

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 1st February 2021

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr M Howard Cllr Cousins Cllr Pettitt	Cllr Holmes Cllr Wesley Cllr Kronbergs Cllr Rawlings	Cllr Ford Cllr Hudson Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
5722	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pearson provided an update on his health issues. Cllr Bragg	
5723	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
5724	PUBLIC FORUM There were 44 members of the public present. Resident 1 asked why the Parish Council did not provide a site-specific response to the SHELAA consultation. Cllr Pearson stated that the Parish Council did not feel they were in a position to do this at this stage. The Parish Council is in the middle of the NHP which will help to provide the data needed to recommend sites. The resident was concerned that WSC will have gone ahead without taking into consideration what the residents want. Cllr Pearson stated that WSC allocation of sites will continue despite any comments from the Parish Council. The important thing to remember is the preparation of the NHP. When asked about timescales for the NHP Cllr Pearson suggested a timescale of another 18 months. He confirmed that the results of the survey were a later agenda item as now they have been audited the Parish Council are able to publish them. Cllr Pearson was asked if he could assure residents that when the time comes the NHP will allocate a preferred site to reflect if there is a preference by the residents of the village. Cllr Pearson confirmed that the Parish Council only have the opinion of those that completed the survey, and this would be used to help site allocation. Resident 2 - There has been some toing and froing between the Parish Council and Barrow Ducks. The resident asked for Parish Councillors to stop making derogatory comments about Barrow Ducks. The previous Parish Council thought future development was inevitable, however Barrow will need to accept about 77 new houses. The resident was proud of what Barrow Ducks has achieved, stopping excess development. The resident stated that	

	<p>during the last meeting, a Councillor wrote in the text chat that Barrow Ducks are Nimby's, this is not on. Barrow Ducks have 657 followers. The comment was inaccurate, inflammatory, and discourteous. It is unacceptable for a public officer to make such comments. Cllr Pearson confirmed that the chat function has been disabled. He was unaware of the chat function and assured it would not happen again. The resident hopes that Barrow Ducks and the Parish Council can move forward with a united front.</p> <p>Resident 3 – Are the sites allocated in the 2031 plan set in stone? The site put forward that remains inactive is the site by the school. It has been allocated for business use with the caveat that if it were not viable for business use it could be changed to residential. The site remains active. The school is keen to get some extra land for expansion to the school site. The resident asked if the Parish Council would encourage it to be housing instead so a business park to reduce the traffic and balance up where the centre of the village is. Could the council have an element of influence over where the entrance goes? If this happened the Parish Council would be involved in discussing the issues raised. There is a possibility for it to come forward within the next 10 years. Barrow is so far ahead of schedule on delivering 2031 which could make the village vulnerable.</p> <p>Cllr Howard confirmed the current status as allocated but it does not have planning permission, so it is not set in stone. RV2031 does not include a site map for the site or specific locations for entrance/exit to Colethorpe lane. It states that site plans must accommodate expansion of the school. It allocated for light industrial, RND labs and offices.</p> <p>Resident 4 – Barrow has developed very quickly and has not assimilated the development, the traffic, the people, the movement, the flooding. Seems unfair that because Barrow have accepted development that Barrow remains exposed for extra development.</p>	
5725	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Councillor Soons confirmed she has been working 12 hour shifts helping to deliver vaccines at one of the vaccination centres and apologised if she has not been as responsive.</p> <p>Newmarket has opened a new mass vaccination centre. They are delivering the Astra Zeneca vaccine to residents.</p> <p>Cllr Soons has spoken with Highways about the potholes on Barrow Hill which are particularly bad and have been reported. She attended a meeting about the surface water in Barrow but is aware this is on the agenda later.</p> <p>Report available on the website.</p>	
5726	<p>Presentation from Bloor Homes</p> <p>Cllr Pearson made it clear that at this stage the Parish Council was unable to give an opinion on the proposal.</p> <p>Bloor Homes gave a presentation on a development proposal for land off Bury Road. Bloor is based in Bury St Edmunds and is the largest privately owned</p>	

