

# LANGAR CUM BARNSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 24 May 2012 at 7.30pm at Barnstone Village Hall

*Present: Cllrs.– R Whitehead – Chairman, A Bellamy, R Brooks, V Gell, N Wood T Simpson*

*In attendance: 15 members of the public*

## 1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Cessford County Cllr R Butler, Borough Cllrs G Moore & S Bailey

## 2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 19 May 2011** were approved as correct and signed by the Chairman

## 3. **Chairman's Report.**

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

### **PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES**

#### **Football Field**

##### • **New Community Hall**

Designs for the new Community hall have been approved by the PC and we are almost at the point of submission for planning permission. A professional fundraiser, from Groundwork Greater Nottingham, has been appointed to help raise approx £250K. The balance of approx £300K will be raised through a Public Works Loan.

##### • A **MUGA** was installed last August, funded by a grant of £23530 from Veolia, with the balance coming from the Parish Council. The MUGA is open to all and has been regularly used by footballers. Basketball and tennis are also available.

##### • The field was being regularly used by Barnstone Celtic FC and Belvoir Archers

##### • The Parish Council was aiming to apply to be a Quality Parish in the near future.

##### • The Parish Website would be temporarily suspended until next year. Until then, a new webpage would be available.

### **REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS**

#### **Police**

- The local police, headed by PC Voce, have seen a reduction in anti-social behaviour crimes during 2011/12. The Priority Setting Group are focussing on car crime such as speeding, seat belt infringement and drink driving.

#### **Community Groups**

- **Belvoir Archery Club** have been using the field for a year, membership has grown over the last year, partly due to Beginners' courses be held.
- **Barnstone Celtic FC** have used the field this season and have held on to their place in the Premier League. They are looking forward to an opportunity to rise in the table next season.
- The parish social club – the **Cushion Club** – continues to meet every last Saturday of the month, regularly showing the latest films.
- The **Vale Market Café** was set up last September, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. It has grown from strength to strength, providing a village hub and serving an average of 100 customers each time. It is run by a dedicated team of volunteers.
- Since 2007 **Drama in the Vale** has performed in 9 productions, with a regular cast. The Panto in Dec 2012 will be the 10<sup>th</sup> production.
- **VFR & Heartstart** are affiliated to the British Heart Foundation and have run regular courses, free of charge, in the local area, demonstrating key life saving skills, boosting knowledge and increasing confidence.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> **Barnstone Brownies** currently have a membership of 24 with 5 adult and 3 young leaders. They run a packed programme of activities, including the Gang Show, outings, and pack holidays.
- **Lafarge UK** has taken on an additional 5 members of its workforce, due to increased sales. An increase in lorry movements has begun with the launch of the new production facilities.
- The **Scalextric Club** now meets on 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sundays between 3-6pm. All welcome.

- The **Langar Village Pond** is now well established and boasts a membership of 150.
- The **Langar & Barnstone WI** recently celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Parish Council donated a tree to mark the occasion. This was planted in the field adjacent to Langar Hall.
- The **Ladies Walking Group** held regular local walks throughout the spring and summer.
- The **Church** recently secured funding for work to replace the north transept of St Andrews. Between £70 – £80K has been secured – though £150K is needed to complete the work. Securing funds to restore St Mary's at Barnstone is virtually impossible. The Church needs £60K to put it back into working order. The Church continues strong links with the School and the rest of the community.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm