

Barton in Fabis Parish Council



Minute Book 2004

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in The Village Hall on
Monday 5th January 2004 at 7:30pm

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| Councillors Present: | Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. J Coles, Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr R Newcombe |
| In Attendance: | R J Hawkins (Clerk) |
| 95 Apologies for Absence | None were received |
| 96 Declarations of Interest | None were declared |
| 97 Minutes of Previous Meetings | Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 rd November 2003 were accepted and signed by the Chairman |
| 98 Matters arising | None |
| 99 Correspondence | <p>Rushcliffe BC. A questionnaire on the relationship between the Borough and the Parishes had been received and it was AGREED the Clerk should copy and circulate to all members who in turn would respond to the Clerk</p> <p>Nottinghamshire CC. The Clerk reported that the Council had been awarded £200 by the County Council Community Fund to mount an exhibition to display some of the photographs taken by the village photographer. The award is largely to cover the cost of framing but can be used for other associated items of expenditure. It was AGREED to stage the event on the evening of the Annual meeting of the Parish in May and this could be enlarged to include an exhibition of old photographs of the village and photographs taken by other village residents.</p> <p>Gotham PC. The Council had written expressing concern at the number of accidents at the junction of Barton Lane with the Gotham-Clifton road and were asking if we believed improving the road signs would help. The Clerk reported that the lane road surface had been patched recently as a result of two serious punctures to cars owned by villagers and a broken windscreen. Rushcliffe had also mentioned that an informal review of the Lane had taken place, one option discussed had been the closure of the road, another reducing the width to single line traffic with passing places. It was AGREED that something needed to be done but that the Give Way signs were only recently replaced and this did not appear to have improved road safety.</p> |

- 100 NET & Clifton South** A statement from Rushcliffe BC was seen as encouraging as the Borough appeared to be adopting our way of thinking. It was **AGREED** the Clerk should arrange a meeting between the Parish Council and the Highways Authority to discuss the A453
- 101 Crime Reduction** The Clerk reported that he had received complaints about vandalism in the village and reminded everyone that the council has a duty under the Crime and Disorder Act to address such issues. There was a brief discussion on how to sponsor the establishment of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but it was **AGREED** this would be better managed under the proposed Village Plan project.
- 102 Parish Plan** It was **AGREED** the next stage would be to identify potential chairmen of working groups who could address specific topics. It was **AGREED** councillors would make personal contact with those who they believed would be interested in helping and the Chairman and Clerk would write a letter asking for volunteers and outlining the various topics.
- 103 Planning Applications** The following applications have been received and reviewed
24, Brown Lane
38, Brown Lane
14, Rectory Place
- It was **AGREED** to **OBJECT** to the proposed developments at 24, Brown Lane and 38, Brown Lane but **NO** Objections to 14, Rectory Place.
- The Clerk reported that Rushcliffe BC had refused outline planning permission at 24, Brown Lane and that the application at 38, Brown Lane had been withdrawn. A decision on 14, Rectory Place was pending.
- It was **AGREED** that in future an extraordinary meeting of the Council would be called to discuss planning applications to which a response was required before the next scheduled meeting. The Clerk was asked to redraft the standing orders.
- 104 Newsletter** There had been no feedback regarding the last issue of the Newsletter. The Clerk reported that he had received only one enquiry about broadband. It was **AGREED** the Clerk should arrange a demonstration of satellite-enabled broadband.
- 105 Training Courses/Seminars** The Clerk reported he had attended another SLCC training course for the Clerk's qualification
- 106 Finance** (a) The accounts for 2002/03 were **APPROVED**
(b) The annual return for the year ended 31st March

2003 was **ACCEPTED** and signed by the Chairman and RFO

- (c) The budget for 2004/05 of £2433 representing an increase of 5% compared to last year was **APPROVED**. (This equates to a tax demand of approx £6.90 on band D properties)
- (d) The precept requirement for 2004/05 was **APPROVED** and the Clerk instructed to submit the precept
- (e) The Risk Assessment Schedule was **APPROVED**
- (f) The Clerk reported that s137 expenditure had been increased in line with inflation and from 1st April this has been set at £5.14 per person.
- (g) The following Financial Statement was **APPROVED** and cheques signed

Cheques signed since last meeting

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| Village Hall (Refreshments) | 200221 | £28.00 |
| Nottingham Consultants (December Newsletter) | 200222 | £49.45 |

