

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 5th March 2018

Present:

Mr G Judge (Chairman) Mr Z Kronbergs Mr J Pearson Mr M Sanders	Mr P Wesley Mr D Holmes Mr D Cousins	Mr Wilcock Mr R Ford Cllr K Soons Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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5146	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Borough Cllr Houlder	
5147	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Wesley declared an interest in agenda item 15 (planning application DC/18/0252/FUL)	
5148	<p>PUBLIC FORUM</p> <p>Barrow cum Denham PC received a request from Pigeon Developments to discuss proposed future expansion of Barrow. It is clear that as Barrow is a key service centre more growth can be expected. Pigeon identified that Barrow has some 'deficiencies' which would need to be addressed should future development occur including recreational and educational. Pigeon are proposing a site South of Grove Park. All Councillors were given a map of the village and it was made clear that the plan was to retain the identity of the village and ensure lots of green spaces. The suggestion, was to include recreational facilities into any proposed plans, including a full size cricket pitch, and two full size football pitches. In addition to this a new Primary School with large playing field has been suggested, with plenty of onsite parking. Pigeon have had one meeting with the Head Teacher and Head of Governors. Cllr Judge asked what the response had been and it was confirmed they had a positive response and the current restraints of the existing site were acknowledged.</p> <p>Cllr Ford – What would happen to the old school? The funding would need to be worked out as this is complex and includes the Council and the Academy – the site could be redeveloped to help fund the new school.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson – What is hinterland? This is area that would stay as fields.</p> <p>Cllr Cousins – What is the orange dotted line? This show public rights of way – a new footpath would be installed linking the village to the new recreational grounds.</p> <p>Cllr Ford – How many new houses are being proposed? Five hectares are proposed for residential, average number of properties per hectare is 23-30 so up to 150 houses. 2.2 hectares proposed for the new primary school site.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Holmes – Confirmed there are some footpaths missing and he is happy to update the map to show them.</p> <p>Cllr Judge – What timescale are we looking at? As a key service centre Barrow has had a significant amount of development. There is currently a lack of infrastructure to cope. Maybe there would be less negativity if it was more gradual.</p> <p>The Government are pushing Local Authorities to get moving with additional housing, there is a national housing crisis and the Government are wanting more houses. Some communities like developments to happen sooner if they are getting what they want from it eg. Recreational facilities and a new school. A timescale of 2-4 years is proposed at present.</p> <p>Cllr Judge confirmed it would be inappropriate for the Parish Council to state an opinion until the proposal could be discussed in full. The Parish Council can only give an official response once a formal outline planning application has been submitted. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.</p> <p>The next steps would be to work with the community to help shape the plan, engagement with the Parish Council, school, Doctors, sporting and other community groups.</p> <p>The Parish Council would want to see a good amount of affordable housing so low income families can afford it. It is important to promote growth which allows young people to remain in the village.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson asked why development to the South had been identified and not to the North.</p> <p>The North is more sensitive in terms of landscape and the school, it would be harder to bolt on to the North. There would be a traffic plan to deal with the increased traffic and an improved bus service. It was argued that with flexible working and increasing technology more people are working from home.</p> <p>Affordability has been considered, starter homes with a discount for local people is one option. The scheme also includes bungalows for the aging population. It is important that everyone works together to in order to get a development that people are happy with.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes asked about drainage.</p> <p>The foul water would connect to the mains at the existing Hopkins site, there would be a need for a pumping station which is not unusual. The water company would deal with the infrastructure.</p> <p>This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the next steps.</p>	Clerk
5149	<p>To receive the Community Police Report.</p> <p>Generic report containing no information on what's happened in the Parish. Cllr Judge has written to the Police and Crime Commissioner</p>	

