

MINUTES

Barden Residents Association AGM

Tuesday 20th November 2018

In Attendance

Mark Hood (Chair), Angela Clark (Vice-Chair), Lucy Athey (secretary), Matt Sargent, Gill Sargent, Felix Wenzel, Glynn Rees, Jo Young, Alison Cackett, John Cackett, Cathy Chadwick, Ross Butcher

Approval of Minutes & Apologies

Mark Hood (chair) called the meeting to order and the previously circulated minutes from 19th September 2018 were agreed. Apologies from Warren Nel, Averil Langridge, Fran Long, Megan LeGoubin, Matt Marshall, Claire O'Shea

Treasurers Report

£233.74 currently in the kitty to carry forward. Fran has received some membership fees via Barden Stores and passed on the contact details to LA.

Parking Update & 20mph

Andy Edwards and Andy Bracey from TMBC have been in touch, they say they have reduced the amount of business permits on the zone boundary by 11; 7 have moved to Barden Park Road and 4 have chosen not to renew at all. This is only 3 months into a 12 month period so is a step in the right direction.

Everyone has received a letter about the proposed 20mph zone in Barden, we encourage everyone to respond positively to this by emailing tro@kent.gov.uk and quoting "amendment 33 order 2018". If they have more than five objections then it will go back to the Joint Transportation Board. Concerns were raised over how it will be policed. Council will be monitoring the speeds, if data is conclusive that there is still excessive speeding then they would consider physical speed deterrents like sleeping policemen or chicanes.



Our junction with the High Street is currently operating at 100% capacity (this is information from the Local Plan).

Christmas Social & Competition

Now the Nelson Arms has reopened we would like to hold a Christmas Social for residents. This will be on Sunday 16th December from 2pm onwards. We will have a raffle to raise funds, we are keen to pay for another notice board in the bottom end of Barden in 2019. Any donated prizes to be given to Lucy, Mark or Angela. We will ask the landlords whether we can bring snacks.

We intend to redo our Christmas Window competition (last done in 2016), there will be festive-themed prizes for the most creative and festive windows. Matt & Gill offered to help judge with Mark with judging the entries on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of December.

Jumble Trail

We have had a request to imitate the successful jumble trail that Slade recently had. As well as being a way of getting rid of unwanted items it can be fun and a way of meeting neighbours. All were in favour of doing this but in the spring/summer. Mark to ask Susan Bevan of SARA to ask for advice of how they ran it. We will discuss this further at a future meeting.

Future Venue

The scout hut where we hold our meetings is currently unheated, they need to raise funds to fix their heating and lighting. We need to think of a new venue for at least January, perhaps The Nelson Arms – we will ask if they can accommodate us and look into other venues. It was suggested that we make another small donation to the Scouts to help their cause.

AOB

- The fencing has now started to go up round the new medical centre, encroaching on the footpath. The Keep River Lawn Green group tried to register the footpaths before this but unfortunately this wasn't processed by KCC before the path was cut off. The car park being closed for two years while the medical centre is being built is likely to create more problems parking in Barden.
- Congratulations to Barden resident Matt Sargent who has a photo of Tonbridge School featured in the Tonbridge Daily calendar – available in independent Tonbridge shops.

Next Meetings

Meetings usually alternate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to enable as many people as possible to attend and are held at the Scout Hut in Lambert's Yard (unless advertised being elsewhere).

The next meetings are;

Wednesday January 23rd 2019

Tuesday March 19th 2019

Wednesday May 22nd 2019