

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 5th September 2022

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr R Rawlings Cllr T Bragg	Cllr Kronbergs Cllr Cousins Cllr Ford	Cllr Wesley Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6155	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Steer, Cllr Holmes, Cllr K Rawlings	
6156	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
6157	<p>PUBLIC FORUM There were 26 members of the public present.</p> <p>One resident raised concerns about the size of the trees outside the Town Estate Room. The trees have grown around the electric cables and could pose a risk during a storm. The Parish Council confirmed quotes would be obtained. Cllr Bragg stated that all the trees along the street need to be looked at.</p> <p>A resident asked about progress with WSC regarding the number of dwellings required. Cllr Kronbergs confirmed the recommendation of the NHP subcommittee was to accept the figure of 170 new dwellings. The committee has come to the conclusion that there is no feasible way to reduce this number. The consultants advised that the plan would be rejected.</p> <p>WSC have changed their approach, WSC need X number of new homes in the district, these homes are then allocated out. There has been an increase of number of homes to be allocated to the local area.</p> <p>The policy to move away from villages has not yet fed through to local councils. With the change in government everything is currently up in the air.</p> <p>One resident stated that the Barrow Protest Group has succeeded in delaying development. Had the protest group have not got involved the houses could have been under development by now and the village would be 160 homes ahead of where it is now.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson drew attention to the site selection process and stated that councillors will have to vote on site selection, the NHP will have to go to referendum. He reminded residents that the NHP will not stop development. If the NHP is voted down the village will be totally exposed.</p>	PW

	<p>IT was confirmed that Barrow Ducks supported the NHP.</p> <p>The NHP is an enormous piece of work which residents will get to vote on.</p> <p>The WSC local plan was due to be adopted in December 2023 but this has been delayed to June 2024. The Parish Council aim to have the NHP adopted ahead of the local plan.</p>	
6158	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 4th July 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr R Rawlings and seconded by Cllr Kronbergs with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>The minutes from the NHP committee meeting on 25th August 2022 were proposed by Cllr R Rawlings and seconded by Cllr Ford with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	
6159	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Soons gave an overview of her report (available on the website). She encouraged residents to contact her if they have any issues.</p> <p>Cllr Soons was asked about the road between Barrow and Bury. She confirmed the road would be reinstated. The County Council had been paid an enormous sum of money to grant a licence for the works. She is hopeful the County Council will limit any future closures. The plan is to restart the work in a more organised manor. Cllr Pearson asked if Barrow could receive something as compensation for the disruption as many residents have been financially affected by the closures.</p> <p>Clerk to email Cllr Soons for update on work on pavement opposite the Doctors.</p>	Clerk
6160	<p>Presentation from Representative(s) of BD13 (Land off Bury Road)6</p> <p>A representative from Bloor gave an overview of the company and acknowledged that development is an emotive issue. The land off Bury Road has been identified in the local plan as a preferred site for 150 new homes. Bloor have made representations to WSC who confirmed there were no significant constraints. The Parish Council were given a brochure containing a concept plan (this is available to view, contact the Parish Clerk). Bloor expressed they are keen to engage with the local community.</p> <p>Existing trees and hedge rows will be retained, and additional trees will be planted. Bloor are happy to discuss community facilities, cycle paths, pedestrian links and wish to work with the parish council and incorporate the design guide.</p> <p>A concept master plan is underway which includes enhancing the landscape buffer to avoid coalescence with Burthorpe Green.</p> <p>Houses will have air source heat pumps and electric charging points. The planned density is 32 houses per hectare. There is a plan to include pocket parks within the new development.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Kronbergs asked if access from Bury Road was viable. It was confirmed that the consultants from Highways had no concerns regarding access from Bury Road.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about green spaces. In previous developments the spaces have been unkept. The parish council was assured that nothing is fixed yet, the concept plan is up for discussion and alteration. The landscape would form part of the planning process.</p> <p>It as stated that the Parish Council has been criticised in the past for received very little in community benefits from previous developments. Bloor responded by confirming they had looked at the results of the last consultation and could consider enhancing that current village hall, subsidies for bus services for 20 years, expansion of the school, expansion of the doctors/larger site, upgrading sports facilities or upgrading footpaths. The S106 agreement would be drawn up after consultation with the Parish Council.</p>	
6161	<p>Presentation from Representative(s) of BD6, BD8 and BD12 (Land to the East and West of Barrow Hill)</p> <p>The representative of the landowners (of the above parcels of land) stated that these landowners have come together to deliver a high quality community focused scheme. A handout was given to the Parish Councillors (this is available to view, contact the clerk).</p> <p>The benefits of the site include employment opportunities, which the Parish Council would be invited to be a trustee of, giving the Parish Council direct involvement ensuring sustainability, community facilities – land for a new community building, formal recreation ground of 5 hectares, the equivalent of 4 football pitches.</p> <p>The proposal includes 170 homes (density 30 homes per hectare) with a mix of affordable housing. The homes will be sustainable and carbon zero. The Parish Council will be invited to be on the design panel. Rights of way and connectivity are very important. Opportunity to improve cycle paths and pedestrian footpaths. Contribution towards bus routes providing viability.</p> <p>Wildlife/ecology and habitat are at the forefront of the proposal. Areas of information green space will be ecology focused. There will be formal areas for recreation.</p> <p>It was stated that this could be a once in a generation opportunity to deliver community benefits to the village as there are three willing local landowners.</p> <p>The Parish Council and residents will be able to have their say on the plans.</p> <p>There will be a mix of homes, affordable/bungalows/opportunities for self builds and a mixed-use scheme for employment including care home and space for start-ups.</p> <p>Willsummer Wood will be protected and expanded. Denham and Burthorpe will retain their character and identity. The proposal includes two access roads of Barrow Hill.</p>	

