

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 9th April 2018

Present:

Mr G Judge (Chairman) Mr J Pearson Mr M Sanders	Mr P Wesley Mr D Holmes Mr Wilcock	Mr R Ford Cllr K Soons Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
5163	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Borough Cllr Houlder, Cllr Cousins, Cllr Kronbergs and Cllr Hudson	
5164	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
5165	PUBLIC FORUM None	
5166	To receive the Community Police Report. There was an issue on Grove Park earlier in the year where a dog attacked and killed another dog. The dog has now been removed. There was an attempted burglary at Burthorpe, the intruder was disturbed. The Clerk received an email regarding an RTA in Tuddenham appealing for witnesses.	
5167	Minutes of the last meeting Having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 th March 2018 were proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Ford with all Councillors in agreement.	
5168	Matters arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) a) Parish Council notice boards A local business has agreed to make a notice board, however there was a query over the location. It was agreed the best location would be next to the existing Parish Council notice board outside the Village Hall. b) Parking at the pond The same local business as above will make some signs to put up next to the pond to prevent cars parking on the verge.	
5169	VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE a) Dog bins An extra dog bin was needed and therefore the cost increased from £1,703 to £1,923.60. This additional cost was proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Sanders with all Councillors in agreement. There has been a request from the person that empties the bins for a bigger bin in the corner of the	

	<p>playing field. It was decided that no decision to increase the size of this bin would be made until the impact of the other bins has been assessed.</p> <p>b) Drainage, The Street After further investigation, after lifting the manhole cover it is evident that there is a large concrete block over the drain, this would need to be broken up and would cause significant damage. Until it is proven that this is the cause of the problems the residents are understandably reluctant to do this at present. The owner of the ditch that runs down the side of the playing field has been approached regarding clearing it, which he is willing to do however there are significant access issues due to the density of the trees and hedges running alongside it.</p> <p>Cllr Judge to arrange a further site meeting with Highways to try to find a long term solution. One option could be new pipework from the pond to the playing field but the Parish Council do not own the land and only have a right of way over it. Another option could be increasing the size of the pond.</p> <p>c) School keep clear road markings Money for the keep clear markings outside the school can not be obtained from the S106 monies for education as the markings are not for educational benefit and are a Highways issue. Cllr Soons has confirmed that she can use her locality budget to cover the cost, the school should have completed the form. The school are hoping for a contribution of £1000. They have asked if there is a shortfall would the Parish Council be willing to contribute. All Councillors were in agreement for the Parish Council to contribute should there be a shortfall.</p> <p>d) Access to The Green opposite hairdressers The Parish Council have asked for greater clarification on the quotes and a different specification. Cllr Wilcocks to check previous specification.</p>	GJ
5170	<p>Pigeon Developments</p> <p>As a Parish Council it is too early to make a decision on this. Cllr Judge proposed that the Parish Council should enter into dialogue with Pigeon Developments to get more information on timescales etc and help to shape the potential development.</p> <p>Cllr Cousins was concerned about creeping development between Barrow and Denham. And also has questions regarding affordability. He agreed it was in the public interest to enter into dialogue to shape the proposal, without this the planning application could be submitted without Parish Council input.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson was concerned that the relocation of the school may not achieve a great deal but would cost a considerable amount, however, this could ensure that Barrow would directly benefit from some of the S106 money allocated to education as a result of the development. Cllr Pearson also had concerns regarding affordable housing, there is no point in village development if young families can not afford to live here.</p> <p>The question was raised whether money would be better spent on a community building instead of a new school. The Parish Council are hoping</p>	

