



**Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Environment Committee Meeting
Held in The Parish Council Office at 7.30pm
On Wednesday 1 October 2014**

ACTION

1. Present	B Waters	Chair	(BW)
	L Baffa	Clerk	(LB)
	B Burrage	Councillor	(BB)
	J Doland	Councillor	(JD)
	R Hall	Councillor	(RH)
	B Howard	Councillor	(BG)
	S Jenkins	Vice-Chair	(SJ)
	A Mitchell	Councillor	(AM)
	M Nelson	Councillor	(MN)
	M Pope	Councillor	(MP)
	S Spence	Councillor	(SS)
	J York	Councillor	(JY)
 Apologies	 A Saunders	 Councillor	 (AS)

2.	<p>To approve minutes of the previous meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2014 were read and approved as a true record. Proposed by JD and seconded by BB. All in favour. There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising for discussion and decisions to be made from the previous minutes</p> <p>Potholes - BW reported that Tesco have been in contact with her and should be updating the Parish Council by the end of next week.</p>	
4.	<p>Stream and Nature Reserve – Rob Mongovan Attending</p> <p>Flooding update Lia Melia attended the meeting as she was interested to hear what Rob Mongovan had to say with regard to the flooding as she lives in Robin Close and was badly affected by the flooding.</p> <p>Rob explained the way the stream flows and it was his opinion that the stream flow made no difference to the amount of flooding in the village. Rob produced a map of the stream and the way it flows through the village and this was discussed at length.</p> <p>Rob advised that the culverts coming in to the stream should be cleaned out as a matter of general maintenance, along with any debris that has accumulated in the stream since the flood, however, he felt that stream bed debris should be left, as this does have a slowing effect on the flow of water.</p> <p>He also felt that some of the larger trees, along the Watermead and Appletrees end of the stream, should be coppiced, but not removed, as it is the roots of these trees that are giving the banks their stability.</p> <p>BW informed Rob that she had visited Dry Drayton after the floods and found their balancing lake had been totally overwhelmed. Rob was very interested in this as their balancing lake is extremely large and was only installed approximately 5 years ago.</p> <p>Wetland Project Rob explained that after going out to tender Keystone Habitats was awarded the contract. However, it has been difficult in finding a Civil Engineer that would oversee the project and sign it off once work has been completed.</p>	



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	<p>Rob went through the Infrastructure Conditions of Contract and it was agreed that once this has been drawn up that BW would sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Rob also felt that a further wait of a few weeks would be of benefit as he would be able to seek further funding from the Wildlife Trust due to the Water Voles.</p> <p>Before the work starts Rob would like Atlas to revisit the balancing lake and cut back any overgrowth to enable the contractors to get their machinery on site.</p> <p>To summarise work that needs to be done: Atlas to cut back any overgrowth at balancing lake Stream culverts to be cleaned out Loose debris to be removed from stream and any blockages close to the bridges</p>	
5.	<p>Flooding of Village BW confirmed that the Public Meeting on the village flooding will take place on Thursday 23rd October at 7pm in the Church. BW has arranged for SCDC, Rob Mongovan and Pat Matthews to be on the panel, along with the Environment Agency and other organisations that may be able to answer residents' questions.</p> <p>There will be a roving mike for questions and answers and BW will speak with Linda King to ask if the meeting can be recorded to enable the Parish Council to have minutes produced.</p>	
6.	<p>Works outstanding and approval</p> <p>074/13 - Area outside 39 Brambles needs to be tidied up with self setting tree to be removed. MWP quoted £735. Atlas quoted £260. Accepted on PO 1217</p> <p>076/13 - Hedge to side of 32 Spinney to be cut back Fergusons quoted £890. CGM quoted £1,800. Atlas quoted £720. Atlas accepted on PO 1213</p> <p>081/13 - Oak tree at 104 Brambles has been assessed by SCDC. Atlas quoted £550. Fergusons to quote. Brookfield to quote</p> <p>008/14 - Several trees to the front of 27 Fairway needs to be pruned back MWP quoted £750. Atlas quoted £350. Brookfield no quote received Atlas accepted on PO 1211</p> <p>028/14 - Trees to the rear and side of 8 Appletrees to be cut in height. SCDC have site inspected and agreed for works. Brookfield to quote. Fergusons to quote. Atlas quoted £400</p> <p>047/14 - Rear of 187 Spinney needs to be cleared of debris and old shrubs/weeds Atlas quoted £650. Ferguson quoted £516. Brookfield to quote</p> <p>050/14 - Tree to be pruned back from 21 Chestnut Rise. MWP to quote</p> <p>054/14 - Overgrown wild rose bush at Almond Grove (located on the path leading to the Hotel) Geoff to do work</p> <p>061/14 - To the rear of 95 Appletrees, there are several trees to be cut back away from garden wall (along stream,) Brookfield to quote. Atlas quoted £160 and £240. Ferguson quoted £420. Atlas accepted on PO 1216</p> <p>065/14 - PC fencing at 160 Pheasant Rise has been damaged by storms. MWP to quote</p>	