Cheques to be signed

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| Roger J Hawkins (Clerk) | 200223 | £115.28 |
| Village Hall (Parish Council Meeting 5 th January 2004) | 200224 | TBA |

Accounts

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| Co op | | |
| Current 1 st December 2003 | | £2500.00 |
| Instant 10 October 2003 | | £923.80 |

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| Skipton Deposit | | £25107.85 |
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- 107** **Tree Planting Scheme** Trees would be delivered to Hudson's farm on 9th January 2004
- 108** **Parish Rights of Way** The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Kent about relocating the gate leading to the Bridleway at the end of Chestnut Lane but that before any decision could be taken he would have to talk to other users of the access. Mr Kent explained some of the history of the gate that suggested that the method of construction was based on County Council suggestions to discourage

motorbike from using the bridleway.

Cllr Harrison **AGREED** to talk to Jane Baines about this and other problem gates on bridleways.

Cllr Harrison also confirmed that he had in safe keeping the footpath sign from the finger post

109 Youth Play Area

There was nothing to report and it was **AGREED** that this would be better managed as part of the Village Plan project

110 Date of Next meeting

1st March 2004 at 7:30pm

The meeting ended at 21:20

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in The Village Hall on
Monday 16th February 2004 at 7:00pm

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr R Newcombe, Cllr S Davies
In Attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk)
Two residents of the village
- 111. Apologies for Absence** Cllr. J Coles
- 112. Declarations of Interest** None were declared
- 113. Minutes of Previous Meetings** Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th January 2004 were accepted and signed by the Chairman
- 114. Matters arising** None
- 115. To receive planning applications and decision notices** After discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to object the revised application reference: 04/00091/FUL for a 2 storey & a single storey side extension to 38 Brown Lane.
- It was recorded that application reference: 03/01649/FUL for single storey front & rear extensions at 14 Rectory Place had been approved by Rushcliffe BC.
- The Chairman reminded the meeting that the first meeting of the Area Consultative (LSP) meeting would be on Thursday 26th February in Ruddington. Cllr Harrison offered to attend if possible
- 116. Date of next meeting** 1st March 2004

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in The Village Hall on
Monday 1st March 2004 at 7:30pm

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by John Tarrant, Chairman, Rushcliffe Primary Care Trust. The presentation considered all aspect of the Trust and was well received; Cllr Davies raised a point about contracted out CCA's which John **AGREED** to follow up on our behalf

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| In Attendance: | R J Hawkins (Clerk) |
| 117. Apologies for Absence and Acceptance | None received |
| 118. Declarations of Interest | None |
| 119. Minutes of Previous Meetings | The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 16 th February were APPROVED with minor amendments. It was AGREED the Clerk should make the necessary corrections and the minutes would be signed at the next meeting |
| 120. Matters arising | The dates for the 2004 PC meetings were confirmed. The Chairman restated his wish to have a meeting with representatives from the Highways Agency to discuss the A453 plans and the Clerk AGREED to arrange a meeting. |
| 121. Correspondence received (For information only) | The Clerk reported that he had been investigating ways and means of getting broadband into the village and had recently discovered an organisation known as Rabbit that might assist technically and with funds, investigation was continuing. The questionnaire from Rushcliffe Borough Council on Relationships with Parishes was discussed and it was AGREED the Clerk should respond with a composite reply based on responses received from members. |
| 122. Planning | Amendments proposed by the Clerk to the Standing Orders to reflect the new procedure for managing planning applications were APPROVED . It was also AGREED to delete section 1.7. The Clerk AGREED to ensure all members received a copy of the orders before the next meeting |
| 123. Flood Protection | The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency was asking all parishes where flooding was a potential risk to draw up a Flood Strategy Plan . It was AGREED this |

should be added as an issue to the Village Plan and that the Clerk should write to the Agency requesting some technical assistance.

It was suggested that a representative from the agency be invited to address the Council at a meeting in the future.

124. Village Plan

Following discussions on progress made so far it was **AGREED** the Clerk should circulate to all members a list of those who attended the first open meeting in the village hall with a view to identifying potential Chairmen of various working groups. All members **AGREED** to talk to residents about actively participating in the Village Plan project and to inform the Clerk of to whom they had spoken.

It was **AGREED** to keep Thrumpton Parish Meeting informed of our progress but not to involve them with the project.

125. Race Relations Act 2000

Following a brief outline of the Council's responsibility under the **Race Relations Act 2000** Council **APPROVED** the following resolution

Barton in Fabis Parish Council acknowledges the general duty placed upon it by the race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000. The Council will continue within its functions and policies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and promote racial equality between people of different racial groups.

