

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 3rd October 2022

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr R Rawlings Cllr T Bragg	Cllr Kronbergs Cllr Cousins Cllr Ford	Cllr Wesley Cllr Steer Cllr K Rawlings Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
6181	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Holmes	
6182	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer declared an interest in item 7 on the agenda (NHP) and item 9 (Correspondence from landowner - Land off Barrow Hill).	
6183	PUBLIC FORUM There were 6 members of the public present. One resident thanked Bloor and the landowners for the presentations at the previous meeting and was pleased to hear they would both work with the Parish Council and parishioners. This resident spoke to both parties on the night and requested copies of the presentations. It was stated that they received the Bloor presentation three days later but are still waiting for the second presentation.	
6184	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 5 th September 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Cllr R Rawlings and seconded by Cllr Ford with all Councillors in agreement.	
6185	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Soons sent her report prior to the meeting. The report details information on the hardship fund for people struggling to pay their bills including the helpline number and email address. Blue badge abuse is being prosecuted. Residents are encouraged to report any blue badge abuse to Trading Standards. Residents have been encouraged to sign up to a solar panel scheme. Cllr Pearson confirmed the Parish Council have previously expressed an interest in solar/car charging points and not received a response. Cllr Soons to chase. Cllr Soons urged residents to come forward for their jabs, both COVID booster and flu jabs.	

	<p>Cllr Pearson stated that two driveways on Barrow Hill have been redone without planning permission. The pavement has also been block paved. He asked Cllr Soons if this would affect the work due to be completed opposite the Drs surgery.</p> <p>The extra soil on the road has been removed between Westley and Saxham, however a large concrete block has been built very close to the highway. Cllr Soons to investigate. There are plans for the work to recommence on the gas main works but no dates have been given.</p>	Clerk
6186	<p>SCC Transport Policy for current Year 8 Children</p> <p>Cllr Soons confirmed that statutory provision would be provided to nearest school, KEGS. KEGS is likely to be full and therefore free transport would be provided to the next nearest school. Cllr Soons encouraged parents to contact her to discuss. Cllr Soons confirmed she is willing to help with any appeals where necessary.</p>	
6187	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</p> <p>Report on meeting with meeting with working party and landowners read out. See appendix 1.</p> <p>Notes from the meeting between the working party and WSC were also read out, see appendix 2.</p> <p>The decision on site selection will be made at an extraordinary meeting.</p>	
6188	<p>Correspondence from Bloor Homes</p> <p>Bloor provided a summary of what had been covered at the September meeting. This was circulated to all councillors.</p>	
6189	<p>Correspondence from landowner (Land off Barrow Hill)</p> <p>Examples were provided of developments in other parishes. This was circulated to all councillors.</p>	
6190	<p>Correspondence from residents re site selection</p> <p>The Parish Council received four emails regarding site selection. Two supported Bury Road and two supported Barrow Hill.</p>	
6191	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) National Highways - UPDATE: Important roadworks information - A14 junction 40 to 41</p> <p>There will be a full closure at weekends for the works to be carried out.</p> <p>b) Narrow road Bury to Little Saxham</p> <p>Cllr Wesley to take photos of road and concrete block. These will be sent to Cllr Soons.</p>	PW
6192	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Houlder was not present.</p>	

