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**LANGAR CUM BARNSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Saturday 28th May 14.30 p.m. at Barnstone Village Hall

*Present: Cllrs J Fry, T Simpson, K Morris, J Crosby*

 *In attendance:* *County Cllr Neil Clarke, Cllr T Combellack 31 members of the public including representatives from parish groups and organisations*

1. **Apologies for absence.**

 Apologies were received from Cllrs Bellamy, Pulford & Barlow

2. **Guest Speaker**

 Tim Odell – The History of Tarmac

 Tim has been a Plant Manager for 28 years; the goals of their work ethics is to have a safe working environment for all their staff and to be a responsible neighbour. They employ 76 members of staff, at least half of the staff are full time and nearly all live locally

 Tim then went on to give a very interesting talk about the history of Tarmac

 After the presentation members of public made the following comments:

* That the signage to the works needs to be changed as the postcode on a Satnav directs

Tarmac replied that this had been previously investigated and is due to the works being on an industrial estate, it always caused problems with the postcode, but they would investigate it again

* That the noise is louder in decibels than it should be.

Tarmac said that they were disappointed to hear this and would speak in person after the talk to look further into the problems, to see what help can be done. Member of public did say that they had also reported it to the Environment Agency, but they didn’t find any problems.

* Trustee of the PC thanked Tarmac for their donation of £140,000 to the new Village Hall
* Are Apprenticeships being taken on at Tarmac now

Tarmac responded that at present this is not happening, but it something that they will look at in the future.

* Member of the public stated that on behalf of the community Tarmac is a good friend to the villages and a fantastic supporter to the new Village Hall

1. **Chairman’s Report.**

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

 **Annual Report for 2021 – 2022**

I am pleased to present the report of Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council for the year 2021-2022.

This year saw a return to face-to-face meetings after a period of enforced zooming. From my point of view, this made chairing a session much more manageable and, as such, was very welcome.

The Parish Council (PC) currently comprises seven councillors – Jeffrey Fry (Chair), Nicky Pulford (Vice-Chair), James Barlow, Adrian Bellamy, John Crosby, Katy Morris, and Trevor Simpson. We have two councillor vacancies, so please consider applying if you feel you can offer something to support the Parish. The work of the PC is very ably supplemented by that of the Parish Clerk (Sharon Ellis), the Lengthsman and Handyman (Luke Mazers) and the Litter picker (Justina Harper).

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A parish council exists to serve its residents, and I believe Langar cum Barnstone PC has been effective in this. Issues that have been considered by the PC over the past year include the following:

1. Commenting on 21 planning applications, taking into account the views of residents expressed at PC meetings. The most contentious of these was an application to erect a communications mast at the C28 crossroads, which generated many objections from residents and the PC itself and was subsequently refused by Rushcliffe Borough Council.
2. Supporting the campaign for safer pedestrian crossing at the C28 crossroads.
3. Maintenance of various sites within the Parish – the adult gym area, the children’s play area, Langar pond, the recreation field and the 207 Squadron Memorial at Langar Airfield.
4. Liaising with the Wildflower Farm and Kent Services to establish a development plan for Langar pond and the wildflower bank adjacent to the C28 crossroads.
5. Supporting the campaign to erect a memorial at Langar Airfield to the US personnel stationed there in World War Two.
6. Presenting plans for a pedestrian path between Langar and Coach Gap Lane.
7. Publishing four issues of Signpost magazine, the growth of which in terms of both content and scope has been very encouraging.

In addition, various councillors and the Parish Clerk have attended meetings held by Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, and neighbourhood policing groups, amongst others, and fed back information to the PC.

The PC is also the Sole Trustee of the Langar-cum-Barnstone Village Hall charity, and much work has gone into establishing an organisational structure for the trustee function which is distinct from that of the PC in its local authority function. This removes the potential for conflicts of interest when considering plans for the re-build of the Village Hall and when applying for grants to fund the re-build. An annual report from the Trustee is presented separately.

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| Jeffrey FryChairman | Presented at Annual Parish Meeting, 28 May 2022 |

After the Chairmans report one member of public asked why the Parish Council had opposed to erect the communications mast, considering the poor quality of mobile communication in both villages.

The Chairman responded that the Parish Council would welcome an improvement in mobile communications, however the suggested area on the crossroads would increase poor visibility on an already dangerous spot. The Chairman went on to advise that the Parish Council had advised of other areas within Barnstone that could be used, but have received no response to that request

**The following reports were submitted by Community Groups and Organisations**

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

GRANBY, BARNSTONE & DISTRICT BRANCH

REPORT FOR THE LANGAR CUM BARNSTONE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021-22

Granby, Barnstone & District Branch of the Royal British Legion has, likely many other local organisations, been affected by the covid-19 regulations imposed by H.M. Government during 2021 and the first two months of 2022. During this time of restrictions, the Branch committee continued to ensure that all

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members were kept informed of the restrictions imposed and the recommendations for staying safe. They also provided channels of communication whereby members or local beneficiaries could contact the RBL should they require help throughout this difficult period.