126. Finance

The Clerk reported the completion of **2002/03 Audit** and a clean report from the auditors.

The Clerk reported on changes to the Council's **Co Op current account**, namely that it was no longer necessary to maintain a balance of £2500 in order to receive free banking.

Council **APPROVED** the transfer of £500 from the **Skipton BS** account to the current account.

The **Rushcliffe Barn Owl Trust** had requested support from the Council as part of their adopt a box scheme and Council **APPROVED** a donation of £50.00

The Clerk requested support for membership to SLCC and after explaining that Holme Pierrepont & Gamston PC would also be in part supporting the membership fee Council **APPROVED** expenditure of £36.00

The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Cllr. O'Toole explaining that £5,000 was available for distribution to the 10 parishes within his division and that he proposed to distribute this evenly between all parishes, After some discussion it was **AGREED** to request the

£500 to be spent on dealing with the ditches near the Old Forge to alleviate the flooding problem on this narrow section of road.

The Financial Statement was **APPROVED** and the following cheques signed

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| Co Op (30 th January 2004) | £2500.00 |
| Co Op (9 th January 2004) | £499.86 |
| Skipton BS (26 th October 2003) | £25107.85 |

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| R J Hawkins (Clerk) | 200251 | £131.37 |
| NALC (Annual subscription) | 200252 | £49.56 |
| CPRE (Annual subscription) | 200253 | £25.00 |
| AARPC (Annual subscription) | 200254 | £5.00 |
| Hacker Young (Audit fee) | 200255 | £58.75 |
| Village Hall (PC Meeting) | 200256 | £7.20 |
| Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (Annual subscription) | 200257 | £27.00 |

127. Annual Parish Meeting & AGM of the Parish Council

The date of Tuesday 4th May 2004 was **APPROVED** and it was **AGREED** to hold the **Photography Exhibition** at the same time with light refreshments also made available before and after the meeting to encourage residents to attend and bring along any old photographs of the village. There was some discussion on various features around the Parish of historical interest including remains of the wharf on the river and the line of the mineral railway. It was **AGREED** these should be photographed but support from the Local Heritage Initiative might be appropriate to preserve these remains together with the remaining section of wall from the Hall.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Jill Pearson about the Annual meeting and the **Photographic Exhibition**.

128. Risk assessment Asset/Insurance, ownership of seat on Brown Lane

The Clerk reported that it appeared there was no owner of the seat located at the end of Brown Lane. It was **AGREED** that this should not be insured and if ever damaged and in need of repairs money would be found from the resources of the Council. The Clerk was asked to review the Council's insurance.

The Clerk reported that the bus shelter on Gotham Road had been damaged and it was **AGREED** that upkeep of this should be the responsibility of the County Council.

129. Quality Parish

The Clerk informed Council that he had finished the training courses organised by SLCC and would be starting the work necessary for the certificate shortly.

The Clerk reported that he did not have time to maintain anything other than a basic web site and it was **AGREED** to proceed along these lines. There had been no response to the competition for a logo for the Council.

130. Next meeting

The **Annual Meeting** on Tuesday 4th May 2004

The meeting closed at 9:40 pm

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Barton in Fabis
Parish Council
Held in The Village Hall on
Monday 17th May 2004 at 7:30pm

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr. Julian Coles Cllr R Newcombe, Cllr S Davies
- In Attendance:** R J Hawkins (Clerk)
Cllr. Trevor Vennett-Smith (Rushcliffe BC) and
Fifteen local residents
Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke MP
- 131. Apologies for Absence and Acceptance**
- 132. Declarations of Interest** None
- 133. Minutes of Previous Meetings** The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2003 were **APPROVED..**
- 134. Election of Officers for the Forthcoming Year** Cllr Paul Kaczmarczuk stood down and the Vice Chairman took the chair and asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Julian Coles proposed and Cllr Rob Newcombe seconded Cllr Paul Kaczmarczuk. There being no other nominations Cllr Paul Kaczmarczuk was duly elected for the forthcoming year. the chairman took the chair and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Cllr Julian Coles proposed and Cllr. Sue Davies seconded Cllr Bill Harrison for Vice Chairman, There being no other nominations Cllr Bill Harrison was duly elected for the forthcoming year
- 135. Chairman's Report** The Chairman reported on the activities of the Parish Council over the last year including the progress made with the parish plan project, developments on the A453, planning applications, litter, the tree planting scheme, the county and local plans and the refurbishment of road signs in the village.
- The Chairman outlined the purpose of the Parish Plan, namely a mechanism to help shape the future of the village both in terms of the built environment and the social well being of the community. However, the project needed volunteers to move forward and although the councillors would support the project it was essential others participated.
- A453:** The Highways agency had forwarded a plan of the proposed improvement to the junction of New Road