	<p>house builder in the UK. Bloor Homes made a representation for the NHP Call for Sites.</p> <p>A representative from Bloor Homes showed several slides. They believed they showed a good understanding of the existing village. They acknowledged the green spaces and the ponds and a desired to knit in with the existing fabric of the village. The site is on the Southern side of Bury and is approximately 10.2 hectares in size with easy access to the services in the village. The access would be off Bury Road. The existing woodland on the site would be extended to help create new habitats. The plans include a greenway walk around the perimeter of the development and its own village green with the opportunity for additional play equipment/benches. The proposal is for 190 properties with a range of smaller homes, family homes and bungalows. This is an ongoing process and Bloor Homes want to be proactive and have meaningful communication with the community.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson stated that housing numbers are a sensitive subject and that there is an active community against large scale development. He asked if Bloor Homes had taken on board what they had already heard. Bloor Homes confirmed they were introducing what they have already submitted to the NHP Call for Sites. There have been 190/200 new homes built since 2013. The District Council will look at planning over a 5 year rolling program and there is pressure to deliver more homes as the country remains in a state of housing crisis. Bloor Homes acknowledged this development might not happen but wish to continue dialogue as they feel there will be a degree of development in the future.</p>	
5727	<p>To receive the Community Police Report</p> <p>There was no updated policed report since the previous meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Rawlings confirmed he had taken on the role of message cascader. He has made contact with Suffolk Police and put a system in place where messages can be cascaded as quickly as possible. To date he has made contact with 14 organisations within the village. Messages will be posted on the website/Facebook and notice boards. Since taking on the role Cllr Rawlings has cascaded information about the proposed increase in police precept, COVID-19 scams, and crime figures for the Bury St Edmunds area. Cllr Rawlings encouraged people to pass on the information received to family and friends. Clerk to include a piece in Newslink about the new system.</p>	
5728	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020, a typographical error was corrected in minute ref 5712 c) of corrected to or, the minutes were proposed by Cllr Pettitt and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>The clerk confirmed the chat function had been disabled.</p> <p>Cllr Hudson confirmed that a meeting has taken place regarding the Eco Church and a report would follow.</p>	
5729	<p>COVID-19</p> <p>a) Feedback from Christmas delivery</p>	

	<p>The Christmas delivery was a huge success. There was a lot of positive feedback from both the recipients and the volunteers. It has been suggested that something similar happens at Easter time.</p> <p>b) New lockdown The Clerk confirmed that the volunteer scheme is still in place. The clerk rang every person on the database who have previous required help. Good Neighbours volunteers can help to take people to their vaccination appointments. If residents are unable to attend appointments, vaccinations can be administered at home.</p>	Clerk
5730	<p>Village Infrastructure</p> <p>a) Flooding from sewer at house in Bury Road, Barrow in garden and inside property. A Property on Bury Road suffered internal flooding just before Christmas. Highways and Anglian Water have attended. Anglian Water are trying to solve the problem.</p> <p>b) VAS on Colethorpe Lane The clerk confirmed that the post has now been ordered by Highways and will be installed within 14 weeks.</p> <p>c) Access road on the Green The access road on The Green is once again in bad repair. The clerk obtained a quote to have the kerb stones removed and replaced with higher ones, for the pavement to be resurfaced and the road to be levelled. The total cost was £5,038 plus VAT. Clerk to circulate the quote.</p> <p>d) Christmas lights The Parish Council received positive feedback on the Christmas lights. The lights were purchased from Cllr Houlder's locality budget. Cllr Wesley confirmed that there is plenty of room for more lights on the tree. Clerk to get a quote for additional lights and report back at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
5731	<p>Section 106 Monies Cllr Soons sent out a spreadsheet detailing the S106 monies. Large sums went to education which goes into the general budget. £41,843 was given to Highways from the last development. Cllr Soons to see if this can be spent on the pavement on Barrow Hill. The Parish Council want to see the community benefit from this money. Clerk to email details to Cllr Soons.</p>	Clerk
5732	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) Meeting 15th December 2020 There has been reoccurring drainage issues in the village. Cllr Kronbergs and Cllr Holmes attended a meeting with Cllr Soons and Highways. It was agreed that the most urgent problem was opposite the Doctor's surgery, it is intolerable that pedestrians are having to walk in the road. Letter of representation to Highways stating it is not acceptable to wait until 2022. Cllr Pearson asked what has happened to the gully emptier which remove the silt and take it away. No amount of jetting will solve the problems. There are instances on The Green where there are sumps available to take the water</p>	Clerk

