

## **UPDATE FROM THE BARLOW TRUSTEES JUNE 2019**

Nearly 70 people attended the latest AGM on May 30th and feedback from the evening has been very positive.

As per the Constitution all the trustees have to resign on the night and some decided not to seek re-appointment so instead have stepped down completely.

Our thanks therefore go to the following for all their tremendous hard work on behalf of The Barlow before leaving the board.

Former Chair Christine Waring, Treasurer Colin Rigby, Kate Hopkins, Martin Smith and Mark Sutherland.

We must also express our appreciation to Sally Houghton who did a sterling job as Secretary to the Board but unfortunately has also stepped down.

**Hence we currently have an URGENT and very important volunteer vacancy for Secretary to the Board if someone out there is able to help us.**

The new board is still being formed but currently consists of

Stephen Danks: Vice-Chair/Acting Chair

Lynn Jeffries: Treasurer

Paul Allen, Yvonne Fleming, Phil McDermott and Peter Russell.

Phil Grundy and Nigel Truswell, who were elected at the AGM subsequently decided to withdraw.

The Parish Council has nominated four of the trustees and the board is keen to appoint other members as soon as possible.

Letters have therefore been sent to all The Barlow User Groups inviting their nominations before the end of June.

### **On-going developments update**

**Handover:** The former trustees are being very helpful in ensuring a smooth transition to the new board.

**Management /Delegated Powers:** The board is working with the volunteers to form a new Management Committee which it is hoped will soon have full delegated power for the day-to-day running of The Barlow.

**We are also always looking for new volunteers so please do contact us if you have a few hours to spare and would like to contribute something to your local community.**

**Unfortunately we have recently lost a number of very long serving volunteers who are not easy to replace so please do join us if you can.**

**Funding:** Negotiations with potential providers are still on-going and we will continue to make you aware of progress as it develops.

**ECRC:** The new board has supported a funding application to Viridor for new cricket nets.

Negotiations on the details of the new lease are still ongoing.

**Finances:** The volunteers continue to do an excellent job raising money including the recent Fun Day which was a tremendous success bringing in some £3,000.

Overall the finances continue to be in surplus and last year's accounts have now been finalised and submitted to The Charity Commission.

**Limited Liability:** The Steering Group's Report has been published on the website.

The board is currently taking legal advice on the best way to proceed in this matter and is also planning to hold a Public Consultation session later this year. More details to follow when available.

The new board will continue to publish minutes of its meetings on the website and also endeavour to keep you updated regularly by newsletters like this one.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you require any more information about what's happening at The Barlow or are interested in helping us in any way.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards  
Stephen Danks  
On behalf of The Barlow Trustees.  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

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