with the A453 and this was on displayed in the Hall. Although not perfect in some respects the proposal did represent a significant improvement and had the support of the Parish Council but comments were welcome and these should be addressed to the Clerk. The Parish Council had also informed the Highways Agency that the village would not object to night working and road closures during any improvement work if this would ensure the work was completed quickly. There is a very strong likelihood that the work will take place next financial year.

Grass Cutting: The Parish Council had found it necessary to take responsibility for cutting the verges on the A453 junction as the Highways Agency contractor had not cut back sufficiently. This problem had now been rectified and the verges were already being cut to a higher standard.

Litter: the Chairman outlined the problems in getting the litter cleared from the section of Green Lane between the boundary markers for Rushcliffe BC and Nottingham City, this area on no-man's-land was proving difficult to resolve but the Parish Council was in discussions with Nottingham who it was felt were responsible.

NET The Parish Council had objected to the proposal of Nottingham City Council to sell land which could be used for any park & Ride and expect Rushcliffe to accommodate a Park & Ride site within the green belt. Our MP and Borough Councillor had both supported our stand, as did Rushcliffe Borough Council. There was little else could be done at present.

Joint Nottingham City Council and County Council Structure Plan. The Chairman explained that we had been invited to participate in the public hearing that would be in July

Rushcliffe Borough Council. The amended draft plan had just been published and the good news for the Borough is that the need to built significant new properties has been revised down and that no significant development will be required in either Barton in Fabis or Gotham. An area adjacent to Edwalton has been earmarked as a development site.

Road signs. The Chairman thanked Stefan for the excellent refurbishment of the road signs, this work was continuing.

Village Flower & Vegetable Show. The Parish Council had for the first time sponsored a prize for the

best exhibit that John Harrison won this year.

Best Kept Village. The Chairman asked if there was support for the entering this annual competition that had last been entered over 20 years ago.

The Chairman concluded his report with a generous thanks to all the councillors and the clerk for their support during the year.

136. Rushcliffe BC Report

Borough Councillor Report. Trevor Vennett-Smith presented his annual report to the Parish and started by thanking everyone for a successful campaign to stop the building proposals in the area. The green belt had been preserved. Trevor outlined some of the policing problems being experienced in the area and explained he had moved a motion supporting the Chief Constable in his efforts to provide more policing but Trevor went on to explain that while Nottingham had a worse record than Liverpool we were 800 police officers fewer. Rarely is a policeman seen in rural areas but it was not that long ago that we were promised an improvement once the reorganisation of the force had been completed.

Gotham now had wheelie bins and Barton in Fabis could expect the same during the coming months

Trevor also spoke about planning applications and explained how in every case this year he had fully supported the Parish Council in their deliberations.

Finally, Trevor mentioned the concerns Gotham Parish Council have over the farm and general appearance of the farm on Barton Lane and whether the Barton in Fabis Parish Council was inclined to do anything about it.

Trevor thanked the Chairman, all the councillors and the Clerk for their support during the year.

The Chairman invited questions from the floor and Allan Kerr asked if it was true that there was now a presumption to support Park & Ride schemes within the green belt. The Chairman and Trevor Vennett-Smith both confirmed this was the case and it was government guidelines that Rushcliffe Borough Council could do little about.

137. Other Reports from Village Groups

Village Hall. Pat Curtis gave a short report on the village which was well received. It had been a good year for the hall committee with a number of successful events. However, Pat asked for more support for the Village Hall especially on Wednesdays and Sundays. There had been some problems of equipment going missing from the hall and Pat asked that anyone wanting

to borrow equipment should do so by arrangement with Wendy Kerr.

WI. Pat went on to present a short report on behalf of the WI and thanked the hall committee for allowing them to use the hall for a nominal charge only. The new dish washes had also been a great success.