6198	Solar Together Suffolk Circulated for information. Was also share with the Village Hall Management Committee.																																																									
6199	E&G Advertising Sign Discussions were had about signage in the village. There were arguments for and against allowing a sign. No decision was made. It was suggested the Butchers apply for a Highways brown sign.																																																									
6200	SALC a) SALC ebulletins Circulated for information b) Subscription Review The increase will be £9.38. Cllr Cousins left the meeting at 9pm.																																																									
6201	Financial Matters a) To receive the council’s current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Wesley seconded by Cllr Kronbergs with all Councillors in agreement. b) To confirm payments PAYMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3RD OCTOBER 2022 <div>2022/2023 Accounts EXPENDITURE<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>BACS – 02/09/2022</td><td>Mr T Austin</td><td>£152.00</td><td>August wages</td></tr><tr><td>BACS – 08/09/2022</td><td>HMRC</td><td>£38.00</td><td>August PAYE/NI</td></tr><tr><td>BACS – 28/09/2022</td><td>John Pearson</td><td>£390.69</td><td>Expenses</td></tr><tr><td>BACS – 28/09/2022</td><td>Hammond Ford</td><td>£357.00</td><td>Work to date</td></tr><tr><td>BACS – 29/09/2022</td><td>K Bowe</td><td>£565.00</td><td>Sept wages</td></tr><tr><td>BACS – 29/9/22</td><td>Mr T Austin</td><td>£152.00</td><td>September wages</td></tr></table> RECEIPTS<table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Rec’d from</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>02/09/2022</td><td>Salvation Army</td><td>£75.79</td><td>Recycling credit</td></tr><tr><td>12/09/22</td><td>West Suffolk Council</td><td>£1545.39</td><td>Recycling credit</td></tr><tr><td>28/09/2022</td><td>Various</td><td>£176.00</td><td>Burial income</td></tr><tr><td>28/09/2022</td><td>UK Power Network</td><td>£227.45</td><td>Wayleave</td></tr><tr><td>28/09/2022</td><td>Cash</td><td>£395.00</td><td>Sale of Jubilee Mugs</td></tr><tr><td>29/09/2022</td><td>Salvation Army</td><td>£69.03</td><td>Recycling credit</td></tr></table></div>	Date	Payee	Amount	Notes	BACS – 02/09/2022	Mr T Austin	£152.00	August wages	BACS – 08/09/2022	HMRC	£38.00	August PAYE/NI	BACS – 28/09/2022	John Pearson	£390.69	Expenses	BACS – 28/09/2022	Hammond Ford	£357.00	Work to date	BACS – 29/09/2022	K Bowe	£565.00	Sept wages	BACS – 29/9/22	Mr T Austin	£152.00	September wages	Date	Rec’d from	Amount	Notes	02/09/2022	Salvation Army	£75.79	Recycling credit	12/09/22	West Suffolk Council	£1545.39	Recycling credit	28/09/2022	Various	£176.00	Burial income	28/09/2022	UK Power Network	£227.45	Wayleave	28/09/2022	Cash	£395.00	Sale of Jubilee Mugs	29/09/2022	Salvation Army	£69.03	Recycling credit	
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	<p>The payments were proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Kronbergs</p> <p>c) To approve invoices R H Landscapes £590 +VAT McGregor Services £780 +VAT</p> <p>The above invoices were approved. They were proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Steer.</p> <p>d) To Approve Audit conclusion.</p> <p>The audit highlighted excessive reserves. The Parish Council has already allocated funds for the resurfacing of the access road and for pond maintenance. The Audit conclusion was approved. This was proposed by Cllr K Rawlings and seconded by Cllr Ford.</p> <p>e) To Approved Audit Invoice.</p> <p>The payment of the audit invoice of £200 plus VAT was approved. This was proposed by Cllr Steer and seconded by Cllr K Rawlings.</p>	
6202	<p>PLANNING DC/22/1370/HH 6 Beale Road Barrow Suffolk IP29 5ES Householder planning application - single storey side and rear extension</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>DC/22/1427/LB Thatched Cottage 12 The Green Barrow Suffolk IP29 5DT Application for listed building consent - a. remove plasterboard on two internal walls and replace b. remove concrete floor in ground floor room and replace</p> <p>No Objection</p>	
6203	<p>To note the following planning determinations DC/22/1159/HH 16 Simpson Way Barrow Suffolk IP29 5EA Householder planning application - single storey rear extension Approved</p>	
6204	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING 7th November 2022 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed 9:20pm</p>	

Signed: (Chairman) date.....

**BARROW-CUM-DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE BARROW VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2022, AT 18:00**

Members present: Cllr Ford, Cllr Kronbergs, Cllr R Rawlings

In attendance: (1) Landowners and agents for sites BD6, BD8 and BD12, being Simon Butler-Finbow, William Nichols, Bill Phizacklea, Will Stanton and Nigel Steer – ‘the Barrow Hill proponents’ – (from 18:00 to 18:45); (2) Representatives of Bloor Homes for site BD13, being Chris Criscione, Charlotte Elston, Andy Fisher, Rachel Morey and Terry Tedder (from 18:45 to 19:30).

Barrow Hill Proposal (sites BD6, BD8 and BD12)

The Barrow Hill proponents presented the Working Group with papers previously presented to the full Parish Council (PC) meeting on 5 September, together with a new Concept Plan and a Vision & Community Benefits paper.

They stressed that the provision of additional community benefits was a central part of their proposal. To this end they repeated that they were prepared to offer a plot of land to the south of the development sites and along the east side of Barrow Hill on a long leasehold to the Parish Council to be used for recreational and play facilities.

They confirmed that two access roads (one from/to BD12 and one from/to BD6) would be needed off opposite sides of Barrow Hill but their application would include traffic-calming measures to be agreed with SCC Highways.

Current thinking was that site BD12 would accommodate 60 housing units and sites BD6 and BD8 the remaining 110.

Bungalows other than as part of the affordable-housing allocation would feature in their plans.

On the question of domestic heating, they were looking at connecting the homes to a net-zero ‘green grid’, providing electricity from renewable sources.

On the question of financial benefits to the parish, the Barrow Hill proponents drew attention to the recent section 106 agreement with Hopton, which provided that the developer contributions would be spent entirely within the community.

They estimated that it would take approximately two years between submission of the outline planning application and the beginning of any construction work, should their sites be chosen.

They stressed their willingness to work closely with the PC and the planning authority throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process.

Bloor Homes proposal (site BD13)

The Bloor Homes representatives confirmed that they could accommodate the extra 20 housing units that would be required if site BD9 did not proceed with site BD13 without compromising on density or open space.

They stressed the site’s proximity to most of Barrow’s facilities and its existing links with footways. They did not consider that the site threatened coalescence with Burthorpe, given the existing housing on the northern side of Bury Road.

