutes are also freely accessible on the parish council web site.

The Chairman said that no decisions could be made on any item not on the agenda and so these items could not be decided upon tonight but they will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The clerk suggested that with regard to the issue of the rubbish skip, it might be a good idea if Mr Osbourn contacted the house owner himself, otherwise it will be a month before the parish council could decide on what action to take.

Mr & Mrs Osbourn then left the meeting, apologising for having wasted the parish council’s time. The Chairman re-opened the meeting.

4.6 TravellersFraisthorpe and Road to Auburn The Chairman asked if all councillors had inspected the road as agreed. Not all councillors had done so. After much discussion concerning the increased traffic, lack of passing places and the deep furrow which had been dug along the edge of the field, Councillor Wiles proposed and Councillor Riby seconded the resolution that the deep furrow that has been dug should be reported to the council and they should be asked to look into it. The resolution was passed by a majority vote of 4 to 1.

4.7 Art Boards at the Pond The Chairman will remind Councillor Manuel about removing them.

4.8 Hamilton Hill Road, Barmston – Public Use and Verges The clerk read out the email she sent to ERYC and their response. ERYC have written directly to residents with posts on the verges.

4.9 Rough Sleeper Estimates The clerk reported that she had received no reports from any councillors of any rough sleepers and had accordingly reported a Nil return to ERYC.

4.10 Road Name Banks The clerk reported on our nil return to ERYC and their response concerning the need, should it arise, to propose a road name very quickly once a new road was proposed to avoid a name being allocated which residents did not like.

4.11 ERYC Planning Effectiveness The clerk reported that Aldborough Parish Council are holding a meeting on 18th January 2018 concerning the effectiveness of ERYC’s planning department. The clerk was instructed to tell them that we will not be attending the meeting but re-iterate to them that we feel it would be useful if ERYC would give us their reasons for reaching a decision contrary to our recommendation.

4.12 Pot Holes, Sands Lane The Chairman reported that the pot holes in the footpath opposite the village hall have been repaired as have some of the worse ones in Sands Lane at the entrance to the Barmston. Councillor Austerfield will continue to monitor the situation and report any potholes via ERYC's web site.

5.1 Proposed New Dwelling, 56 Sands Lane, Barmston Application approved

5.2 Erection of a Two Storey Extension to 1 Bloomfield Way, Barmston Application approved

5.4 Any New Applications Submitted Prior to Meeting and General Matters

5.4a Erection of Single Storey Extension to side after removal of conservatory at The Elms, 23 Sands Lane, Barmston After consideration, the parish council voted unanimously to recommend approval of this application

6. ERNLLCA

The Chairman reported back from the ERNLLCA Conference he had attended. He had taken part in groups discussing such wide ranging issues as cemeteries, disaster planning, applying for grants and commenting on local planning issues.

7. ERYC OSC Recommendations Update

7. ERYC Health OSC Recommendations Update Councillor Brown was to have reported back about this but in her absence we have received a copy of a letter from Mr Gareth Hunt, the Secretary of State for Health, to Mr Gareth Naidoo of ERYC stating that he had referred the case to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP). The IRP have replied stating that "this referral is not suitable for full review because further local action by the NHS with the Sub-Committee can address the issues raised"

8. Neighbourhood Watch, General Police Matters & Motorbikes

Councillor Austerfield reported that a trailer had been stolen from the car park at the cliff top. Councillor Riby reported that there is an ongoing problem with poachers driving across fields and causing damage.

9. Festive Lighting

The Chairman reported that the event went well. It was attended by some 70 to 80 adults and children. The Driffield and Wolds newspaper photographer attended. The tree had again been sourced from Sandhill Nursery for £50. The clerk was asked to write thank you letters to all those involved in the success of the event.

10. Precept 2018/19

The clerk reported that she has received the initial recommended tax base and if this is ratified by ERYC this week, then to maintain the band D rate as for 2017/18, it would mean a reduction in our precept of £216. All councillors are asked to consider any possible expenditure for projects for the next financial year and to let the clerk have details of these by the 31st December to enable a budget to be prepared for the next parish council meeting when we will have to set the precept for 2018/19.

11. Informal Dispute Resolution Procedure

The Chairman reported that recent events had highlighted the lack of any internal dispute procedure. The clerk read out the ERNLLCA draft procedure and it was unanimously agreed to accept this procedure.

12. Appointment of Auditors

The clerk reported that she has been notified of the external auditor appointment for our area – it is PKF Littlejohn LLP. She will look into the implication of the new scope of audit and report back to the parish council at the next meeting

13. Financial Position and Cheques.

In the absence of Councillor Manuel, Councillor Riby checked the bank reconciliations for the month against the cash book and duly signed them as being correct. The clerk reported that total funds in hand, after payment of the following payments, will be £5198.81

Cheques drawn and signed:-

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| L Wiles | Christmas Tree | 50.00 |
| R Swift | Clerk's expenses | 77.88 |
| Office Depot | Paper, ink cartridges, etc | 89..84 |

14. Village Taskforce Satisfaction Survey

The survey was completed by the councillors and the clerk instructed to submit this to ERYC.

13. Correspondence that the Chairman Deems is of an Urgent Nature

13.1 Chairman's Awards Applications are again invited for this. If any councillor wishes to make a nomination, please ask the clerk for the set of documents

13.2 Mobile Library Timetable The clerk has forwarded a copy of this to Dorothy Wiles to enable her to insert the dates in the monthly Village Voice

14. Any Other Business that the Chairman Deems is of an Urgent Nature

The items raised by Mr Osbourn will be included on next month's agend

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, 10th JANUARY 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed.....on.....

John H Swift – Chairman