Gotham School. Allan Kerr kindly gave a short report on the school and highlighted the problems being caused by a falling school roll, down from 180 pupils six years ago to a forecast of only 120 in two years time. Nevertheless staffing numbers had been retained for this year. Plans were moving forward to build a new school on the existing site, this could not happen too soon as the existing buildings were now in a very poor state. Completion is expected in 2007

138. Financial Report.

The Chairman explained that funds had been transferred for m the fund raising group of the 1989/90 into Parish Council reserves and explained that the Parish Council considered it essential to retain funds should the need arise in the future to fight another campaign to protect the interests of the village from any inappropriate rerouting of the A453.

A question from the floor concerned the best place to deposit such funds and the Chairman explained that the banking arrangements were reviewed regularly and would again be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. There were no further questions and the accounts were approved.

139. Open Forum

There was a lively discussion on a number of matters affecting the village including

Progress with the Parish Plan

A Recycling point in the village

The condition and legal status of some of the footpaths in and around the village and the bridleway across the ferry fields

The village heritage and such features as the flood marker

The problem of graffiti

Broadband access in the village

Proposed access to the A453 when dualled

Poor condition of the village roads and especially Barton Lane

In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked all the councillors and the clerk for their support during the previous year and looked forward to working with everyone in the coming year

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

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Held in The Village Hall on
Monday 5th July 2004 at 7:30 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr. Julian Coles, Cllr S Davies

In Attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk)

- 140 Apologies for Absence and Acceptance** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R Newcombe. Apologies were also received from Cllr T Vennett-Smith.
- 141 Declarations of Interest** None were given
- 142 Minutes of Previous Meetings** Minutes of the previous Parish Council meetings on and the minutes of the Annual meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman
- 143 Trent Fluvial Strategy & Flood Protection** The Clerk gave a short report on the recently published **Trent Fluvial Strategy** produced by the Environment Agency and explained that a response had been made supporting the efforts of the Environment Agency but also raising some concerns of the village, namely the state of the flood protection embankments and the concern that these were not scheduled for improvements until 2034.
- Concern was raised that horse riding, biking and sheep all had an adverse affect on the condition of the embankments. It was also noted that the embankments were not being maintained as in previous years
- 144 Village Plan** It was agreed to call a meeting in late September and invite those villagers who had previously expressed a willingness to get involved in producing a Village Plan.
- 145 Village Footpaths and Bridleways** Three main concerns had been raised at the **Annual Meeting**; whether the footpath to the river was indeed a footpath, the state of the footpath around Hudson's Farm and the difficulty experienced by riders at the bridleway gate on Chestnut Lane where a manhole cover causes problems. It was agreed the legality of the footpath was not something the Parish Council was able to consider but it was agreed to write to the appropriate landowners and see what could be done to make improvements and Cllr. Harrison agreed to visit Hudson's farm.

Cllr. Harrison reported that in general the footpaths

were in reasonable condition but it was agreed that a Beating the Bounds should be considered, possibly combined with another event (fund raising or a treasure hunt), to survey the paths and report on problems

146 Roads & Transport

The Clerk presented a short report on a meeting held with the Highways Authority to discuss the dualling of the A453. Essentially while the project is now on the government's approved list the project is going back to square one with an exhibition in the autumn and appointment of main contractors next year who will be responsible for design. It was agreed there was little could be done until the exhibition but the clerk was asked to write to the authority expressing our concerns at the design of the proposed junction.

Transport Needs Survey. The response to the recent survey on the use of public transport that was distributed with the last Newsletter had been very good with 25 replies received. While the results had not yet been fully analysed it was apparent that one overriding theme was the wish for more buses, particularly an additional service in the afternoon. A significant number also thought a higher frequency of buses terminating in Gotham was needed.

147 Finance

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed with no problems being raised. Council approved the internal auditors report.

The Annual Return for 2003/04 was discussed and approved

Council approved the Financial Statement including cheques to be signed

Income

Nottinghamshire CC £500.00

Accounts

Co Op (5th May 2004) £2500.00

Co Op (5th April 2004) £244.22

Skipton BS (31st March 2004) £25847.98

| Expenditure | Cheques signed: | |
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| Payee | Chq No. | Amount |

Cheques signed since last meeting

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| Barton Village Hall (PC Meetings) | 200225 | £10.00 |
| Barton Village Hall (PC Meetings) | 200226 | £5.40 |
| Barton Village Hall (Annual Meeting) | 200227 | £5.60 |
| Alliancz Cornhill (Insurance) | 200228 | £286.16 |
| Nottingham Consultants (Newsletter) | 200229 | £49.45 |
| <u>Total</u> | | <u>£356.61</u> |

