AT THE ANNUAL MEETING for the PARISHES OF BARKSTON AND SYSTON held in the Village Hall, Barkston, on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.50 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Miss M E Nussey Chairman of the Parish Council – in the Chair And 9 members of the public

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS

One Parishioner attended, and said that he was delighted that the Parish Council were taking on responsibility for the picnic area on Marston Road. He reminded the meeting that the historic name for Barkston was "Barkston-le-Willows", and said that to perpetuate this name he would be willing to donate towards the cost of planting willow trees in the picnic area.

Councillor Connor told the meeting that there were two types of willow tree common in the area, namely "crack" and "goat", but that neither of these types were favoured by the local fishing group, as they were, in effect, weeds, as they frequently dropped branches which rapidly grew, causing blockages. They were also prone to falling and obstructing the river. He suggested that alder and hawthorn would be preferable. He said that he would consult the Lincs. Rivers Trust for further advice.

The Parishioner was thanked for his comments, and offer, which was accepted.

There were no other matters raised, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Date	Signed
	Chairman