	<p>but they are full of silt. Highways are saying that the Parish Council need to dredge the pond, which is in the plan, but it should not be a huge cost to remove the silt from the drains/sumps. Cllr Soons stated that because the water in the pond is higher than the outfall pipe you cannot flush out the silt as the silt would come back in as the pond is silted up.</p> <p>No amount of jetting in the gullies 80 yards from the pond will move the silt to the pond. The silt needs removing.</p> <p>Once the pond has been dredged, Cllr Soons will insist on the gullies being jetted. Cllr Pearson requested for the silt to be removed not jetted.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes stated that all the drains would have had ditches/drains that would have taken surface water from the ponds down the back of Brittons Road to Brockley Lane. Until the pipes are found and cleared the drainage issue will not go away.</p> <p>Highways want the pond done before they will start work on the gullies. Dredging the pond will help Highways identify the issue.</p> <p>Cllr Wesley stated that Barrow has had two of the wettest years on record. Cllr Wesley to obtain quotes to get the pond dredged, it is best for this to be done in the summer when the water level is at its lowest. Once the pond has been dredged pressure can be applied to Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson wants the Parish Council to continue to apply pressure on local issues as some of them are too far away from a pond for the pond to be an issue.</p> <p>b) Brittons Road, Barrow. - CR 296010 Covered under A.</p> <p>c) Flooding - Barrow. Covered under A</p> <p>d) Coalpit Lane – Flooding Flooding down Coalpit lane has been a reoccurring problem. The gullies are blocked and water is running off the fields. Clerk to forward information to Cllr Soons and to contact the landowner.</p>	
5733	<p>WSC SHELAA Letter Clerk confirmed updated letter was sent as agreed at the December meeting.</p>	
5734	<p>. Neighbourhood Plan a) Councillor Briefing See the report in appendix 1.</p> <p>b) Consultation Questionnaire The report was recently audited by the Clerk and no errors or mistakes were found. It was agreed by all Councillors that the report on the consultation questionnaire would now be published on the Parish Council website.</p>	Clerk

	<p>c) Newts See the report in appendix 1.</p> <p>Cllr Howard to write an article for Newslink and for Facebook.</p> <p>d) Design Code See the report in appendix 1.</p> <p>Cllr Howard proposed accepting the Design Code, this was seconded by Cllr Kronbergs.</p> <p>Clerk to publish it on the website along with the questionnaire results.</p> <p>e) Habitat Regulation Assessment See the report in appendix 1.</p> <p>f) Housing numbers See the report in appendix 1.</p> <p>The Parish Council do not determine the housing numbers, the UK Planning Inspectorate will determine if the numbers used within the NHP are fair and reasonable and have a solid base. Planning Direct recommend moving forward with the AECOM calculation of 154 houses of which 77 are in the pipeline. Cllr Howard asked the Councillors if they were happy to proceed based on these numbers. It was proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Ford that the Parish Council progress with the NHP based on the AECOM numbers. When the UKPI carry out their detailed review they may make comments/suggestions or have an issue with the housing numbers, but this does not mean that the NHP would fail, it would need to be corrected by the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
5735	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Houlder stated that S106 money is put into a big pot which the District Council has very little control of. He commented on the poor state of the pavements on Barrow Hill.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder was pleased he was able to help with the cost of the Christmas lights for the village.</p> <p>West Suffolk Council are struggling financially as a result of COVID. Costs have increased significantly; they are supporting the APEX and Abbeycroft Leisure.</p> <p>Cllr Howard stated that one of the subjects that came up at the councillor briefing was about the emerging local plan for Suffolk. The planners are considering several strategic options to achieve their housing target of 850 per year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) creation of one or more large new settlements along the A14 2) Concentrate development in the larger population centres 3) development in major population centres, key service centres 4) Spread the development around. 	

