

LANGAR CUM BARNSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2017 at 7.45pm at Barnstone Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Brooks, A Carter Davies, (Chairman), J Fry, V Gell, C Harper, T Simpson,

In attendance: County Cllr R Butler, Borough Cllrs T Combellack & N Clarke, 18 members of the public including representatives from parish groups and organisations; Lesley Taylor, Veolia Recycling & Education Officer

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs V Gell & A Bellamy

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 21st April 2017 were approved as correct and signed by the Chairman. (Copies available from the Clerk and online at www.langarbarnstone.co.uk)

3. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported as follows:

Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council Chairman's Report 2016/2017

It has been a privilege to serve as your chairman this year. The Parish Council said goodbye to long standing councillor Rod Whitehead. We all wish him well with his new endeavours. Coming on board we have three new councillors. Katy Morris, Jeff Fry and Chris Harper. It is good to see new councillors standing up on behalf of our community.

It is to community that I turn first. This year has shown that Langar and Barnstone enjoy a vibrant social life together. Apple Day drew juice lovers from all over the Parish with four generations chopping, pulping and pressing together. If you didn't make it try hard to this year. The resulting juice was great. None was left, even the pulp went to the anaerobic digester to generate electricity.

There have been a few ceilidhs this year. Between the blisters and red faces, we must be boasting some of the best rehearsed dancers in the area by now. Great fun was had by all, long may it continue.

We are lucky to have so many active community groups in our Parish. Arts, Cafés and Productions not being the least of it. I can affirm that the Parish Council will continue to support community actions wherever we can.

On the infrastructure side of things we now have (as I am sure you are all aware) a new outdoor gym. The equipment has been designed to be low impact so there is really no excuse not to seek it out and give it a go.

Not much has changed with the village hall. A few minor alterations here and there. The main thing has been the introduction of WiFi, free for all visitors. This offers additional facility and widens the appeal of the hall as a venue. We saw the new WiFi in action during our experimental small business surgery. We invited small businesses based in the Parish to meet with media consultants to discuss web and print issues. Although not oversubscribed, those who did attend reported a positive experience. One of the visiting consultants has redeveloped our own Parish Council website. We are very pleased with it.

Following last August's Parish planning meeting we followed up on a request and now have a hearing loop in the hall.

The discussions about the safety of the C28 (Bingham Road) are continuing with the Highways Department of the County Council. The movement on this has been a traffic survey which was recently undertaken on Musters Road to monitor how much traffic passes through the village. It turns out, unsurprisingly, to be a lot. What happens next and how this data is to be used is under discussion now.

It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to the Cubs, the Beavers and the Women's Institute. Without new volunteers, they have closed and will be missed I am sure by all who attended. I would like to say thank you on behalf of the Parish Council to the organisers who ran their organisations so well for so long. In the wider community, we no longer have a Post Office in the Parish. Our post master has retired and we wish him well.

We do, however, welcome back the Unicorn's Head. After what seems like forever, Beth and Jez are back at the helm in a rejuvenated pub that stands to serve for the next 300 years.

Next year promises to be as packed as this one has been. We have work to do on the forward plan and we have new boundaries with new Borough and County councillors to work with. There are lots of ideas buzzing around. Now where did I put my pen?

4 A presentation followed by Lesley Taylor, Veolia Recycling & Education Officer,

The following reports were submitted by Community Groups and Organisations

Belvoir Archers

Update for the Parish Council

April 2017

Club:

The Club continues to remain about 46 members.

We have just had our 6th Annual AGM and Founder Members shoot which was very well attended.

The Club purchased a secure container based toilet unit after it was raised at our AGM in 2016. Lack of toilet facilities was causing a problem for our disabled, lady and junior members and would prevent some of them renewing their membership.

We have held a number of Competitions over 2016: World Record Status competition in April which was well attended especially by some archers from the ArcheryGB Senior, Junior and Paralympic Team. Our summer and Winter Windsors which saw archers from across Nottinghamshire as well as entries from around the country.

Coaching:

Over the past year the Club has strengthened its coaching team with the addition of a new level 1 coaches and we have 2 Coaches undertaking their level 2 course. This brings the club up to 6 ArcheryGB Qualified coaches.

Over the winter months Belvoir Archers have been using the Barnstone Village Hall fortnightly on a Saturday for one to one coaching sessions as well as every Tuesday and Friday nights for general shooting. We have seen an improvement in all of the members who undertook this coaching.

We have a programme of beginner courses and have a goes over the summer months.

We took part in the Dove Cottage Fete last year and have been invited to take part in their Fete again this year which is on 14th May 2017.

We are taking part in the Langar Barnstone Village Fete and are very happy to be doing a Have a Go again on Saturday 17th June which coincides with the National big weekend for Archery GB.