5150	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018 were proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	
5151	<p>Matters arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)</p> <p>a) Parish Council notice boards The location of the new notice board was discussed and it was agreed that it should be installed on the wall of the Village Hall. Cllr Judge to get a price from a local business to make and install the notice board.</p> <p>b) Parking at the pond A local business has been approached to make a no parking sign for the pond.</p> <p>c) Book exchange A quote for £240 to re paint the telephone box has been received. It was decided that we should try to find volunteers to help. The Clerk will ask from volunteers in the next edition of Newslink</p> <p>d) Annual Parish meeting The Parish Council are considering a new format for the Annual Parish Meeting, a question and answer session. Cllr Judge has approached our local MP, the Police and Crime Commissioner, neither can make it and we are awaiting a reply from a representative from Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Soons was asked to prompt Highways.</p> <p>Cllr Judge will speak to the police and ask if a senior Police Representative could be present.</p> <p>e) New bench A request was received to install a new bench in memory of a late parishioner. Installing on near the village sign has been ruled out. It was decided the new bench can be installed outside the Town Estate Room. The relatives are happy to pay all costs including the ground works.</p> <p>f) Tree on Papeley Meadow A replacement tree should have been planted at the end of 2017 however for some reason it was missed off the list. It has been added to the 2018/2019 list.</p> <p>g) Bury Road, The Green Junction There is currently no give way sign and the road markings have rubbed off. Highways are aware of the road markings, they have confirmed there is no money for a giveway sign, Cllr Soons was asked if she could fund one out of her locality budget. She asked if we could prefill the form she had circulated and she will send it off.</p> <p>Suffolk Highways are looking at developing a Community Self Help offer where communities come together and help with work that Suffolk Highways do not have the budget to complete, for example cleaning road signs. They have</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GJ</p>

	initiated a survey to see what things communities would be happy to help with and the results should be out by the end of March.	
5152	<p>COUNCILLOR VACANCY</p> <p>The CV for a new Cllr was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Candidate was invited to talk. She had had email correspondence with both Cllr Soons and Cllr Judge and offered help. She was informed of the councillor vacancy and decided to apply.</p> <p>Cllr Judge proposed to invited Andrea Hudson to fulfil the casual vacancy, this was accepted and seconded by Cllr Ford with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	
5153	<p>VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE</p> <p>a) Pond maintenance</p> <p>A Survey of the pond opposite the Three Horseshoes Pub was carried out. One problem identified was the manhole within the boundary of the bungalow on the left hand side of the site is over grown and needs excavating. Currently the land owner is reluctant for the County Council to investigate. Another local resident confirmed they have been purposely blocking the drains. Cllr Judge to speak with the Land owner that owns the ditch along the edge of the playing field to arrange clearing it, however this is not going to help until the manhole is cleared.</p> <p>Cllr Judge to speak with owner of the bungalow, it was agreed some of the community infrastructure budget could be used to pay for the clearance of the manhole. The problem has been ongoing for a number of years and therefore there is potentially something major going on.</p> <p>b) Dog bins</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the meeting with the Council to confirm locations had been postponed due to the snow.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5154	<p>BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Houlder was not present. Cllr Judge was hoping to discuss the profit from parking within the Borough and how much is a consequence of people paying more than they should.</p>	
5155	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Soons confirmed that there are plans for GM trials of oil seed rape, due to take place from April to September 2018-2020 at Brooms Barn.</p> <p>The rest of the report was generic and not specific to the Parish.</p> <p>Cllr Judge requested that Cllr Soons highlighted things that are of relevance to the Parish.</p> <p>The Parish Council did not receive one response from the letter re school transportation sent to Suffolk County Council Cabinet. The leader of the County Council published an 'all is well' statement in the Bury Free Press giving the impression the decision had already been made. Cllr Soons assured the Parish Council that that is not the impression she gets.</p>	