	<p>Cllr Howard thought option one was a non-starter due to lack of funds for infrastructure, option 2 would not hit targets and therefore logic dictates that their strategic option will be to concentrate development in populations centres, key service centres and other villages. Cllr Houlder has seen a push from smaller villages and hamlets who wish to maintain their communities and accept development. These communities are pressing hard to allow development in their villages. WSC are very keen on Key Service Centres. The planning department are reluctant to develop Risby due to the Stone Curlew protection area. The protection areas are making it impossible to give some area the economic growth they are asking for.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder stated that both him and the previous Parish Council were reluctant for Barrow to become a Key Service Centre. The location of Barrow is good for development due to being in the countryside/services/easy access.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder confirmed he agreed with Cllr Howards assessment.</p>																	
5736	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) To receive the council's current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts were proposed by Cllr Holmes seconded by Cllr Cousins with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>b) To confirm payments</p> <p>PAYMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st FEBRUARY 2021</p> <div><div><div><div></div></div><div>2020/2021 Accounts</div></div><div><div>EXPENDITURE</div><table><tr><th>Cheque No.</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>BACS</td><td>Verse</td><td>£240.00</td><td>Printing <u>Newslink</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div></div> <p>Hammond Ford - £180 for work completed November to January.</p> <p>The payments were proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Rawlings with all in agreement.</p> <p>c) Finance support for the impact of Covid-19 on the tax base for 2021 to 2022</p> <p>Grant offered of £232 due to COVID. It was agreed to take the money as a single payment instead of altering the agreed precept. This was proposed by Cllr Pettitt and seconded by Cllr Holmes.</p>	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Notes					BACS	Verse	£240.00	Printing <u>Newslink</u>					
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5737	<p>Recommendations of the Delegation Panel 15 December 2020 DC/20/1065/FUL - Planning Application - (i) temporary mobile home (ii)horse walker - Land off Colethorpe Lane, Barrow – Now approved.</p>																	

5238	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>DC/20/2192/HH 3 Hudson Way Barrow IP29 5DS Householder planning application - detached car port</p> <p>Object due to not in keeping with the surrounding area.</p> <p>DC/21/0045/HH 2 Bury Road Barrow Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 5DE Householder planning application - two single storey side and rear extensions</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>DC/21/0052/FUL Grove Farm Colethorpe Lane Barrow IP29 5BE Planning application - partial change of use of farm building and external area to offices (class E), workshop and storage and distribution (class B2 and B8)</p> <p>No objection</p>																	
5739	<p>DC/20/2071/HH Dale Tree Cottage 42 Bury Road Barrow IP29 5AB Householder planning application - annexe (following demolition of existing outbuilding)</p> <p>Planning application circulated via email, no objections received.</p>																	
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5741	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>07.12.20 Office for National Statistics Census is Coming! Households across England and Wales will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. For information – include in Newslink</p> <p>07.12.20,08.12.20, 11/12/20 Resident PC Meeting For information</p> <p>10.12.20 Resident Christmas For information</p> <p>14.12.20 Resident Brittons Road Drainage For information</p> <p>14.12.20 Karen Soons Home but not alone phonline For information</p> <p>21.12.20 Karen Soons Suffolkonboard bus timetable updates</p>																	

	<p>For information</p> <p>22.12.20 Karen Soons Suffolk Coronavirus cases accelerate at an alarming rate For information</p> <p>06.01.21 Karen Soons January Report For information</p> <p>12.01.21 West Suffolk Council Message from Cllr John Griffiths, Leader of West Suffolk Council, to Town & Parish Councils: Business Grants For information</p> <p>14.01.21 Suffolk County Council Secretary of State for Transport's decision issued - Suffolk TWAO For information</p> <p>14.01.21 Karen Soons Suffolk Coronawatch Bulletin 14 January 2021 For information</p> <p>18.01.21 Councillor Castle Camps Dog messing in public areas For information – Cllr Rawlings to write a piece for Newslink</p> <p>28.01.21 West Suffolk Council Message from Councillor John Griffiths, Leader of West Suffolk Council to Town & Parish Councils For information</p> <p>Various SALC E-Bulletins For information</p>	
5742	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 1st March 2021, virtual meeting via Zoom at 7.15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 9:32pm</p>	

Signed: (Chairman) date.....