Cheques to be signed

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| R J Hawkins (Clerk) | 200230 | £125.85 |
| CPRE (2004 membership) | 200231 | £25.00 |
| Barton Village Hall (PC Meeting) | 200232 | TBA |
| Rushcliffe Barn Owl Project (Minute 126, Donation) | 200233 | £50.00 |
| R J Hawkins (SLCC membership) | 200234 | £36.00 |

The clerk reported that the £500 grant had been received from the County Council and it was agreed some of the money should be spent trying to solve the problem of flooding near the junction of New Road with manor Road. A quote from Jack Kent (£60 for work to date and £200 for clearing the ditch) was approved and the clerk was also asked to obtain a quote for work on the trees either side of New Road

Council reserves are with the Skipton BS and it was generally considered the returns on this account were satisfactory but the clerk was asked to obtain information on other accounts available to Parish

Councils.

In reviewing the need to maintain the A453 reserves for any possible A453 campaign, Cllr. S Davies proposed and Cllr. Harrison seconded and it was **AGREED** to maintain the Community Fund at the current level and revue again at the next annual meeting. The level of the reserves to be determined in the light of the inflation rate and the likelihood of the fund being required to support a campaign to protect the village from any proposed improvements to the village detrimental to the village. If it is decided that the need to maintain the fund no longer exists then the fund will be dispersed within 5 years and used to support a project or projects which benefit the village.

Winged Fellowship Trust. An request for a donation to support the work of this charity had been received; Cllr. Harrison proposed and Cllr. S Davies seconded and it was agreed to donate £25.00

148 Risk assessment

No issues for this meeting

149 Planning

A copy of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Policy on mobile snack bars had been received but it was agreed these snack bars had little impact on the village and a Parish Council policy was not required.

Manor Farm. It would appear the developers never submitted a landscape scheme for the stables conversion but they have now been asked to do so by Rushcliffe Borough Council.

Joint Structure Plan. An update on the Council's submission was given by the Chairman who outlined three important areas; green belt policy should extend beyond the life of the current plan, residential housing no longer considered a threat but employment sites were likely to be an issue.

Gotham School. It was agreed to write to the County in support of this application to rebuild the Gotham School.

150 Crime & Disorder

There have been a number of incidents involving car crime in the village and some reports of vandalism including damage to caravans and a break in at the Rectory. It was difficult for the Parish Council to address these problems but it was agreed to include an article in the next newsletter highlighting some of the problems.

There was some discussion on the state of the church

wall; Cllrs Davies and Harrison declared a non pecuniary interest as both also serve on the PPC. It was agreed the Parish Council should assist the church with repairs and the clerk was asked to investigate options.

151 **Next meeting.** Monday 6th September 2004

The meeting finished at 9:20 pm

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held at 29 Manor Road
Wednesday 19th August 2004 at 7:30 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr S Davies

In Attendance: R J Hawkins (Clerk)

152 Apologies for Absence and Acceptance Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Julian Coles & Cllr. R Newcombe.

153 Declarations of Interest None were given

154 Planning **03/2004 04/00997/FUL 10 Manor Road**

The application by Mr. & Mrs Newcombe to build a 2 storey rear extension was considered and the Council **AGREED** not to object. However, it was **AGREED** to make an observation that red tiles on the car port would be preferred to the proposed slate roof.

155 Next meeting. Monday 20th September 2004

The meeting finished at 8:05 pm

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 20th September 2004 at 7:30 pm

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr S Davies
- In Attendance:** R J Hawkins (Clerk)
Cllr T Vennett-Smith and A Kerr
- 156 Apologies for Absence and Acceptance** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Coles
- 157 Declarations of Interest** None given
- Declaration forms.** It was agreed to defer discussion on this item to a later date when more councillors could be present. Cllr Harrison informed Council that he had completed a form on election and asked if members of the public had a right to inspect these forms. The Clerk was asked to investigate.
- 158 Minutes of Previous Meetings** The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman
- 159 Trent Fluvial Strategy & Flood Protection** The Clerk reported that Severn Trent was keen to see Flood Wardens appointed in all parishes. It was agreed that this topic together with the general problem of flooding would be better discussed as an item for the Village Plan
- 160 Village Plan** After some discussion it was agreed to call a public meeting in the Village Hall in 4 to 6 weeks time around late October subject to the availability of the hall with the objectives of identifying those topics of priority and establishing committees or identifying individuals who could move the plan forward
- 161 Village Footpaths and Bridleways** It was reported that there had been complaints about the standard of the footpath through Hudson's Farm. Cllr Harrison informed the Council that he had walked the path and reported the main problems to be the state of the path in some places and the poor condition of the stiles. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to discuss the points raised with Mr Hudson
- 162 Roads & Transport** The Clerk reported that a scheme had been approved by the Highways Authority to improve the junction with the A453. Whilst recognising that the scheme presented

some improvements it was agreed that the proposed plan is not believed to represent the best possible solution.