Field:

We were very happy that the Parish Council took the decision to place a lock on the gate to the field and we have noticed an improvement with the cleanliness and general state of the field. We get quite a number of good reports back from other Archers who visit us as to the state of the field, which we are proud to help keep clean and tidy.

It is very nice to see an increase in the usage of the Skate board bowl and Mugga by those it was designed for (skateboarders and community).

Vicky Jones

Secretary for Belvoir Archers

Annual Report from 1st Barnstone Brownies May 2016 -2017

Another productive, rewarding...and Fun year at Brownies.

Currently our numbers are 22 Brownies, 4 Leaders and 3 excellent Young Leaders. A great team! Thank you to all of them for their loyalty, time and commitment and congratulations to Di (Hoot) for gaining her Adult Leadership Qualification.

This year we celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday, went to Megafest with many other Brownies from Nottinghamshire at Newark Showground and enjoyed our annual visit to the Scout HQ in Cotgrave to meet with other Brownies and Rainbows from our District.

In the Autumn we held our Pack Holiday at Hanson House in Linby.....our theme was Minions. Our quest was to recover Agnes' missing unicorn. The Leaders spent the whole time wearing yellow t-shirts and blue dungarees! Great fun! We also took part in the Art Exhibition in the Village Hall and sold our works of art to raise money for pancreatic cancer research.

The badges we've earned have been Swimming, World Thinking Day, World Guiding, Sports and Craft.

Other activities included a 30- Birthday for Barn Owl, a 'not-a-party' at Christmas and a visit to the pantos at the Playhouse and the Village Hall. In February we took part in Thinking Day activities in Kinoulton with Guides, Brownies and Rainbows from our District. Our interesting phone box and planting are still brightening up Barnstone Village.....have you spotted our gnome?

For fundraising we once again held the annual Ceilidh in the Village Hall and we re-opened our ice cream parlour during an open evening at Brownies with stalls and games. We aim to repeat this in 2017.

This year we are going to try our hand at camping! We are joining with Brownies from our Division for a camp at the Magpie's Nest in Elton in June. None of the Leaders has camped with Brownies before.....wish us luck!

We are hoping to have a Sleepover in September.

Best wishes

The Owls and Owlets

Vale Ventures

Vale Ventures have had another busy year! We ran a table top sale in April last year where we managed to sell all the old crockery and bric a brac that had been hoarded in the shed and raised £150 for the village hall. Fright Night was our Halloween themed event in October when a packed hall of witches, monsters and scary clowns danced the night away. Our Pantomime this year was Gingerella which sold out three performances and raised £350 for Dove Cottage and £150 to buy Geocaching equipment for the Scouts. We're currently busy hand making photo bunting to decorate Langar and Barnstone during the Village Festival and invite villagers, group leaders and local businesses to bring along any old photos of the villages through the years to the VMC in May where we'll turn your photos into bunting to celebrate life and community in our two villages.

Charlotte Mazers
Secretary



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Granby, Barnstone & District Branch

President: Sir Andrew Pulford GCB CBE

Chairman: Mr Andrew Charlett BA MPhil

Secretary: Mr David Powell, Summer Cottage, Green Lane, Granby, Notts. NG13 9PR

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

THURSDAY 20th APRIL 2017

The Granby, Barnstone & District Branch of the Royal British Legion has been in continuous existence since its foundation in 1935. Its role is to further the aims and objectives of the Royal British Legion and offer support and assistance to existing and ex-Service personnel and their families. The local Branch covers the two parishes of Langar cum Barnstone and Granby cum Sutton. In 2014, due to a decline in local membership and the resignation of some Officers from the committee, it was decided that the Branch needed assistance from a larger Branch nearby to enable it to continue to function. Fortunately this assistance was provided by the Colston Bassett, Owthorpe and Cotgrave Branch and we were able to undertake a vital recruitment drive to bring our membership numbers back up to an acceptable level and also recruit some new Officers and Committee members to bring the Branch up to fully operational status. In January 2017 we were able to satisfactorily demonstrate that we had achieved these objectives to the satisfaction of the Nottinghamshire County Committee and the National Membership Council. In consequence we were able to resume the status of a full Branch, an achievement we are extremely proud to have accomplished.

Our main aim is to raise funds for the annual national Poppy Appeal, which culminates each year with the Remembrance Service and parade, which is held alternately in St. Andrew's church, Langar and All Saint's church, Granby. Fundraising during this period is assisted by a small band of volunteers who perform house to house collections within the two communities as well as collection tins hosted by local businesses. In addition our members provide help and support, where required, to Service and ex-Service personnel and their dependants and are able to put people in touch with other agencies to provide further assistance when necessary. There is also a number of events held throughout the year in which members and their friends are able to participate and these events are hosted by nearby Branches in this area.

