# GREAT & LITTLE BARUGH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At the Golden Lion Great Barugh

# Monday 1st June 2015 at 7:00pm

Present

Chairman Mr Peter Milner

Councillors Mr. D. Collinson Mrs. K. Garrett Mrs. S. Houlston

Mr R Metcalfe Mr P Milner

Clerk Mrs Dorothy Ashton
Treasurer Mrs Carolyn Swift

#### Present

Mrs. Ann Gilles, Mr. John Gillies, Mrs. Carolyn Swift, Mr. Jerry Swift, Mrs A Milner, Mrs. M. Dalby, Ms. V. McGlashen, Mr. Paul Crick, Mrs. S. Everett, Mr J Everett, Ms. J. Isherwood, Mrs. S. Gough, Mrs. J. Chapman, Mr. P. Chapman, Mr. C. Warren, Mrs. M. Warren, Mrs D Brewer, Mrs. N. Jones, Mr. W. Jones, Mrs. N. Cookson, Mr. M. Cookson, Mrs. J. Davis, Mr. H. Davis, Mr J Farmer, Ms E Hallett

#### **Apologies**

Mr. B. Dalby, Mr. P. Gough, Mrs. J. Taylor, Mr. Peter Taylor, Mr. P. Clisby, Mr. C. Brewer.

## **Opening Remarks**

- 1. The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked them for attending. He thanked Ian, the Landlord, for the use of The Golden Lion for the AGM.
- 2. Those present were asked to print their name on a list being circulated, and to add names of any known 'Apologies'.
- 3. The Chairman advised the meeting that there are now five Councillors for Great and Little Barugh. He welcomed the three new Councillors and introduced them to those present: Sarah Houlston, Karen Garrett and Duncan Collinson.
- 4. Mr. Milner further explained that it was necessary to select a Chairman for the coming year from the five Councillors. He asked for nominations from the floor. The first nomination was for Mr. Milner to be Chairman. This was seconded. The second nomination was for Sarah Houlston. This too was seconded.

A vote was taken amongst the Councillors and Sarah Houlston was announced by The Chairman as Chairman of Great and Little Barugh Parish Council for 2015.

5. As Chairman of the Parish Council in 2014, Mr Milner proceeded to Chair the Annual General Meeting.

- 6. The Chairman summarised the Minutes of the 2014 AGM, which were displayed on the village notice boards at the time, as follows;
  - Opening remarks
  - Presentations from Janet Isherwood on a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.
  - And Stephen Pearse on Ryedale crime statistics
  - Planning applications during 2013
  - Treasurers report
  - Correspondence received

## Matters arising from the minutes of the 2014 AGM.

# 7. The discussions with North Yorkshire CC for speed control restrictions on the C20.

The Chairman expressed his thoughts that the dominant issue arising from the 2014's AGM was the wish to introduce some form of speed control on the C20. He said it was also apparent that the majority of residents did not want to have chicanes. During 2013 and 2014 The Chairman has had several discussions with highways and improved signage from the Malton side and from the Normanby side was agreed. He explained that this includes improved 30 signs, white slow markings on red textured background on the road, further slow markings and chevrons to highlight bends. In his opinion, this seems to have been put on hold as a result of financial cuts imposed by NYCC.

However the Parish Council are continuing to press Highways for a resolution to our problems.

He pointed out that C20 in Great Barugh is going to be "Surface Dressed" from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015, and said that he thought that if we keep pushing the Highways Department things do happen in the end; maybe even road calming system.

# 8. The Treasurer's Report.

The Chairman asked the Treasurer, Carolyn Swift, to present the 2014 Treasurers Report. Mrs. Swift presented the information, as follows:

Start of year Balance at Bank:	£167
Receipts in year:	£63
Payments in year,	£110

Current Balance at Bank: £120

Money expected in 2015:

Wayleave: £ 62 Precept: £200

9. The Chairman asked the meeting to approve the annual accounts and the governance statement so that he could sign them .for submission to the external auditors. This was unanimously agreed.

# 10. Treasurer's Report

The Chairman thanked Mr Brian Dalby for examining and approving the 2014 accounts for submission to the Auditors.

The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council had applied for a precept of £200 for the year 2015. He suggested to the floor that this amount may enable the villages to have a celebration in 2016 for the Queens ninetieth birthday, and that he was sure this could be organised with the help of volunteers.

There was agreement to this suggestion from the floor

#### 11. Planning Applications

The Chairman summarised the Planning Applications which had been considered by the Parish Council over the past 12 months.