	<p>The representative was asked if he was confident, they could deliver the houses plus space for amenities and open space. The proposal is for 100 houses to the east and 70 houses to the west. The land allocated for housing meets the needs of 170 homes without encroaching on employment land.</p> <p>Local landowners want any S106 monies ringfenced for the village.</p>	
6162	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>Given the information received regarding the two sites, site selection will be made at a meeting at a later date. The site selection will be made on the merit of the site itself. Cllr Kronbergs proposed holding an extraordinary meeting next Monday with the full council in attendance. Clerk to check councillors' availability.</p> <p>It is important that a decision on the number of houses and the preferred sites is made soon as without this the policies can not be finalised. Once the draft NHP has been completed a Regulation 14 consultation will take place. Once this consultation has been taken on board the NHP is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. If it is approved the final stage, is the referendum. Everyone on the electoral roll is eligible to vote.</p> <p>The sub committee is recommending the housing number remains at 170.</p>	Clerk
6163	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) Roadworks - between Westley & Saxham - CR 365755</p> <p>The work on the gas main from Bury to Saxham will resume but will be more adequately resourced. Cllr Pearson proposed that we request a freedom of information request to find out how much money Suffolk Highways was paid for the work. This was seconded by Cllr Wesley.</p>	Clerk
6164	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Houlder confirmed the importance of a NHP. It is an important tool to get points across to WSC and to steer the village for the future.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder raised concerns about the cost-of-living crisis and questioned what the government could do to help.</p> <p>The District Council is being very careful with its budget, the impact of the cost of COVID has been huge. There is very little spare money.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson raised concerns about home working. Offices are sitting empty. The clerk raised concerns about the service received, especially from the planning department. Two weeks to reply to emails and phones going straight to voicemail.</p>	
6165	<p>To receive the Community Police Report</p> <p>See Appendix one for the police report.</p>	
6166	<p>Your Police Your Say - public meeting dates announced for 2022</p> <p>For information – dates are on the noticeboard</p>	

