

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 16th January 2023

Present:

Cllr Holmes Cllr R Rawlings Cllr T Bragg	Cllr Kronbergs Cllr Ford Cllr Pearson	Cllr Steer Cllr Cousins Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
6266	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr K Rawlings and Cllr Wesley	
6267	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
6268	<p>PUBLIC FORUM There were 8 members of the public present.</p> <p>Questions were raised over the benefits promised from the Barrow Hill development. A cycle path has been mentioned but how would this be routed into the village? Also, questions were raised about the viability of a care home due to location and lack of public transport.</p> <p>One resident calculated that based on 30 houses per hectare, the Barrow Hill sites could accommodate 405 houses. With 40% being recreation/leisure the site could accommodate 239. The resident asked what guarantees the landowners will give to ensure more houses won't be built on the recreational land. Comparisons were made to Marham Park when recreation land has now been put forward for housing. The resident was asked if the same analysis had been carried out on the Bury Road site. It hadn't. Cllr Pearson confirmed that more detailed discussions need to take place with the landowners. He also stated that the Parish Council need assurance from WSC that they will not give planning for any additional developments and that 170 houses is the maximum.</p> <p>In reference to the NHP, The Parish Council were asked why AECOM were not given the opportunity to complete all aspects of the NHP. This is not within their capability. Also, they are a government funded organisation who do not do the work of planning consultants. They cannot draw up a NHP.</p>	
6269	<p>The appointment of a 3rd councillor to the Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee Cllr Pearson nominated Cllr Bragg to join the NHP sub-committee. This was seconded by Cllr Kronbergs.</p>	

6270	<p>Appointment of Planning Consultant</p> <p>Turley provided an indication of costs which would be prohibited. There needs to be more discussion. Planning Direct confirmed that the Parish Council own the copyright to any documents produced and therefore these could be used by another planning consultant.</p> <p>Originally it was agreed the NHP could proceed providing there was no cost to the Parish Council. It was previously minutes that any costs not covered by grants would be covered by Barrow Ducks.</p> <p>Planning Direct confirmed there was no money to be repaid.</p> <p>Turley have completed work for both developers in the past and have confirmed there is no conflict of interest.</p> <p>Turley have confirmed they could complete the work within the desired timeframe.</p> <p>The Parish Council are to look into whether Planning Direct are in breach of contract and plan to seek legal advice.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson had spoken to Planning Direct and thought they may be minded to reconsider and felt the Parish Council have a strong case regarding site selection.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson confirmed he had no object to Turley however did not feel the Parish Council were in a position to appoint a new planning consultant at this time.</p> <p>It was agreed that more conversations were needed with Turley and Planning Direct before moving forward.</p>	
6271	<p>To consider the village maintenance quotes and to decide on the tender</p> <p>The clerk circulated the analysis of the tenders prior to the meeting. The difference in cost between the most expensive and the cheapest was £1,000. It was agreed that the advantage of having a local contractor outweighed the potential cost saving. All options were discussed, including splitting the contract between two contractors. The two preferred options were McGregor Services to be awarded the whole contract or a split contract with McGregor Services and RH Landscapes. Cllrs voted. McGregor Services won the full contract with 4 votes to 3.</p>	
6272	<p>Planning - Applications for Consideration</p> <p>DC/21/2492/FUL Barrow Hall Church Road Barrow IP29 5AX Planning application - Conversion of existing agricultural barn to five Holiday let units (Class C3)</p> <p>No objections.</p>	

6273	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6 th February 2022 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8pm	
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Signed: (Chairman) date.....