

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY
14th OCTOBER 2021**

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr R Rawlings Cllr Pettitt Cllr K Rawlings	Cllr Holmes Cllr Kronbergs Cllr Bragg Cllr Steer	Cllr Wesley Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
5929	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies from Cllr Cousins	
5930	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
5931	<p>PUBLIC FORUM One member of the public was present.</p> <p>The Councillors were asked if the AECOM used a scoring method for site selection and what weighting the parish consultation had. Cllr Kronbergs confirmed there is not a percentage scoring method, all documents/report and assessment are taken into consideration. AECOM use a RAG method for categorising sites, WCS use red (deferred) and blue (available). The sites North of the school have been listed as red by both WSC and AECOM as they are outside the development boundary. Cllr Kronbergs acknowledged the results of the survey were strongly in favour of these sites but stated it would be very difficult to argue for these sites as they are deferred sites.</p> <p>The local resident stated that one of the sites already has permission to be used as a business park, but should this be deemed unviable it could be used for housing, and raised concerns that should another site be accepted for the full number of houses, the village could see addition housing to the North if the business park is deemed unviable.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson confirmed that it was only a small part of the site (1 hectare) that was allocated for business use. He confirmed the Parish Council would not support the argument that it is not viable for business use given that several businesses have moved out of the village or shut down completely due to lack of premises in the village. If houses are agreed on that site, then the Parish Council could be unlocking a huge amount of land for development.</p> <p>The resident stated that development in the North would fit with the parishioner's view based on the results of the consultation. Cllr Kronbergs</p>	

	<p>stated the local plan is not set in stone, but it is very unlikely that WSC would change their mind on deferred sites.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that AECOM had been provided with the results of the consultation plus all the reports and assessments completed to date to aide them with the site selection process. Both WSC and AECOM agree that there are no sites in the North that are suitable. Cllr Kronbergs stated it was not the Parish Councils decision to class these sites as unsustainable and undeliverable.</p>	
<p>5932</p>	<p>New Councillors acceptance of office Cllr Rawlings and Cllr Steer signed their acceptance of office forms in front of the councillors present at the meeting. The form was then signed by Cllr Pearson.</p>	
<p>5933</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan a) To consider the Council's response to the Site Options and Assessment Draft Report from AECOM</p> <p>There are two sites in the AECOM report listed as green. One (BD9) cannot be accepted as BD9 would close the gap between Barrow and Denham. BD10 is already subject to a planning application.</p> <p>The NHP working party looked at the amber sites and concluded that the best site is BD13 albeit a reduced area. The area being considered it the part closest to Daletree Road and Lion Green. The whole site would result in development being too close to Burthorpe. The fall-back option would be BD12, land off Barrow Hill. Cllr Kronbergs to ask AECOM if it is sensible to give a fall-back option in case BD13 is undeliverable.</p> <p>The sites North of the village have been classed as red (deferred) by West Suffolk Council (WSC) and red by AECOM. It would be very difficult to argue those sites despite the results of the consultation supporting that area.</p> <p>Cllr Kronbergs confirmed that the NHP would be reviewed every few years after Cllr Pearson raised concerns of the NHP being 'spent' after the development is completed. It is important not to leave Barrow vulnerable for more development.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would support BD13 subject to the reduced area. Developers may claim that access will be more difficult if the area is reduced. This will need to be negotiated with WSC. The site provides the least damage to coalescence and maintains the shape of the village.</p> <p>In December 2021 Cllr Kronbergs will attend a further meeting with WSC to discuss the change in Government methodology for the HNA calculation. The Government are stepping back from piling development into rural locations in favour of urban and brown field sites. This could see the HNA number being reduced.</p>	<p>ZK</p>

	<p>b) To consider delegation of powers concerning the Neighbourhood Plan to the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee</p> <p>To reduce the number of extraordinary meetings required, Cllr Kronbergs suggested delegating decision-making powers to the sub-committee. The timetable for the next consultation (hopefully February) will require rapid decision making. The clerk confirmed that the sub-committee is bound by the same rules as a full parish council meeting and that the agenda must be published ahead of the meeting. Cllr Kronbergs proposed the motion to give delegated powers to the NHP Sub-committee. This was seconded by Cllr Rawlings. The councillors voted on this motion. All agreed. Clerk to update the terms of reference.</p> <p>c) To appoint two new members of the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee</p> <p>Cllr Steer agreed to join the NHP committee. Another member is required, clerk to make it an agenda item for November meeting</p>	
5934	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Parish Council Meeting Monday 1st November 2021 at 7:15pm in the Committee Room</p> <p>The meeting was closed 8:05pm</p>	

Signed: (Chairman) date.....