	<p>It was confirmed that 97% of students got their 1st choice place at secondary school. Would be interesting to know the local statistics.</p> <p>The road between Burthorpe Green and New Road is in a bad state of repair. Some repairs to the deepest pot holes were carried out however not all the marked ones were filled in. Cllr Soons has asked for report numbers so she can chase.</p>																					
5156	<p>Community Award</p> <p>The deadline for entries is 23rd March</p>	Clerk																				
5157	<p>Defibrillator</p> <p>The total cost of the defibrillator is slightly more than originally thought. It was agreed that the Parish Council would cover the cost of the defibrillator up to £806.92. This was proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all in agreement.</p>																					
5158	<p>ACCOUNTS</p> <p>A) Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Pearson, seconded by Cllr Cousins, with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>B) To confirm payments - Proposed by Cllr Wesley and Seconded by Cllr Pearson</p> <p>PAYMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5th March 2018</p> <div><p>2017/2018 Accounts</p><p>EXPENDITURE</p><table><tr><th>Cheque No.</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>None</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div> <p>Amounts owed to Parish Council</p> <p>CDC - £160 Contribution to Newslink Sept & Dec 2017 Allotment rent 2 x £25 Allotment rent 1 x £15</p> <p>Other invoices include: McGregor Services - £80</p> <p>c) Donation/grants requests A request for £200 was received from Barrow Good Neighbours. The Parish Council supported them when they first set up. The have requested the money to help subsidise costs of DBS checks and insurance for the coming year. It was agreed that a grant of £250 would be given. This was proposed by Cllr Sanders and seconded by Cllr Wesley with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Notes		None															
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	<p>A request for £50 for Neighbourhood Watch Suffolk was also received, the Parish Council stopped supporting this cause as there is no local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in place.</p> <p>St Edmundsbury Newstalk for the blind and partially sighted requested £50. This was proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Kronbergs with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>This item will be added onto the agenda for next month.</p> <p>d) Parish Precept Due to differenced caused by rounding, the parish precept will be £33.97 not £33.99 as previously reported.</p> <p>e) Financial risk assessment The financial risk assessment was circulated prior to the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Ford and Seconded by Cllr Pearson with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>f) Clerks risk assessment. The Clerks risk assessment was circulated prior to the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Kronbergs with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	
5159	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>DC/18/0254/HH 19 Mill Road, Barrow, IP29 5BS House holder planning application – single storey side extension (following demolition of exiting garage)</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>DC/18/0285/HH 11 Green Farm Lane, Barrow, IP29 5DN House holder planning application – (i) single storey rear extension and (ii) removal of garage door and insert 1 no. winder to front elevation</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>DC/18/0252/FUL Agricultural storage building, Barrow Hill, Barrow Planning ap[plication – (i) change of use and conversion of agricultural barn to offices (B1) and (ii) insertion of addition first floor office space</p> <p>No objection</p> <p>DC/18/0360/HH 31 Papeley Meadow, Barrow, IP29 5DL Householder planning application – single storey rear and side extension</p> <p>No objection</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
5160	<p>To note the following planning determinations</p> <p>DC/17/2643/HH 8 Bury Road Barrow IP29 5DE Householder Planning Application - single storey rear extension Approved</p>	

	DC/17/2558/OUT Development Site Barrow Road Denham Suffolk Outline Planning Application (Means of Access to be considered) - 2 no. detached dwellings and access Refused	
5161	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>To note the following items of correspondence received since the last meeting and agree action as appropriate:</p> <p>05.02.18 SALC Suffolk Highways – Community Self Help</p> <p>Covered in minute ref 5155</p> <p>06.02.18 Neighbourhood Planning Hargrave Neighbourhood Plan submission consultation</p> <p>For information</p> <p>14.02.18 West Suffolk January Parish Forum Notes</p> <p>For information</p> <p>23.02.18 SALC Forest Heath/St Edmundsbury Area Meeting</p> <p>For information</p> <p>24.02.18 Ian Houlder Rothamsted Research</p> <p>For information</p> <p>27.02.18 SALC The GDPR Toolkit for Local Councils</p> <p>For information.</p>	
5162	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 9th April 2018, Committee Room, Barrow Village Hall at 7.15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 21:05pm</p>	

Signed: (Chairman)

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