Appendix 1

Mark Howard

28 January 2021

Neighbourhood Plan Report

a) Councillor Briefing

An invitation was sent to new councillors for a briefing on the background to the NHP. This was carried out recently and most councillors attended. The agenda covered national targets; regional & local targets, local Plans; NPs and the B-c-D NP. For clarity no decisions or resolutions were made – it was a briefing.

b) Consultation Questionnaire

The Parish Clerk recently audited the report on the consultation questionnaire and found no mistakes or errors.

The document will be revised shortly to include a note on the date of the 2011 census data and the resulting revision 1.0 will be sent to the parish clerk.

I recommend we publish the report on the PC web-site.

c) Newts

This is covered by a recent paper to all councillors but to recap:-

An action from the last meeting was to supply the newt report to AECOM and Planning Direct. This has been done.

As far as the NP is concerned no further actions are required.

However, given that GCNs are a protected species and it's likely that the PC would wish to play their part in their protection, I also asked AECOM's advice as to what further actions we might take. They suggested contacting Suffolk Biodiversity Service as a first step.

This is a service run by local authorities including WSC to log sightings of flora and fauna by members of the public. The data is used by researchers, ecologists, environmental bodies and developers.

GCNs are a priority species for Suffolk Biodiversity and previously they had no record of GCNs in B-c-D but would be very interested to receive news of sightings. Other nearby parishes such as Saxham, Hargrave and Horringer do have records of sightings.

We do not have permission to pass on the information provided to us by parishioners to Suffolk Biodiversity.

So, the recommendation is that we write to the 8 parishioners and tell them about the Suffolk Biodiversity log and they can decide for themselves if they would like to log their data. A draft email is included in the notes provided to councillors.

Secondly, we can put out a more general note in Newslink and Facebook to tell other parishioners about Suffolk Biodiversity - this is timely as spring is the time when the newts move from their hibernating sites back in to the ponds, so most sightings occur.

I recommend we proceed as per the recent note.

Ecologists reports are not required for any of these actions. If other councillors wish to make the case that the PC should fund an ecologist report for the whole parish, then they should do so. It is not required for the NP and would not be covered by a grant. If the case for an ecologist report is to

be made then the reasons for the PC spending a significant amount of public money should be made - on a matter that developers would normally cover at no cost to parishioners.

d) Design Code

We previously reviewed the draft Design Code document and provided our feedback to AECOM. Recently, we received the amended Design Code and this has been sent to councillors.

The revised document also includes some new text as a result of a review by Locality (the NP funding body). Their review seems to have occurred concurrently with the review resulting from our feedback. I cannot see that the resulting changes are not significant.

I think the resulting Design Code will be a useful document to help ensure any new development is in-keeping with the character of B-c-D.

I recommend we accept the finalised Design Code and we publish it alongside the consultation report.

e) Habitat Regulation Assessment

The Habitat Regulation Assessment is being carried out by AECOM and this will provide us with data and advice on natural habitats – such as the Stone Curlew Special Protection Area.

The HRA continues and AECOM recently requested further data. I sent to them the call for sites data; data on Barrow Business Park and a draft copy of the consultation questionnaire report.

f) Housing numbers

Previously, we had received two sets of housing calculations – one from AECOM and one from West Suffolk.

The West Suffolk calculations showed that if the parish had seen higher levels of development in recent years this would result in a higher housing requirement in the future. This seems fundamentally flawed.

I asked Planning Direct for their guidance and councillors will have received a report on their findings.

We need to decide on which set of housing numbers we are to proceed with in order for the next parts of the NP to have a solid basis.

For clarity, it is likely that the UK Planning Inspectorate will be the final arbiters of whether the housing numbers are correctly calculated. For clarity, at this stage we are simply deciding which set of numbers we should use as a basis for the next steps in the NP.

The recommendation from Planning Direct is clear – to proceed with the AECOM numbers which are 154 houses over the plan period of which 77 are in the pipeline - although it should be noted that these numbers are subject to change with time and are >1 year old.

I recommend we accept their recommendations.