

BARNBY VILLAGE COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM BARNBY VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday 26th March (rearranged from Thursday 21st March) 2024 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Attendees: Keith Stanton (Chair), Karan Jaram, Vicky Appleby, Graham Bett, Gill Powell, Derick Parker, Yvette Wellard, Helen Cowlan (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Sarah from The Willow Tree.

2. Contributions from members of the public

None.

3. Approval of minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from the meeting held on 18th January 2024 were approved as a true record (unanimously).

4. Matters arising from the minutes – *including review of previous actions*

None.

5. Recent events – *review of recent events*

A formal “Well done” was given to the Committee having worked hard to host different events for different crowds.

- i) Burns Night (26th Jan) – positive feedback has been received; there is potential to do this again as a future event; it was agreed that it was helpful to have ‘non-ticket holders’ in the kitchen for big events, and that there was an opportunity to be stricter on timings.
- ii) Party Night – Edwina Hayes (17th Feb) – it was a good event; the lighting and ambience good; it was felt that a comfortable limit was reached at high 40s in terms of numbers of people.

6. Events – *review and any new suggestions*

- i) Easter Egg Hunt - 1-3pm in Hall, enough eggs have been donated (thank you); reviewed cakes needed including, resident(s) offers of help with donations.
- ii) D-Day Tea Party - event date agreed as a 40s themed tea party on 8th June, 3-5pm – format agreed as sandwiches and cakes – pricing at £5 adults £2.50 children (per ticket); raffle prizes will be needed; Karan offered to donate cakes; fancy dress optional. **Actions – Keith to liaise with Lynn and look at tickets and flyers.**
- iii) Village BBQ & Village Raffle – date confirmed as 6th July, 6pm start time, TEN has been applied for – **ACTION – Keith to confirm if Clerk needs to make payment.** Band booked to do 2x45mins slots at a cost £350 with discount (they are a ‘covers’ band); there is potential for another person (Beth?) to play music earlier in the day tbc; same format for food as last year (sausage, burgers, chicken skewers and salads) using the same butcher. Derick is happy to chef and liaise with Howard & co. Suggestion to cater for 90 initially but review nearer the time. A bad weather contingency would be to hold the event in the Hall / cook outside – may use Church gazebo.

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Ticket prices agreed as £12 adults, £6 children.

It was suggested that a village raffle could reach a bigger audience, using actual books (like the Church). A license would be needed if selling outside of the event at a cost of £40 then £20pa renewal – could be useful for future fundraising. A bigger prize / sponsorship would be needed. Concerns were raised about costs incurred if upscaled too much; suggested price of £1 per ticket to be sold in advance and drawn on the day. **ACTION – Keith to liaise with Clerk for license (including reviewing in whose name it would be held and liaising with Parish Council).**

- iv) Food Festival (exact date tbc) – after carrying out further research, Gill and Marie have established that bookings are generally done a year in advance and it was proposed that planning starts in early Autumn for holding the event in the following year in May (2025). Potentially 7 June, or maybe earlier in May – will need review County Show dates first to avoid clashes – will confirm dates in order to book vendors. An alternative event could be a supper night.

Suggestions for future events:

- v) “A Soldier’s Story” – date suggested as 9th Nov; format of three veterans sharing stories and experiences of three differing campaigns/conflicts (Falklands, Ireland, Afghanistan); some sort of hot food offering, suggested ticket prices of £10 each; to raise money for a military charity; no raffle.
- vi) Ladies Lunch – Tues 21st May – to be promoted via word of mouth, summer food options will be available.
- vii) “The Scandal” – Escape Room Activity – a suggestion was made for another escape room activity for a future date (tbc)
- viii) Burns Night 2025 – it is important to take the opportunity to vary events and also liaise with the pub. St. Patrick’s Day event provisionally suggested for 15th March 2025, details tbc nearer time.
- ix) Edwina Hayes Valentine’s Night 2025 – event date of 15th Feb and Edwina has been provisionally booked; details tbc but suggested same format as last time.

Additionally

- Seasonal Supper – date agreed as 21st Sept to replace Food Festival – initial thoughts of selling 40 tickets at £10 each; puddings to be donated. Details tbc nearer the time.
- Horticultural Show 7th Sept – Vicky is reviewing judges; three photographic categories were agreed as being: reflections, sky, rain and floods.

7. Parish Council updates – provide any updates from the last meeting

- Chestnut Lodge – NSDC are monitoring the site as the entrances will have to be made good after works are completed; concerns have been raised about effectiveness of enforcement.
- Grant Fund – awaiting outcome of application to NCC.
- Local Village / Neighbourhood Plans – Graham and Keith gave an overview, research will be done into this; there would be some costs but grant funding may be possible. There is mixed opinion about the weighting that a village plan would have for future planning proposals, and the impact of being in a conservation area. Yvette suggested that Matthew Tubb / Gill Sanders or Sanderson at NSDC may be able to help and will send details. Also contact Claypole and District Councillors. It is proposed that research is done and a village meeting / consultation be held for residents to decide.

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- Hall charges increased from April to £10 p/hr for residents, and £15 p/hr for non-residents (existing booking prices to be honoured).
- Discussion has taken place about whether or not bar stock should be held, and the amount if held along with how it should be accounted for in each event's accounts. Concern was raised about whether or not this was needed – it is not about trust but about accurately accounting for public funds; updates to be given once researched and reviewed / agreed.

8. **Finances** – *overview of balances / finances*

An overview of the financial position was given. In summary, although the fundraising would, ordinarily, have covered the running costs for the year, there were a number of additional expenses which meant that reserves/previous monies held in the account covered just under £1000 in addition. Although the figures, and the successful 'feel' of the year don't entirely match, it was noted that, historically, the Parish Council has had to subsidise at times. Full details will be circulated as part of the end of year process. It Care will need to be taken to ensure as much income as possible is for the year ahead.

9. **Election of New Chair** – *to appoint a new Chairperson*

This agenda item was no longer required.

10. **Matters of note** – *additional information to be aware of*

- Easter Day service on Easter Sunday at 7pm near the river, with breakfast in the Church afterwards.
- Litter picking 14th April – Marie gave formal thanks to Derick and Jackie for donating the pickers, and to the Parish Council for paying for bin bag hoops – now fully equipped for future events. Derick offered to take rubbish to the tip as needed.
- Derick has sent Graham a link about grants, and changes to criteria for repairing / replacing windows for Grade II listed buildings – Graham is researching this area further. Derick has found a company that would do a free quote and then it may be possible to apply for a grant – could look at using aluminium frames – they would negotiate on our behalf.
- Consideration needs to be given to what can be done to promote hire.

11. **Date of Next Meeting** - 21st May 7pm (*please note this has now changed to 8th May*)

Meeting ended at 9.00

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