

# Barmby On The Marsh Parish Council

## Newsletter July 2019

Dear Resident

As may be aware local elections were held in the area recently, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

However due to a lack of applications the people who stood to be councillors for the Parish of Barmby On The Marsh were elected unopposed.

In fact, we are now short of two councillors (we have been one short for about 2 years now).

In an effort to get more residents interested in the Parish Council it has been decided to issue a newsletter to everyone to let them know what we do, and what would happen if no-one came forward to sit on the Council.

### 1) Who are the current Councillors

- a. Chairman – Ian Sherriff
- b. Councillors – Dianne Hill, David Pridmore, Simon Frost and Tim Leighton
- c. Clerk – Emily Sherriff

2) **Meetings** – Meetings take place every other month at the Institute on South Street – usually on the first Monday in the month (the next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019) always at 7:30pm. They tend to last about 1 ½ hours (depending upon what needs to be discussed).

### 3) What are we responsible for, and what can we do;

- a. The Parish owns and runs the Burial Ground at the entrance to the village
- b. It also owns two other pieces of land in the village - the old village green (where the phone box used to be) and a piece of land near the Barrage.
- c. We have a say in Planning Applications (but not power over them)
- d. We liaise with ERYCC with regards to several issues, such as highways, planning, paths, litter, dog waste etc.
- e. Obviously Barmby PC is limited in what it can do due to its size and funds available (ie we could run allotments / playgrounds / buildings / toilets etc but do not have the funds).
- f. Spend monies received – as bound by set legislation.

### 4) How are we funded

- a. The Precept – This is the amount we request from East Riding Council and is shown on your rates bill every year. This year this was £3,000 (which works out at about £7.90 per person per year)
- b. Income generated by the Burial Ground – ie interment fees. This amount fluctuates but is usually in excess of the precept amount

### 5) What we spend the money on (recurring)

- a. Burial Ground Maintenance – including grass cutting, rates etc
- b. Insurance – as required by law
- c. Clerks Wages
- d. Maintenance of the footpath from North Street to the River Derwent
- e. Website provision
- f. Legal and Professional subscriptions
- g. Bank fees
- h. Hire of Hall

- 6) **What else do we spend money on.** There have been a number of items in the recent past that the Parish Council has funded
- a. Litter Bins – every litter bin in the village has been paid for by the Parish Council (at a cost of over £400 per bin).
  - b. Dog Poo Bag dispenser on North Street, this was installed last year and so far over 2,500 bags have been used!
  - c. The defibrillator located at the Kings Head. Following notification from the Ambulance Service that funding was to be withdrawn for this unit it was decided that the Parish Council would take over the maintenance of this life saving piece of equipment. It is now checked by us and any new batteries / pads etc will be paid for by the Council (a new battery and pad is required every time it is used)
- 7) **Future projects.** There are a couple of major projects that we have been discussing for a while now and agreement has been reached to fund these projects
- a. A village war memorial. This will be located on the old village green (ie near the old phone box). This will honour the villagers who served in the two world wars, with a special place for those who died in the line of duty. We are aiming to have this erected in time for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day next year. We will also be placing a bench on the concrete base that is already there.
  - b. We recently voted to purchase a speed awareness sign to be placed at the beginning of the 30 zone into the village at a cost nearly £3,000. Unfortunately, East Riding Council has refused us permission to erect the sign! Their reason is *“If they are erected in locations with a good road safety record like Barmby on the Marsh, it dilutes the message of those which actually have a genuine problem.”* We appealed this decision and was told - *“I’m afraid it’s not something where I can give permission; the elected members have established a policy that we will only permit the use of speed reactive signs at sites with a poor collision history and where they would be useful to address those collisions. Given that this is a policy of the authority, I can’t set it aside regardless of any funding arrangements”.* Therefore, we can do no more as a parish council at the moment, but we will continue trying, either with this or other safety measures. For example, we will continue to push for a safety crossing at the School
- 8) **The future of the Parish Council.** At the moment we only have 5 councillors and we need 3 at a meeting to be able to have the meeting and make decisions. This means that attendance at a meeting is very important for every councillor and puts a lot of onus on the current members to be involved in every meeting.

**We need more people to come forward and volunteer to be a Councillor.** If the Council was to close due to lack of numbers, then ERYCC would take over its business and take over its assets. Therefore, the burial ground would be run by ERYCC and I am sure it would not be cared for as it is now and the residents of Barmby would no longer get preferential rates etc. I would suspect that the defibrillator would go, as would any other future projects. Any money in the bank would go to them and so on. There are over 300 people in the parish who are eligible to be councillors- we only need 7 people!!!

Therefore if you can help in any way, either by becoming a councillor or not (any help is appreciated) then please get in touch with Ian Sherriff on 07969 011145 or email [clerk@barmby-on-the-marsh.org.uk](mailto:clerk@barmby-on-the-marsh.org.uk)

For more information on what we discuss at meeting please look at our website and follow the path to the meetings

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