



Bar Hill Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting
held at Worship Hall, The Church, Bar Hill
7.33 pm on Thursday 28 April 2022

Present: B Waters Chairman of Parish Council and District Councillor
S Jenkins Vice-Chair of Parish Council
3 Councillors plus 35 members of the public/representatives of village groups

In Attendance: Bar Hill Parish Clerk and RFO

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman paid tribute to Roger Hall and all the work he had done for the village.

1. Apologies: Cllr G Tamulonis
Representatives from:
Police – PC Mani
Primary School – Charlotte Linden, Principal
Allotment Society
Health Walks
Bar Hill Library
NWR

2. Welcome representative from Stagecoach, David Boden

The chairman welcomed David Boden to the meeting and invited him to speak.

3. Presentation on the local bus service provided by Stagecoach from David Boden and an opportunity for members of the public and Councillors to ask questions.

An explanation of why changes to the bus services have happened was given. The main reason being the shortage of bus drivers. This shortage was due to many drivers moving on to become HGV drivers and high levels of sickness due to COVID. Stagecoach had to make a choice between putting out an unreliable and undeliverable timetable or make changes. Stagecoach wanted to keep the frequency of buses running from Bar Hill to 30 minutes, so the decision was made to merge the existing Number 6 and Number 5 buses into one service. They admitted that mistakes were made in the beginning and expressed apologies for the upset caused.

They are training new drivers and have 6 training buses in use for this purpose but need to be sure of staffing numbers before they can make any changes.

A potential new timetable has been drawn up and Stagecoach are looking for feedback from customers regarding this. It will include a fast-track service to Cambridge from Bar Hill every hour during peak times in the morning and afternoon/evening. If the response is positive, it will be implemented as soon as possible, likely the start of June 2022.

It was asked if the late bus would be coming back. There would be no late bus from Cambridge to Bar Hill as Stagecoach were not convinced there would be enough people using it to make it a viable option. If funding could be found to share the risk, it may be considered.

The meeting was informed that other services were affected by the driver shortage, and many have seen the frequency of services decrease.



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It was asked whether there would be a bus service between Bar Hill and Northstowe. The Northstowe road has not yet been adopted (and won't be until 2025) which can be

an issue for bus services, but Stagecoach is looking into bus services from Northstowe but not necessarily to Bar Hill.

A discussion was had regarding whether the bad service and bad timetabling was the reason for low passenger numbers or whether low passenger numbers were still due to COVID and people not wanting to use the bus. Until passenger numbers increase the frequency of buses from Bar Hill can't be increased.

It was asked that if the passenger numbers for the potential fast track hourly bus were high would the slower bus leaving between these services be cut, it was replied that no, this would not be the case and the slower bus would still run..

It was asked why the Sunday and Bank Holiday services, start late and end early. It was replied that is due to passenger numbers, and not something that Stagecoach can do anything about at the moment, but they will bear it in mind for the future when things are more prosperous.

6 members of the public left the meeting

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 29 April 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 had been circulated.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 April 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Parish Councillor Sue Jenkins, seconded Mervyn Pope - Approved.

5. Matter arising

There were none.

6. To receive the report from the Chair of Parish Council

The Chairman's report was included in the pack. The Chairman introduced the new Clerk for the Parish Council, Lyndsey Copeman. The Chairman thanked Kate Flack (assistant to the clerk) and Malcolm Cox (RFO) for their hard work during the period when the Parish Council didn't have a clerk. There were no questions raised.

7. To receive the report from the Environment and Amenities Committee Chair

This report was included in the pack. There were no questions raised.

8. To receive draft accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2022 (RFO)

Accounts were included in the pack. There were no questions raised.

9. To receive the community police officers report (if any)

No report was submitted.

10. To receive short reports from representatives of village organisations

Reports from the following organisations were included in the pack:

Bar Hill Allotments

8 o'clock club

Bar Hill Church

Bar Hill Community Market



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Bar Hill Community Hub
CraftShed
Skate Park Working Group

Cricket Club
Bar Hill Short Mat Indoor Bowls
Happy Hours Club
Bar Hill Health Walks
Bar Hill Library
Bar Hill NWR
Maple Surgery PPG
Bar Hill Primary School
Bar Hill Scouts
Bar Hill Village Hall Management Committee
Girlguiding
Bar Hill Childminding Group

Representative from CraftShed informed the meeting that the group had been asked by the Scouts to leave the building, as the Scouts would need it back. They are looking for alternative accommodation and asked the meeting to contact them if they have any ideas on where they could meet in future. There are 17 members in total, and they welcome all to the group. They would like to thank the Scouts for their support over the past 2 years.

Representative from Maple Surgery Patient Participation group asked for questions, there were no questions raised.

Representative from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust asked for questions, there were no questions raised.

Representative from LGBTQ+ asked for questions, there were no questions raised.

Representative from Skate Park working group informed the meeting that a Skate Park working party has been set up and they had had two meetings so far. They plan to ask the village about the design via a Parish poll and they hope the village will support the Skate Park. They hope to have 3D models to show by the time of the Village fete in July 2022. There are 10-15 people attending the meetings including young people. They are looking at getting quotes for high, medium, and low-cost options but they are only at the design stage at present. The proposed site for the Skate Park is either the site of the old skate park, or the site of the old Little Chef near Lolworth.

Representative from the Bar Hill Cricket Club spoke. He informed the meeting that Covid had been a big blow for the Cricket Club, but financially they had a good contingency and were able to keep going. They are looking forward to the future with the new season about to start. They expressed thanks to the Parish Council for their funding and support given. They expressed that all are welcome.

3 members of the public left the meeting

11. To receive the reports from the County and District Councillors

County Councillor Edna Murphy's report was included in the pack. No questions were raised.



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District Councillor Bunty Water's report was included in the pack. No questions were raised.

12. Any Other Parish Business

The chairman announced the Parish Office is open for calls and emails during working hours and open for visits between 9 and 11 am.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.54pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Signed Dated.....