- The Installation of an underground 1,000 litre capacity sealed toilet disposal tank to serve the touring caravan and tent site at Oak Lea Farm Little Barugh by Mr Allen. The application was withdrawn.
- Erection of a single storey amenity block to serve approved extension to existing caravan park at Willow Garth Farm, Great Barugh by Ms Clair Dobson. The application was approved.
- Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian use with 4 mobile equestrian field shelters and upgrading of existing vehicular access. Land at Great Barugh submitted by Mr S Houlston. The application was withdrawn.
- Erection of a car port to include the installation of a biomass boiler and chimney at Glen Gairn, Great Barugh by Mr J Everett. The application was approved.
- The erection of 2, 4 bedroom dwellings with single garages and the formation of vehicular accesses at Forge Cottages Great Barugh by Mr G Wagstaff. The application was withdrawn.
- The erection of an extension to an existing porch at Chestnut House Great Barugh by Mr P French. The application was approved.

He explained that the plans were in the public domain and made the Parish Council copies available for view at the end of meeting. Planning Applications can also be viewed on Ryedale District Council's website.

# 11. Correspondence

The Chairman explained that, again, there had been much correspondence during the past year, little of which had required action. He further explained that, where relevant, notices are placed on the 2 village notice boards and that correspondence is circulated to the Councillors on a regular basis.

#### 12. Appreciation

The Chairman again thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

He offered his sincere thanks to the Parish Treasurer and the Parish Clerk for their work in the past 12 months.

All business having been presented, the Chairman opened the meeting to the floor.

#### 12. Any other Business

#### **Future communication methods**

Mrs. Sarah Houlston, Chairman elect, suggested to the floor a couple of enhancements to the sharing of knowledge:

- The establishment of a Parish Council Website. This would include items of interest; Minutes of Parish Council Meetings, etc.
- Down the line, a Village Newsletter.

Mr Milner said that Ryedale District Council has a pro-forma website for Parish Councils and were prepared to train individuals. He added that a Parish Council Website should only be used to share Parish Council information.

#### Fracking

Mrs. Houlston further suggested that a Working Party be set up to discuss Thirds Energy's Application to carry out a 'Test Frack' at their KM8 site at Kirby Misperton.

The meeting to be held at ad hoc times, initially at someone's home; purely for discussion.

Mr. Jerry Farmer responded with his thoughts that we should be open minded about Fracking, and asked how he can ensure that his views would be considered.

Mrs. Karen Garret responded with the suggestion that there should be an open Council meeting to present a balanced view.

Mrs. Houlston suggested a meeting be held in the next few weeks. Also that Parish Councils of Habton and Kirby Misperton be invited, as this effects the whole of Ryedale with KM8 being only the start.

Mr. Milner explained that some people would require more facts and that the meeting should start only with Barugh Parish Council to get the views of our Parish.

Mrs. Janet Davis expressed her concern that there appears to be no 'neutral comment' on the subject of Fracking and asked 'who is qualified' to give this.

Mrs. Suzanne Everett said that she supported Mrs. Davis view.

Ms. Janet Isherwood said that she supports the idea of a joint meeting; saying that only 6-12 weeks remain for the submission of objections so prompt action is required.

The Chairman said that he and his wife, Ann, wrote to North Yorkshire District Council on announcement opposing the Fracking plans, and that they had had an acknowledgement. He reiterated that the Parish Council should have all information from the outset, then plan an open meeting.

Mrs. Susan Gough addressed Mr. Milner directly from the floor saying that she had asked him last year for a meeting with the Parish and that The Chairman had dismissed her suggestion and refused to carry out a survey.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Mrs Gough had raised this and other matters as well. However, whilst he was in America on holiday he arranged a meeting, with our then local MP chairing the meeting, at Kirby Misperton Village Hall. Third Energy was there to respond to questions from the floor. The event was attended predominantly by residents of Great and Little Barugh; few from Kirby Misperton.

Mr. Jim Everett said that he had attended several meetings; all of which had been anti-Fracking. He had called Third Energy and they had responded with an invitation to him to come along to the KM8 Site. He said that he had been there all day and had got a good hearing and explanation of the process. Third Energy had explained to him that any damage to the aquifer would be minimal.

Mr. Everett suggested that the Parish Council should arrange a visit to the site.

Mrs. Davis said that any meeting must be run from the Chair of the meeting. She said that the meeting at Kirby Misperton was a shambles; questions did not go through the chair and, consequently, some of those present did not get a hearing.

#### **Thanks**

Mr Jerry Swift thanked Peter Milner for many years of service to the Parish Council and the two villages and said that he saw no reason for the change. There was support and applause from the floor.

#### Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

After the close of the meeting, Mr, Peter French, Coordinator of the Neighbourhood watch made himself known to the meeting and to the new Councillors. He said that he would be available should anyone wish to talk to him and see the information he had brought along.