	<p>for a new community building if this development was to progress. There is the option of redeveloping the Village Hall site to raise funds. One possible site for a new school could be the Playing Field, however any change of use of the Playing Field would require a village wide referendum.</p> <p>It was decided that Cllr Judge, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Wilcock would meet with Pigeon Developments over the next few months to discuss.</p>	GJ, JP, MW
5171	<p>War Memorial / WW1 Anniversary</p> <p>The Clerk has been trying to obtain quotes for nearly a year and now has three quotes for the repair of the War Memorial. The Clerk will enquire about obtaining a grant for the works and look into timescales. The School and the Church are planning something for the Anniversary in November so it is important for the works to be carried out before then. The Parish Council could fund the works out of reserves whilst waiting for the grant to come through. Clerk to enquire if this is a possibility.</p>	
5172	<p>BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Houlder was not present.</p>	
5173	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>The main issue in the County is potholes, Cllr Soons confirmed there has been 11,000 customer reports compared to 6,000 last year. She encouraged people to know what they can claim should their cars get damaged. Information on the SCC website. The problem down Church Road is erosion which Highways will not do anything about. The Parish Council could consider using some of the S106 money from the new housing to repair, the drainage outlets are currently in the wrong place and need moving.</p> <p>£10,000 has been allocated for litter picking on the A14/A11 and A12.</p> <p>Cllr Ford enquired if there is a warranty on the surfacing of roads. Colethorpe lane has been resurfaced in the past few years and is once again in a bad state of repair.</p> <p>Cllr Judge made the observation that when the County Council outsourced Highways work to Keir, they would want to make a profit, does this mean that some of the money is being kept as profit and therefore less being spent on maintenance? Given the extensive problems with the roads, the public have a right to know if the outsourcing has worked, is the money spent in real terms the same? This winter has demonstrated the inefficiencies of outsourcing.</p> <p>Cllr Soons is struggling to get answers as she is not a portfolio holder.</p>	
5174	<p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>Cllr Judge has invited representatives from both the County Council and the Police and they have declined the invitation. This leaves two choices, either the existing format remains with organisations giving their annual reports, or there is a question and answer session with Cllr Judge, County Cllr Soons and Borough Cllr Houlder. Cllr Judge must give a Parish Council report and a financial report. It was decided to try the new format. The meeting will be held</p>	

	on 26 th April at 7pm in the Village Hall and the Clerk will publicise on the website, notice boards and Facebook.										
5175	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>A) Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Wilcocks, with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Invoices</p> <p>AS Pest Control £440 (Annual contract)</p> <p>AS Pest Control £65 (additional for Brittons Pond)</p> <p>McGregor Services £90</p> <p>MJ Nunn £8,720.62 (to be reclaimed from S106 monies)</p> <p>St Edmundsbury £603.20 (emptying of dog bins)</p> <p>Monies owing:</p> <table> <tr> <td>CDC</td> <td>£160</td> <td>Contribution to Newslink – Sept 2017 & Dec 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment holder</td> <td>£25</td> <td>Allotment rent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment holder</td> <td>£15</td> <td>Allotment rent</td> </tr> </table> <p>To confirm payments - Proposed by Cllr Holmes and Seconded by Cllr Wesley It was highlighted that Barclays have now started to pay interest on balances.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson raised a query regarding the INL Landscapes invoices last month, he confirmed that the accounts showed the amount including VAT not excluding VAT.</p> <p>c) Donation/grants requests None received.</p>	CDC	£160	Contribution to Newslink – Sept 2017 & Dec 2017	Allotment holder	£25	Allotment rent	Allotment holder	£15	Allotment rent	
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5176	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>DC/18/0403/HH Four Seas, Barrow Road, Denham, Bury St Edmunds House holder planning application – (i) Two storey side extension (ii) balcony to rear elevation (iii) 1no. Garage (follow demolition of 2no garages)</p> <p>No objection</p>										
5177	<p>To note the following planning determinations</p> <p>DC/18/0254/HH 19 Mill Lane Barrow IP29 5BS Householder Planning Application - Single storey side extension (following demolition of existing garage) Approved</p> <p>DC/18/0045/HH Briarwood Colethorpe Lane Barrow Suffolk IP29 5BG Householder Planning Application - Two storey side extension on west elevation Approved</p>										
5178	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>To note the following items of correspondence received since the last meeting and agree action as appropriate:</p> <p>05.03.18 SALC GDPR e-bulletin Issue 1 For information</p>										

	<p>03.04.18 SCC Highways A14 Matters Barrow & Saxham village Green Damage during night closures</p> <p>Cllr Judge to respond as a survey of the damage was meant to be carried out but does not appear to have been completed. Cllr Soons has confirmed she will support his response.</p> <p>04.04.18 West Suffolk Council Electoral Review For information</p>	
5179	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 14th May 2018, Committee Room, Barrow Village Hall at 7.15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 20:30pm</p>	

Signed: (Chairman)

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