A453 Dualling. The Clerk reported on a meeting recently attended. However, there has been little progress and unlikely to be any until the main contractors are appointed in 2005. Cllr Vennett-Smith was concerned that little attention appeared to have been given to access for the farms on the A453 not to the public footpaths and it was agreed the Clerk should write expressing the concerns of Council. It was agreed that new junction and dualling of the A453 should be on the agenda of the public meeting to discuss the Village Plan.

163 Finance

Financial Statement & Cheques for signature

The financial statement was approved and the following cheques signed

Accounts

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| DirectPlus | £2500 |
| Business Acc | £2731.66 |
| Skipton BS | £25847.98 |

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| R J Hawkins (Clerk) | 200235 | £197.55 |
| Barton Village Hall (PC Meeting) | 200236 | £5.40 |

Review of Investment with the Skipton BS. The Clerk presented comparison interest rates available from other building societies and in view of the small differences it was agreed to continue investing with the Skipton BS.

164 Planning

Policy for Nottingham EMA. The Clerk circulated a copy of castle Donington Parish Council's policy on Nottingham EMA. It was agreed to discuss this at a later date to give councillors time to read the policy.

Mobile signs on A453. The Clerk reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council has taken steps to remove the fly posters but removal of the sign itself was not yet possible.

Tree Planting Scheme & Small Environmental Projects. Allan Kerr introduced his scheme, Woodland Flowers in Barton, for improving the footpath running under the woods. The Council unanimously supported the plan and agreed to financial support to cover the cost of hiring equipment to clear the undergrowth. The

Chairman believed there were not many indigenous flowers remaining as a result of damage in the past and the large population of nettles. Cllr Harrison suggested spraying might be necessary.

165 Tree planting & Small Environmental schemes

The Clerk reported that no tree planting schemes had been proposed but the Chairman suggested he might have a suitable scheme and the Clerk agreed to make application forms available.

Cllr Davies reported that the lime tree on Brown lane near Retreat farm appeared to have been cut back and the Clerk agreed to investigate and inform Nottinghamshire CC

Under the Nottinghamshire CC Building Better Communities initiative the Clerk proposes an application to restore the village green outside Chestnut Farm House on Chestnut Drive. Mr Kent had proposed the idea previously and it was agreed to make an application.

The Clerk informed Council that a quote for £720 had been received from Mr Kent for attending to the trees alongside the village roads. It was agreed that competitive quotes would be required before proceeding.

Cllr Davies asked if it was known if public access was available to the Dovecote.

166 Other Business

It was reported that several road signs had been stolen and the Cllr Davies suggested these should be replaced as soon as possible especially as the emergency services may have problems locating property. The Clerk agreed to make a request to Rushcliffe Borough Council for their replacement and it was further agreed a comment should be made in the next Newsletter.

167 Next meeting

Monday 1st November

The meeting finished at 9:40 pm

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall
Monday 27th September 2004 at 6:30 pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr R Newcombe Cllr S Davies

- 168 Apologies for Absence and Acceptance** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Coles and Cllr B Harrison
- 169 Declarations of Interest** None given
- Declaration forms.** It was agreed to defer discussion on this item to a later date when more councillors could be present. Cllr Harrison informed Council that he had completed a form on election and asked if members of the public had a right to inspect these forms. The Clerk was asked to investigate.
- 170 Planning** The application by Mr Pick reference 04/01468/FUL to erect a conservatory was considered. The Parish Council had no objections

The Clerk being absent the Chairman recorded the meeting.