6167	<p>Community infrastructure</p> <p>a) Painted Rocks bench This is ongoing, awaiting the engineer's proposal.</p> <p>b) Papeley Meadow Bus Shelter Cllr Pearson to replace pain of glass, cost authorised up to £100 this was proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Kronbergs</p> <p>c) Fly tipping A report of fly tipping in the village car park. This has been cleared.</p> <p>d) Parking on the Green The Parish Council received a complaint about parking on The Green. Permission had been given for a gravelled area to be used as a turning point. This is now being used regularly for parking cars. Cllr Pearson to speak to the resident. Clerk to re-agenda for October meeting.</p> <p>e) Footpaths – Dog mess There have been increasing reports of dog mess on footpaths. Clerk to order signs. This was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Wesley.</p> <p>f) 20mph speed limit request There has been a request to introduce a 20mph speed limit in the village. Cllr Pearson did not think Barrow would qualify or fit the criteria. Clerk to email Cllr Soons. Concerns were raised about the attitude of people and policing a change in speed limit.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6168	<p>Sports changing facility – S106 Monies The Parish Council are seeking competitive quotes for power. Cllr Wesley to contact Network Power.</p>	PW
6169	<p>Simpson Way Open Space The Clerk contacted WSC to arrange a meeting regarding the Grove Park open space. After several phone calls it was established that the open space should be treated as a floral lawn and not a wildflower meadow, meaning it should be cut every six weeks not once a year. The Green has now been cut and will be on a six weekly cutting rota.</p>	
6170	<p>Dalham/Denham Confirmation order After a long running dispute, the footpath has been reinstated.</p> <p>Clerk to find out when the new signage will be in place and when it will appear on OS maps.</p>	Clerk
6171	<p>Phase Two discretionary Council Tax Rebate Grant For information</p>	
6172	<p>Suffolk Wildlife Trust - Consideration of the Natural Environment and Biodiversity in Neighbourhood Plans This is a paid for service, in order for the Parish Council to use it, it would be necessary to find a grant to cover the cost. Cllr Kronbergs to look into it.</p>	ZK