The Working Group drew their attention to the existence of the World War 2 bombard on the extreme north-western edge of the site (opposite the allotments), currently obscured by vegetation. Bloor Homes said they were prepared to make it more visible and preserve the object. The proposed access onto Bury Road from the south had been designed in conjunction with transport consultants and the accompanying technical notes had been forwarded to the PC.

Domestic heating would be provided exclusively by air-source heat pumps.

Bungalows were currently envisaged as part of the affordable-housing allocation only, but it was up to the Neighbourhood Plan to specify the types of housing required.

They envisaged that the common facilities would be transferred to the ownership of a management company owned by the residents in due course.

As part of their financial contribution to community facilities, they typically subsidised bus services, to give just one example.

They also stressed their willingness to work closely with the PC and the planning authority throughout the Neighbourhood Plan process.

**BARROW CUM DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
NOTES OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP &
WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL PLANNING OFFICERS
HELD AT 13:30 ON FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT WEST SUFFOLK HOUSE**

Present on behalf of the Working Group: Cllr Ford, Cllr Kronbergs, Mr S Mackenzie, Cllr R Rawlings

Present on behalf of West Suffolk Council (WSC): Ann-Marie Howell (Principal Planning Officer), Samantha Robertson (Principal Planning Policy Officer)

1. After a welcome from Ms Howell, Cllr Kronbergs opened the meeting by stating the Working Group had asked for the meeting to ascertain WSC's initial views on the two options for preferred sites that the Parish Council was considering, as they both differed from WSC's preferred sites.
2. Officers replied that in principle, both options could be worthy of consideration provided they met the three criteria – suitability, availability and deliverability and sufficiently robust evidence could be provided for the chosen option.
3. The Working Group replied it was reasonably confident both options would meet the criteria. Whereas the Bury Road option (site BD13) was close to WSC's preferred options (BD9 and BD13), the Barrow Hill option was new and had not been reviewed as such by WSC in its preferred options procedure.
4. The Working Group made it clear that development on site BD9 (part of WSC's preferred option) would be unacceptable to the Parish Council and that Bloor Homes (the developers for site BD13) could accommodate the extra 20 houses that would be required on that site without prejudice to open spaces.
5. Officers confirmed that a legally binding agreement between the three landowners associated with the Barrow Hill option would be helpful for deliverability.
6. Officers stated that the Barrow Hill option would need to overcome concerns about proximity to the county wildlife site at Wilsummer Wood.
7. There was scope for shrinking the land area in the Barrow Hill option to eliminate the employment areas, as there had been no demand for these. That would require an application for change of use.
8. Officers asked for a timetable from the Working Group as to its next steps.
9. The Working Group replied that site selection would definitely take place in October but that Regulation 14 (Pre-Submission) consultation might not realistically take place before early spring 2023.
10. Officers emphasised that they would find it difficult to consider alternative options once WSC had adopted sites, which would probably take place in March 2023.
11. The Working Group took this on board. Time was of the essence. If the draft Plan could be finalised earlier, Pre-Submission Consultation could take place no later than early February, leaving time for comments to be considered and for the Neighbourhood Plan to be ready for Submission Consultation shortly thereafter.

Cllr Z Kronbergs
3 October 2022

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – OCTOBER '22 MESSAGES

There were no messages from the Police to cascade this month. I have received notices from Police Connect on a range of topics, most of which have no relevance to our community. The following are worthy of mention:

- 'Your Police Your Say' – series of meetings to quiz Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. 6th Oct – Stowmarket; 11th Oct – Ipswich; 18th Oct – Mildenhall. Start at 6 pm
- Theft warning, aimed at commercial food catering business, cooking oil being targeted by criminal gangs, to convert to biodiesel
- Specials Recruitment event taking place in Martlesham, 15th October 2022
- Catalytic Converter thefts in Bury St Edmunds
- The combined Police and Fire & Rescue station in Ipswich opened on the 15th of September.
- Warning about Spam emails

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY '22 – Total number = 8

Violence & Sexual = 5

Anti - Social Behaviour = 1

Other Theft = 1

Criminal Damage & Arson =1

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
Criminal Damage/Arson	On or near Orchard Farm Barns	Under investigation
Other theft	On or near Johnson Road	Unable to prosecute suspect
Violence & Sexual	On or near Cedar Road	Under investigation
Violence & Sexual	On or near Bury Road	Unable to prosecute suspect
Violence & Sexual	On or near the Street	Under Investigation
Violence & Sexual	On or near Ley Road	Unable to prosecute suspect
Violence & Sexual	On or near Green Farm Lane	Under Investigation
Anti-Social Behaviour	On or near McDonald Way	No crime timeline

Figures for August 2022 – not yet published

Speeding Bury Road – With regard to speeding down Bury Road, as reported last month, our Community Police Officer has requested for speed checks to be conducted, however as the team are stretched with many demands at the moment, he is not sure when this will happen. To narrow down the time frame he requested the best time – I responded by saying busiest periods would be 8-10 am; and 4-6 pm. I did suggest, if possible, for a number of checks to be conducted maybe at sporadic times.

The motor bike speeding (ASB) reported last month seems to have abated. I have suggested to the relevant residents that it would be helpful if they kept a note of dates and times.

Ralph Rawlings
3rd October 2022