Minutes of a Meeting of Barton in Fabis Parish Council
Held in the Villager Hall
Monday 29th November 2004 at 7:30 pm

- Councillors Present:** Cllr. P Kaczmarczuk (Chairman), Cllr. B Harrison (Vice Chairman) Cllr S Davies Cllr. Julian Coles
- In Attendance:** R J Hawkins (Clerk)
- 171 Declarations of Interest** None were given
- Councillors confirmed that declaration of Interest forms had been completed on election
- 172 Minutes of the previous meeting** Minutes of the meetings held Monday 20th & 27th September were approved and signed by the Chairman
- 173 Clerk's Report & Announcements** The clerk reported on a letter received from the **Police** outlining the new operational structure for the area. The essential details were an increase in police stationed in East Leake but they will be under the control of Bingham.
- The clerk advised Councillors of a **Risk Assessment** training course.
- 174 Village Plan** **Report on open meeting;** it was agreed the open meeting had achieved the objectives set and that a meeting should be convened inviting those who expressed a wish to be involved in the plan. The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting for late January.
- Cllr Coles asked if there was any news on possible plans for the Vicarage which was now, after several months of neglect, looking in a bad way and in need of attention. The clerk reported that he had made enquiries about having the building listed but this did not seem likely. The clerk was asked to write to the Diocese and request information on future plans.
- The clerk reported that he had been asked if there was anything the Parish Council could do about repairing the church wall opposite the village hall. It was agreed this was another topic to be included in the Village Plan
- 175 Planning** **Gotham School;** the Clerk informed Council that planning permission for the new school had been approved.

Policy for Nottingham EMA, Council reviewed the proposals for the changes to the controlled air space (contained in a paper previously circulated) and agreed to recommend support and asked the clerk to issue a Newsletter asking for support and recommending everyone wrote to the airport supporting the proposals.

Mobile signs on A453; the clerk explained that Rushcliffe BC had successfully removed the posters but had not addressed the question of removal of the sign and the clerk was asked to speak to Rushcliffe BC again.

The clerk reported on a letter received from Gotham PC asking the Parish Council to investigate the apparent developments visible to the west of the Gotham-Clifton road thought to be without planning permission. The Council supported the views of Gotham PC and asked the clerk to investigate.

**176 Roads &
 Transport**

The disappearance of some of the road signs in the village, including Manor Road and Brown Lane, was discussed and the clerk explained that Rushcliffe BC had been informed and asked to provide replacements.

The clerk explained he had had several discussions with Rushcliffe BC and the County concerning the blocked drains on Rectory Place and the serious flooding that occurs after nearly every prolonged period of rain. Apparently there is an issue over ownership that has to be resolved before any progress can be made. Cllr Harrison suggested there were possible health implications and it was time to make a thorough survey of the village drainage system so that it could be fully understood and then a major project to rectify the problems found. The Environment Agency was keen to see Flood Wardens appointed in all parishes and Cllr Coles agreed to volunteer.

Jack Kent had been reminded of the order to clear the ditch opposite the Old Forge and it was hoped this would be completed soon.

The Chairman expressed surprise that the Environment Agency had assessed the risk of flooding as 1 in 35 both inside and outside the flood protection bank and this was the same as Attenborough and Long Eaton.

New road junction & A453; the Chairman, clerk and councilors had all received reports of the new junction being unsafe and of a number of near misses. It was agreed that the new junction had serious design faults and the clerk was asked to write to AMScott expressing the concerns of the Parish Council and giving details of

problems experienced and suggestions for improvements, including those from the recent open meeting.

A453 Dualling; the Chairman expressed the view that there was little to be gained by presenting the views of the Parish Council until the main contractor had been appointed (early in 2005) and this was accepted.

Bus shelter on Gotham-Clifton road; it was reported that the bus shelter had been destroyed in a car accident the previous weekend and the clerk was asked to investigate who was responsible for a replacement.

177 Finance

Financial Statement was presented and approved and Cheques signed.

The clerk informed the Council that Rushcliffe BC wished to change the **Parish Grant Aid** scheme (Paper circulated previously) and it seemed likely that the grant would be abolished.

The clerk informed the meeting that new terms and conditions of employment of clerks had been agreed at the national level and these would have to be discussed by Council when available.

178 Footpaths

The clerk explained that he had visited Hudsons farm twice but had failed to meet Mr. Hudson to discuss the state of the footpath where it goes through the pig farm. Cllr Harrison suggested it may be more appropriate to speak with Jill Hudson, who now manages the farm, and offered to provide contact details

179 Next meeting.

The clerk asked if the time of the Parish Council meetings could be changed to the third Monday in the month and this was agreed. It was agreed to change the Standing Orders accordingly to reflect meetings on the third Monday in January, March, May, June, September and November.

The next meeting will be on Monday 24th January

The meeting finished at 9:20 pm