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- 068/14 - Self setting trees to side of 27 Oatlands to be cleared and area tidied MWP quoted £248. Atlas quoted £320 Ferguson quoted £328. MWP accepted on PO 1214
- 069/14 - Bus shelter roof at Pheasant Rise needs to be repaired. Hinchliffe quoted £445. Accepted on PO 1224
- 073/14 - Several trees between 11-14 Appletrees to be cut back and thinned out Ferguson quoted £430. Atlas quoted £450. Brookfield no quote. Ferguson accepted on PO 1215
- 075/14 - Removal of crab apple tree at 47 the brambles as causes a mess on path and in residents garden Atlas quoted £100. Accepted on PO 1207
- 077/14 - Opposite 112 Watermead, a tree is obscuring street light. To be trimmed back Atlas quoted £60. Accepted on PO 1218
- 078/14 - Between 166-169 Spinney, a lot of dumped waste and rubbish. Also weeds becoming a problem and need to be removed. Geoff Summerfield to do work
- 079/14 - Rear of 63 Little Meadow, a tree to be taken down that is growing at a 45 degree angle. MWP to quote
- 080/14 - Rear of 54 Acorn Ave a tree that is hanging over garden to be cut back. Atlas quoted £40. Accepted on PO 1219
- 081/14 - Rear of 47-48 Appletrees, alleyway that runs in to school playing field needs to have weeds removed. Geoff Summerfield to do work
- 082/14 - Footpath that runs behind 25 Appletrees needs to be cleared of rubbish, weeds and thorny bushes Geoff Summerfield to do work
- 083/14 - Drain cover in front of Farmhouse needs to be cleared of debris and rodded. Lalwor and MWP to quote
- 084/14 - Overgrown tree at the front of 64 Appletrees. To be cut back. Atlas to quote
- 085/14 - Hedging to the rear of 1 Chestnut Rise (on perimeter rd) needs to be kept trimmed back away from bus stop. Job for Geoff Summerfield
- 086/14 - Tree to rear of 134 Appletrees is totally blocking out light for elderly gentleman. Would like it totally removed. Atlas quoted £180. Accepted on PO 1220
- 087/14 – Height of hedging to the rear of 26 Almond Grove needs to be cut back Geoff to do
- 089/14 - Trees at the back of 16 Acorn Ave to be monitored Fergusons to inspect
- 091/14 - Rowan Tree has blown down at far side of playing field To be removed
- 093/14 - Rear of Otter Gardens to have rubbish and debris removed so grass cutters can do their job. Geoff to do job
- 094/14 - Back of 139 Peasant Rise to have weeds cleared down ally way leading to back gardens Geoff to do job
- 095/14 - Copper tree needs to be removed from the back of the garage at 112 The Spinney as it is dead Atlas quoted £100. Accepted on PO 1221



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	<p>096/14 - Overgrown hedging and shrubs to the rear of 96 Field View. To be cut back away from public footpath MWP to quote</p> <p>097/14 - Tree to the rear of 130 Spinney is very large and is blocking out light to several properties. Atlas quoted £140. Accepted on PO 1222</p> <p>098/14 - Self-setting tree to the rear of 50 Foxhollow (and next door) has started to knock over the garden fence. To be removed MWP to quote</p> <p>099/14 - Out of control blackberry bush to the side of 44 Appletrees needs to be totally removed as it is blocking public footpath. To be removed Atlas quoted £190. Accepted on PO 1223</p> <p>100/14 - Self-setting tree at the rear of 46 Appletrees (along spine path just past The Farmhouse) to be removed as it is encroaching on footpath. To be removed or cut back Atlas to quote</p> <p>102/14 - A large tree with fruit and berries is leaning on the back fence of 22 Partridge Drive. To be trimmed back or removed</p> <p>103/14 - A large tree on a small grassed area, by the side of 18 Robin Close garage to be reduced by 50%</p> <p>104/14 - 3 small trees laying on the ground and need to be removed at the skate park. This is not an urgent job, as the trees in question is along the perimeter of the park, but will need doing at some stage.</p> <p>105/14 - A large overgrown bush by 97 Watermead needs to be cut back</p>	
7.	<p>Items for information</p> <p>Dobbies Garden Centre – A planning application for signage at the new Garden Centre has been received and after inspecting the plans, the Parish Council had no objections.</p> <p>Bin Collections – BB reported that he has had many complaints from residents about the bins not being emptied by SCDC. This subject was discussed at length and it was agreed that a piece would be put in the Bar Hill News informing residents that the village bins were the responsibility of SCDC and we are experiencing problems at present.</p> <p>Overgrowth on private properties – BB brought up the subject of a property in Field View and the lack of attention the front of the house has received. The bushes are now encroaching on to the footpath. The Clerk replied that she has written to the homeowner on several occasions with no response and has written to the County Council indicating that the footpath is becoming impassable. MN saw a County Council employee taking photographs a few weeks ago, he thinks this may be because they are planning to do some cutting back.</p> <p>Wild Flowers – JD reported BediepsonsegBW informed the meeting that our website is now up and running. She will be sending all Councillor details to JMN so he can put these on the website. However, some Councillors did not wish to have their telephone numbers advertised but were quite happy for their email addresses to be included but it will be up to Councillors to let MN know of their preference.</p> <p>Menzies Hotel – BW has spoken with the Manager of the Hotel and he has asked that his name and number be given to our grass cutters and once they have been in contact he will arrange for the conifer trees to be cut back away from the grassed area.</p> <p>Parish Council Sign – AM reported that this has now been finalised and he was given the go</p>	C



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There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.00pm. The next Environment Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 5th November 2014.

Signed..... (Chair of the Environment Committee)