

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2018**

Present:

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| Mr G Judge (Chairman) Mr M Sanders Mr D Cousins Cllr Pearson Mr P Wesley | Mr M Wilcock Mr R Ford Mr D Holmes Mr Z Kronbergs Mrs A Hudson | Miss J Pettitt County Councillor Soons Borough Councillor Houlder Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe |
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| 5264 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| 5265 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None | |
| 5266 | PUBLIC FORUM There were no members of the public present. | |
| 5267 | To receive the Community Police Report. The safer neighbourhood newsletter had been received. There was nothing directly relating to the parish. The report related to October 2018. | |
| 5268 | Minutes of the last meeting Having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 th November 2018, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Cousins with all Councillors in agreement. | |
| 5269 | VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE a) Drainage The drainage opposite the Three Horseshoes Pub has been a long standing issue. At the last meeting it was agreed that Cllr Judge would speak to the County Council regarding having the drains cleared prior to the Parish Council investing in clearing the pond and ditch. The representative from the County Council met Cllr Judge and had a clear plan of action. Providing the Parish Council clear the ditch and the pond, the County Council are willing to fund the installation of new pipework across the green to the end of the garden, bypassing the existing problem. A new chamber will be added that will lead to the ditch. The access road will be made good, however it was decided that the Parish Council re tarmac the rest of the access road, once this is done it will then become the residents responsibility to maintain it. Cllr Judge to speak to the residents. The Parish Council have received a quote to clear the ditch of £3,100. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund clearing the ditch and the pond and pay for the resurfacing of the access road. This was | GJ |

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| | <p>proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Pettitt with all councillors in agreement.</p> <p>b) Recycling issues Village Car Park The Clerk provided an update on the recycling issues. The new clothes banks should be installed by the end of the month and the clerk is continuing to chase the providers of the paper banks to upgrade the bins. It was pointed out that the newspaper banks no longer contribute to Great Ormond Street as advertised.</p> <p>c) Ponds Cllr Judge to Liaise with Cllr Wesley regarding the maintenance of the ponds.</p> <p>d) Street lighting on Bury Road The Parish Council have received a number of complaints regarding the street lighting on Bury Road. The pavement is very narrow, hedges overgrow and the street lighting is inadequate. The County Council are reluctant to install additional street lights as they are environmentally unfriendly. The requirement is for one additional light between Mill Lane and Sharpes Hill. Cllr Soons to find out the cost of installing a new street lamp. The question as raised, if S106 monies could be used to fund an additional lamp.</p> <p>e) Footpaths At the last meeting a complaint was received about the footpath between Ley Road and Watson Way. The Clerk received a quote of £90, to cut back the brambles and hedges along this footpath and at Green Farm Pond. The quote was accepted. This was proposed by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Cousins with all councillors in agreement.</p> | <p>KB</p> <p>GJ,PW</p> <p>KB</p> |
| <p>5270</p> | <p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) To receive the councils current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Pearson seconded by Cllr Hudson, with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>There was a query regarding grass cutting at the vicarage. Clerk to find out who authorise it.</p> <p>b) To confirm payments None presented</p> <p>c) To approve the budget Some changes have been made to the budget to include £3,000 in case of a contested election and additional money for grants and clerk training. This was approved by all Councillors.</p> <p>d) To agree the Precept for 2019 Cllr Pearson questioned why the Borough Council are collecting in excess of £8,000 which is not reflected in the precept received by the parish. The number of new homes is going to increase. It is important to establish what happens to the tax base with regards to new homes. Once the new West Suffolk Council has been formed Cllr Judge and Cllr Pearson will take this forward.</p> | <p>GJ</p> <p>KB</p> <p>GJ/JP</p> |

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| | <p>The decision was made to keep the precept the same at £33.97. This was proposed by Cllr Kronbergs seconded by Cllr Pearson with all councillors in agreement.</p> | |
| <p>5271</p> | <p>Pigeon Developments</p> <p>A further meeting with Pigeon Developments has taken place. Discussions have taken place to gain Parish Council support to take the idea to a public meeting in the Spring. The new West Suffolk Council will ask for potential sites to be put forward and it is likely that the land owner would put this site forward. There is also land on Bury Road which Bloor Homes have an option on.</p> <p>The Parish Council are not being asked to commit to anything but having an open dialogue with Pigeon Developments allows the opportunity to have a greater say regarding the 'mix' of housing. The Parish Council have expressed the importance of gettable housing in the form of more shared equity etc, to help young people stay in the village. There will also be more substantial houses. The possibility of shelter accommodation was also discussed. The suggested number of houses on this site is approximately 160.</p> <p>There have been discussions about the community facilities, going forward the village will need more facilities. The land would be provided on a leasehold basis, with a lease of up to 120 years. This would mean the land would stay within family ownership and would prevent future Parish Councils from building on it. It is also a way of 'donating' the land without the tax implications.</p> <p>Through discussions with the landowner and the Borough Council the Parish Council would ensure that S106 monies are ringfenced for the school and new recreational facilities meaning the village will directly benefit from these monies.</p> <p>The Parish Council have asked for a model of what the development could look like, showing a new community building, recreational facilities and housing. This would help everyone get a feel for how the new development could look. Currently no decisions have been made and nothing is set in stone.</p> <p>Other things to consider are cycle ways and traffic calming.</p> <p>If this development was to go ahead it would be a phased development over 10-15 years. The Parish Council would insist the recreational facilities form part of phase one, which subject to funding raising and planning permission could start in 4 to 5 years. This would help to future proof the village for the next generations.</p> <p>It was agreed that a Spring meeting for residents of the parish would go ahead. This was proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Pettitt with all councilors in agreement.</p> | |
| <p>5273</p> | <p>Newslink</p> <p>The Parish Council have received feedback regarding the content of Newslink, with some parishioners not seeing the value of the publication. The Parish Council believe it is important as not all parishioners have access to the</p> | |