Information concerning the Branch is published on the Langar cum Barnstone website and similarly on the Granby cum Sutton website. New members or volunteers who wish to assist with the fundraising for the Poppy Appeal can find contact details on either of these websites.

Andrew Charlett
Chairman

VALE ARTS GROUP

We opened the hall doors to start in August 2016, eight people showed up! In September 2016, we held an Art Exhibition in the Village hall and had over 200 exhibits from 28 people plus over 20 Brownies. It was a huge success and has brought new members to the Vale Arts Group. Our meetings every Tuesday afternoon have been well attended with never less than seven people. We have had a gentleman demonstrator to show us how to do Chinese Brush work and hopefully we will be able to have more demonstrators in the future. We applied to the Parish Council for a grant and were given a very generous £100, this will be buying easels for our display boards, thank you Parish Council!

A good sharing of ideas around art has proved helpful to us all and as a group we are very chatty and friendly, coffee or tea and biscuits are available.

The Group has several Art mediums – water colours, pen and ink, acrylics, pastels and photography, plus others. Our membership now stands at 20 signed up members and we anticipate that the Village Festival should bring more people into our now established Club.

GILLIAN CLARKE, SECRETARY VALE ARTS GROUP



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REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VALE MARKET CAFÉ

The Vale Market Café continues to operate on the second Saturday of each month (except August) from 10 am to 12 Noon in the village hall. It is now in its sixth year of operation and continues to be well patronised by parishioners and even some customers from outside the parish. Although it is a not for profit organisation it does make a small surplus each month from its sales of snacks, beverages, bread, vegetables and eggs. This surplus is available to provide financial assistance, where required to community events and initiatives. This year we have donated £200 to assist Vale Ventures in producing bunting showing villages's history for the annual Langar cum Barnstone Festival. The Vale Market Café will be hosting an event during the Festival. The Festival Café will be offering for sale a typical English breakfast on Saturday 24th June 2017 from 10 am to 12 Noon.

This year we have also developed a Facebook page and we are hoping that this will provide useful promotion of our activities. Word of mouth is also a very important part of promoting our events and we have gained some new customers from both of these activities. We also publish notices of our next events on the parish website and through flyers, which our volunteers deliver to houses within our community. We have also gained some new customers from people passing by and dropping in to try our products.

As well as selling food, beverages and locally sourced produce, the Vale Market Café also provides a good venue for parishioners to meet up and chat. There is also a quite well stocked library where people may exchange or purchase books. We also have a limited space for local traders to exhibit and sell their products. The charge is £5 per stall for each event. The Vale Market Café also provides a platform to broadcast details of forthcoming events to parishioners who patronise us. This is a useful mechanism for disseminating information within our community.

The Vale Market Café is run by the community for the benefit of the community and relies on the help of a band of willing volunteers. Without these volunteers it would not be possible to function. Currently we have a group of 15 volunteers and we are always keen to recruit more. Anyone interested can visit the Café and have a chat with us or contact us through the details provided on the parish website and our Facebook page.

Andrew Charlett
Chairman

Langar & Barnstone Walking Group
Report for Village Meeting, April 2017

The Ladies Walking Group now comprises about 20 people, and the turnout can be anything from just a couple of walkers to larger groups of 12 or more. Anyone is very welcome to join us – weekly walks take place early evenings from April to September (weather and light permitting), on different days of the week to enable as many people to come as possible.

Each walk is led by someone who knows the route, and we follow footpaths across fields, along canal towpaths, farm tracks and old railway lines. Most walks are about three miles long and, apart from a few stiles and occasional overgrown hedges, are not too much of a challenge.

After a convivial planning meeting held at The Nag's Head in Harby, the Spring 2017 schedule was drawn up and began on 4 April with a stroll along field paths and village lanes around Whatton and Aslockton. It was lovely to see the changes in scenery since our last walk along that route.

The following week saw the group setting out across Fletcher's Field in Barnstone, with Marie leading us along well-marked paths to come out on the Granby Road. The programme also includes Bingham's Linear Walk, the 'Gunthorpe & Bulcote Circular', a trek across the fields from Langar to Colston Bassett and back, and an expedition to find the elusive Muston orchid fields.

Tuesday 20 June will see a community walk over the Barnstone Bump as part of the Langar & Barnstone Festival. Anyone who wants to join this is invited to gather at the Brownies' kiosk at the Works Lane junction at 6.45pm.

It's all very casual and sociable, with no commitment, no cost and no equipment needed. Just turn up in comfortable walking shoes and bring an anorak. For details of where and when the walks are taking place, please contact Claire at the Parish Council.

All the walkers would like to express our thanks to Claire for keeping us on our toes!

Jill O'Sullivan

The meeting closed at 9.00pm after which light refreshments were served

SignedChairman

Date