6173	Suffolk Climate Action Community Match Fund Clerk to speak to Village Hall Management Committee to see if they are interested in matched funding for solar panels/charging points.	Clerk																																																																								
6174	West Suffolk Council - Community Chest funding round for 2023-24 is now open An opportunity for community groups to apply for funding for a one-off project. Clerk to ask if the changing facility on the playing field would be considered.	Clerk																																																																								
6175	SALC a) SALC ebulletins For information b) SALC area forums - September 2022 15 th September at 7pm, Cllr Kronbergs to attend.																																																																									
6176	Financial Matters a) To receive the council's current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr R Rawlings with all Councillors in agreement. b) To confirm payments <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p>2022/2023 Accounts</p> <p>EXPENDITURE</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1137 1225 1843"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BACS – 18/07/2022</td> <td>Verse</td> <td>£340.00</td> <td>Newslink Printing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 18/07/2022</td> <td>Mr T Austin</td> <td>£152.00</td> <td>June wages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD – 23/7/2022</td> <td>Wave</td> <td>£52.18</td> <td>Allotment water</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 29/07/2022</td> <td>Kat Bowe</td> <td>£565.00</td> <td>July wages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 01/08/2022</td> <td>Mr T Austin</td> <td>£152.00</td> <td>July wages</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 08/08/2022</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£38.00</td> <td>July PAYE/NI</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 09/08/2022</td> <td>RH Landscapes</td> <td>£708.00</td> <td>June grass cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 09/08/2022</td> <td>Kat Bowe</td> <td>£157.60</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 24/08/2022</td> <td>RH Landscapes</td> <td>£798.00</td> <td>July grass cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 24/08/2022</td> <td>McGregor Services</td> <td>£462.00</td> <td>July grass cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 24/08/2022</td> <td>RH Landscapes</td> <td>£708.00</td> <td>May grass cutting (rec'd invoice late)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 24/08/2022</td> <td>McGregor Services</td> <td>£570.00</td> <td>June grass cutting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS – 30/08/2022</td> <td>Kat Bowe</td> <td>£565.00</td> <td>August wages</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>RECEIPTS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1946 1225 2051"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Rec'd from</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>01/08/2022</td> <td>Salvation Army</td> <td>£78.99</td> <td>Recycling credit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>05/08/2022</td> <td></td> <td>£154.00</td> <td>Burial plot??</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24/08/2022</td> <td>F Harris – Fair rent</td> <td>£100.00</td> <td>Fair rent</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Date	Payee	Amount	Notes	BACS – 18/07/2022	Verse	£340.00	Newslink Printing	BACS – 18/07/2022	Mr T Austin	£152.00	June wages	DD – 23/7/2022	Wave	£52.18	Allotment water	BACS – 29/07/2022	Kat Bowe	£565.00	July wages	BACS – 01/08/2022	Mr T Austin	£152.00	July wages	BACS – 08/08/2022	HMRC	£38.00	July PAYE/NI	BACS – 09/08/2022	RH Landscapes	£708.00	June grass cutting	BACS – 09/08/2022	Kat Bowe	£157.60	Expenses	BACS – 24/08/2022	RH Landscapes	£798.00	July grass cutting	BACS – 24/08/2022	McGregor Services	£462.00	July grass cutting	BACS – 24/08/2022	RH Landscapes	£708.00	May grass cutting (rec'd invoice late)	BACS – 24/08/2022	McGregor Services	£570.00	June grass cutting	BACS – 30/08/2022	Kat Bowe	£565.00	August wages	Date	Rec'd from	Amount	Notes	01/08/2022	Salvation Army	£78.99	Recycling credit	05/08/2022		£154.00	Burial plot??	24/08/2022	F Harris – Fair rent	£100.00	Fair rent	
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	<p>The payments were proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Cousins</p> <p>c) To approve invoices</p> <p>McGregor Services £380 Hammond Ford £297.50</p> <p>The above invoices were approved. They were proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Wesley</p>	
6177	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>Ref Location Application Details</p> <p>DC/22/0757/HH Highfields 9 Mill Lane Barrow Suffolk IP29 5BS Householder planning application - part two storey, part single storey rear extensions (following demolition of conservatory)</p> <p>No Objection</p> <p>DC/22/1348/HH 3 Stoney Lane Barrow Suffolk IP29 5DD Householder planning application - a. installation of one window to ground floor front elevation b. single storey rear extension c. first floor rear extension above dining room. d. first floor rear extension over utility</p> <p>No Objection</p> <p>DC/22/1390/LB The Gables 19 Bury Road Barrow IP29 5AE Application for listed building consent - single storey side extension with weatherboarding cladding to match existing dwelling</p> <p>No Objection</p>	
6178	<p>To note the following planning determinations</p> <p>DC/21/2279/FUL Land Adjacent 16 The Green Barrow Suffolk Planning application - a. two dwellings; b. creation of windows within boundary walls; c. widening of existing access and d. associated parking (following demolition of outbuilding and swimming pool - Approved</p> <p>DC/21/2280/LB Land Adjacent 16 The Green Barrow Suffolk Application for listed building consent - a. two dwellings (following demolition of outbuilding and swimming pool); b. creation of windows within boundary walls – Approved</p>	
6179	<p>Planning application circulated during August; no objections received from councillors</p> <p>DC/22/1159/HH 16 Simpson Way Barrow Suffolk IP29 5EA Householder planning application - single storey rear extension</p> <p>For information</p>	

6180	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3 rd October 2022 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed 9:20pm	
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Signed: (Chairman) date.....

APPENDIX ONE

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – SEPTEMBER '22 MESSAGES

There were no messages from the Police to cascade this month.

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF MAY '22 – Total number = 3

Violence & Sexual = 1

Anti - Social Behaviour = 1

Other Theft = 1

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
Other Theft	On or near Poplar Close	Under Investigation
Anti – Social Behaviour	On or near Johnson Rd	No crime line data
Violence & Sexual	On or Near Cedar Road	Unable to prosecute suspect

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE '22 – Total number = 5

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
Criminal Damage/Arson	On or near Cedar Road	Under investigation
Violence & Sexual	On or near Cedar Road	Under investigation
Public Order Offence	On or near Cedar Road	Under investigation
Other theft	On or near Premier Store	Under Investigation
Violence & Sexual	On or near Barrow Hill	Under investigation

Figures for July 2022 – not yet published

Speeding Bury Road – I have received complaints from residents of speeding down Bury Road (before/after Papeley Meadow where Community Speed Watch normally conduct their checks). A request was made for a Police Speed check be conducted. I have contacted our Community Police Officer and am awaiting a response.

In addition, it was reported that motor cyclists are speeding up and down the road late at night. As there are no details have suggested that dates and times should be recorded and then reported as ASB. I have mentioned this to the Community Police Officer.

Ralph Rawlings
4th September 2022