The Branch hosted two events following the easing of restrictions in 2021. The Annual Luncheon was held on Sunday 12th September and was well attended. The Granby & Sutton Singers entertained those attending, with a selection of songs over the past 100 years, to mark the centenary of the formation of the RBL. On Saturday 23rd October our Branch President, Sir Andrew Pulford, gave a talk on the Air Force in 2021. Again this event was well attended and raised £432.36 towards the Poppy Appeal. On Saturday 7th August our Branch Standard Bearer and I attended a commemoration event in Eaton for the crew of a Lancaster bomber from RAF Langar, which had crash landed in a field near the village, killing all the crew. On Sunday 14th November we attended two services for Remembrance Sunday. One at the 207 Squadron Memorial on Langar Airfield and one at St Andrew’s church, Langar. The Poppy Appeal was yet again successful, even though house-to-house collections were severely restricted. Despite this the Branch was able to collect a total of £2659.04. We wish to thank all those within the Parish who contributed so generously to this total.

The Branch Committee met in January to consider events for 2022. It is hoped that we will be able to visit RAF Marham in Norfolk, the base for the current 207 Squadron, on Friday 27th May, and that the Branch Annual Luncheon will be on Sunday 3rd July. Another talk by our President is planned for late October. Remembrance Sunday will be on 13th November 2022, and it is hoped that the main Service will take place at All Saints church, Granby.

Andrew Charlett

Branch Chairman

Langar & Barnstone’s SOCIAL WALKING GROUP

After the uncertainty of the last couple of years, it is with great delight that members of Langar & Barnstone’s Social Walking Group have shaken the dust off their anoraks and begun their 2022 season. The group aims to organise a walk through our glorious local countryside one evening each week from April to September, weather and daylight allowing. Most walks are about three miles long and, apart from a few muddy patches, overgrown hedges and the occasional stile, are usually not too much of a challenge. Transport is shared, if needed, and lifts are available for non-drivers. Each walk is led by someone who knows the way and follows footpaths across fields, along canal towpaths and old railway lines, down ancient farm tracks and through village snickets and alleyways. We live in a beautiful part of the world and it’s lovely to have the chance to appreciate it from a different perspective. So far this season we’ve triumphed over the weather, with a walk along the canal at Cropwell Bishop, a ramble through Whatton and Aslockton, a circular route around Cotgrave Country Park, a trek over Barnstone Bump and an exploration of Harby’s hidden pathways. At the time of writing, an expedition to the Muston Meadows Nature Reserve is next - with luck, the wild orchids will still be in bloom. The turnout can be anything from just a couple of walkers to larger groups of a dozen or more and all walks take place during the early

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evening to accommodate busy lives. It’s very sociable, with no commitment, no cost and no special kit - just come when you can, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring an anorak!

For details of the next walk or to join the WhatsApp group, please contact Claire Pegg claire.pegg1@gmail.com 01949 861181

1st Barnstone Brownies

Our Brownie Pack has recovered well from the difficulties of Covid and Lockdown when we shut down for 9 months. We did Zooming and outdoor meetings for another 8 months before returning to indoor meetings in September 2021. Our Leadership is looking up. Claire (Tawny Owl) is well into her Leadership qualification and has gained knowledge and confidence in every area of running our Unit with the view of taking over. Her expertise in organising finances and paperwork will be of enormous benefit. Phoebe (Screech Owl) is still on board as an assistant leader, Dot (Brown Owl) is not quite ready to give up yet and Lu (Little Owl) is helping us out every now and then. The commitment and reliability of Vicki (Barn Owl) and our Young Leaders must be mentioned. Without them we couldn’t manage. Kate (Aqua), Rebecca (Ginger) and Ellie (Fluffy) are doing a great job. We are well into the New Programme now and have several Brownies close to gaining their Bronze and Silver Awards. The highlights of this year have been visits from Sue to do first aid with us, Terry Rodgers, and Charlie to tell us all about Guide Dogs for the Blind and an impromptu visit from Amanda and Oscar. On May 22nd 19 Brownies and 4 Leaders went over to the Magpie’s Nest at Elton to an event aptly named ‘Let’s Get Wild’ organised by our division. The weather was so kind and the Brownies did activities based around 4 areas: Sahara, Arctic, Rain Forest and Woodland. A great time was had by all! We are having another Open Evening in June and hope to run our Famous Ice Cream Stall. Also, we hope to have a Sleepover in the Autumn. From September we will probably be in another venue for at least a year. That will be another adventure ……. but we can do it! Thank you to all the support we have received during the year from Parents, Councillors, and other visitors. The Owls, Owlets and the Brownies

The meeting closed at 15.45pm after which light refreshments were served

Signed ………………………………………………. Chairman

Date …………………………………….