BARNBY VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Draft minutes from the meeting held on 14th April 2026 at 7:00pm in the Village Hall

Attendees: Clare Powell (Chair), Vicky Appleby, Amanda Foster, Karan Jaram, Yvette Wellard, Gill Powell, Graham Bett (PC Vice-Chair), Jackie Parker (PC Chair), Natalie Todd, Mariabella Hollens, Nat Sharpe, Helen Cowlan (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence**
   None.
2. **Contributions from members of the public**
   None.
3. **Approval of minutes of the last meeting**
   The minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2026 were approved as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Yvette, seconded Vicky.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes**
   Permission has kindly been granted by landowners for the use of a field for parking for BarnbyFest for which thanks were given.
   Three BBQs will be available for use at the BBQ event, as well as an offer of using bain maries.
   Food hygiene certification has been completed by Clare and Karan.
5. **Review of Committee Members**
   Maries Burgess has resigned and formal thanks were given for her hard work during her time on the Committee.
   Three residents wishing to join the Committee were welcomed – although formalities require approval at the next Parish Council meeting, no issues were anticipated and their help will be appreciated. Welcome to Natalie, Mariabella and Nat.
6. **Recent events**
   i) Disco Night (21st March) - £288.69 raised – mixed reviews about seating and eras of music which will be considered for future events; it was great to see the fancy dress options! Thankfully no-one was hurt when the light cover in the kitchen fell and broke – it was felt unnecessary to replace it.
   ii) Easter Event (4th April) - £189.50 raised - a great annual event as always
7. **Future Events**
   i) BarnbyFest (2nd May) - Clare confirmed that Anthony's plans are on track; stalls in the Village Hall will include glassware, mosaic crafts and candles, with the car park hosting flowers, Newark Community Forst Aid, local Policing team and craft activities; a gazebo can be borrowed in the event of bad weather; activities on the Green will include toys, logs, hook-a-duck, crochets crafts, books, games (for which there will be a small charge, and prizes available) and a charity tombola; open gardens; there will be tea and cake at the Hall for which donations will be gratefully received; Graham to source haybales for seating; donations of plants needed for the Church sale; a rota will need to be agreed for gams and stalls; there may be a last minute addition of a jumble sale safari; donations to the raffle will also be needed and welcomed; any other support and help would be gratefully received for the event.
   ii) BBQ (4th July) - timings have been agreed as starting at 4pm with food at 5pm and the band's first set at 6pm; BBQs have been sourced; band has been booked. **Action – Care to contact them to enquire if payment can be made by bank transfer; Clerk to apply for TEN with NSDC.**

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iii) Summer lunch (16th Aug) - it was confirmed to start in Marie's garden and then move to the Hall for a cold buffet with pudding and a glass of Pimms – tickets £12.50
Horticultural Show (5th Sept) - ideas for the photographic competition needed.
Additional events to be reviewed at a future meeting unless there is anything requiring urgent attention.

8. New Proposals

Dates confirmed / proposed as follows:
14th October – Autumn lunch
7th November – Fireworks
5th December – wreathmaking
12th Dec – Children's Party (to be confirmed)
Additionally, the Church's Annual Carol Service will be 15th December, followed by mince pies in the Hall.
Action – Clerk to update Caretaker.

9. Parish Council updates

An overview of the meeting was given – no further action needed. Cllr Parker advised that Cunty Councillor Barlow had sent details of a garage sale in Coddington wondering if Barnby would like to get involved. As the date clashes with the Horticultural Show it was suggested that consideration be given to a future opportunity instead.

10. Wi-fi

The Hall has been formally registered with Royal Mail, however, Open Reach classify buildings by floor space and, as such, classify the Hall as commercial. They would charge £219+VAT for installation of broadband which will need to be taken to the next Parish Council meeting for review.

11. Matters of note

Clerk holiday week of 27th April.
Racking for storeroom and reassessment of hire charges are on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

28th April 7pm – planning meeting
19th May 7pm – Committee meeting

Meeting ended 20.15

Chair signed.....

Date .....

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