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| | <p>internet and it is a good way for the Parish Council to communicate with the whole parish. Newslink came about because of the parish plan, it was hoped that the Stile would be delivered to every household but this was not possible. Cllr Judge suggested that instead of having sponsors, the cost of the publication could be covered by the Croziers account. It was decided that Newslink would continue, the Clerk and Cllr Kronbergs are to explore increased pagination, maybe to include a listing of local businesses, similar to that in the Village Welcome Pack. This was proposed by Cllr Judge and seconded by Cllr Wilcock with all councillors in agreement.</p> | <p>KB/ZK</p> |
| <p>5275</p> | <p>BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Houlder reported that the Shadow Council are in place while the two councils, transition and become one Council - West Suffolk Council.</p> <p>The Borough Council are completing their budget, Cllr Houlder confirmed that the council tax will not be going up. The aim is to harmonise the two councils over a seven year period as Forest Heath Band D currently pay £40 per month less than St Edmundsbury. The new council may decide to harmonise the two councils quicker. Despite Borough Council services reducing the council tax will not increase as voters did not want to vote for an increase and if both Councils are increasing it makes harmonising very difficult.</p> <p>The projections for the next two to three years are not getting any better. Putting up council tax does not make much difference, about a third of the income comes from council tax. Most of the income comes from services provided and rents.</p> <p>The new Council will have grants for sports facilities which Barrow could benefit from.</p> <p>Cllr Judge confirmed that the new tree on Papeley Meadow should be planted within the next 2 to 3 months.</p> | |
| <p>5276</p> | <p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT County Cllr Soons reported that Highways have appointed Mark Ash as Senior Director who has direct Highways experience.</p> <p>Cllr Soons has spoken to residents regarding flooding outside the shop. This problem has been reported time and time again and has never been solved. She suggested reporting again with photos of the problem. Clerk to report.</p> | <p>KB</p> |
| <p>5278</p> | <p>PLANNING</p> <p>DC/18/2205/HH 19 Simpson Way Barrow IP29 5EA Householder Planning Application - Single storey extension to front (east) and side (south) elevations</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>DC/18/2269/HH 25 Ley Road, Barrow, IP29 5DJ Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension</p> <p>No objection</p> | |

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| | <p>DC/18/2310/HH 3 Denham Barns, Lewkenors Granary Barrow Road Denham IP29 5EF Householder Planning Application - Extension of existing 1.3 metre high post and rail fencing along the eastern boundary incorporating a 6.3m section linked to the barn</p> <p>Objection The householder owns the access road which a number of properties have right of way over. The site plan within the planning application is incorrect. The plan does not show the bridge. The residents of Denham Hall have pedestrian and emergency vehicle access over this bridge, the proposed fence would block it off.</p> <p>The proposed fence would be placed on the surface of the driveway which would reduce the size of the driveway and make access for larger vehicles such as fire engines, oil tankers etc very difficult.</p> <p>The fence would also have a detrimental impact on the open aspect.</p> <p>David Cousins to email Clerk with the points to form basis for objection to the planning application.</p> | DC/KB |
| 5279 | <p>To note the following planning determinations DC/18/1833/HH Ashlea Denham Lane Barrow IP29 5DZ Householder Planning Application - Single storey rear extension APPROVED</p> | |
| 5280 | <p>Meeting Dates 2019 Meeting dates were approved. The meetings will be held on first Monday of the month with the exception of January and August as the Parish Council do not meet. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 11th April.</p> | |
| 5281 | <p>Correspondence To note the following items of correspondence received since the last meeting and agree action as appropriate:</p> <p>07.11.18 Karen Soons Locality grants Cllr Soons to confirm if this can be used for 30mph signs</p> <p>07.11.18 West Suffolk Parish Elections For information</p> <p>09.11.18 SLHC Recorder for Denham (Bury St Edmunds) Will be advertised in Newslink</p> <p>11.11.18 Karen Soons Locality Budget Application Form For information</p> <p>15.11.18 Local resident Gun Club Clerk to check planning applications for conditions and write to the Gun Club making a formal complaint. The Chairman had also received a complaint from Risby Parish Council.</p> | KB |

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| | <p>19.11.18 West Suffolk Council West Suffolk Call for Sites 2018 - Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) Previously circulated, for information</p> <p>23.11.18 First responders Barrow PAD SP1 Cllr Sanders to chase</p> <p>28.11.18 Karen Soons Accident Data For information</p> | |
| 5282 | <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 4th February 2018, Committee Room, Barrow Village Hall at 7.15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 9:15pm</p> | |

Signed: (Chairman)

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