

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 1st July 2019

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr P Wesley Cllr M Howard Cllr A Hudson	Cllr R Ford Cllr Z Kronbergs Cllr Cousins Cllr Pettitt	Cllr Wilcock Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
5392	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr M Burton, Cllr D Holmes	
5393	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Wesley declared an interest in Agenda Item 20 – Planning applications for consideration.	
5394	PUBLIC FORUM The Parish Council were asked about agenda item 11, removal of Barrow Ducks signs. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would not be removing signs however had been approached by unhappy residents asking when they will be removed, a couple of residents had raised concerns over the signs making it difficult to sell their house. Cllr Pearson stated that if any signs are over 0.3 square metres they would require planning permission. The question was asked. should parishioners have been told that their feedback would be used to make alterations to the scheme? It is reasonable to take all feedback on board to make sure the future of the village is looked after. Concerns about communication between the Parish Council and the residents were raised. The Parish Council publish a quarterly newsletter called Newlink which is delivered to every house in the village. Information can also be found on the website. Cllr Pearson acknowledged than communication is difficult, but residents can attend the Parish Council meetings each month. When asked if the Parish Council would put out a statement to confirm that the proposed development was dead in the water it was confirmed that the Parish Council are not currently supporting the community scheme however if the land was to be put forward and a planning application submitted it would be assessed like any other scheme. The Parish Council will not prejudice against development on the site at Barrow Hill. The Parish Council will hear from two more developers and will speak to Cllr Houlder regarding timescales for new development. The Parish Council were asked how much power they have. It was confirmed they have little power to bring forward or oppose potential developments as	

	<p>the decisions are made at a district level. Current building in the village is 8 years ahead of schedule which gives an indication of how the Parish has been misled by the Borough now District Council. Cllr Howard confirmed that powers are limited at the current time however the Parish Council would be in an influential position if it supported a community proposal as it would jump to the top of the pile.</p> <p>When asked if the pressure for new houses was coming from West Suffolk or developers, Cllr Pearson confirmed there is perceived pressure as West Suffolk have requested a call for sites and several proposals have come forward, West Suffolk are in pre application talks for new housing between 2031 and 2041.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Parish Council can accept donations, Pigeon Developments did provide a donation for the printing costs of Newslink. This ceased in December 2018. Pigeon Developments no longer makes donations towards this or anything else.</p> <p>Barrow is designated as a key Service Centre and has become a victim of its own success, people love Barrow and the facilities it offers and houses on the new developments have sold quicker than they could build. Unfortunately the Key Service Centre designation for Barrow can not be removed.</p> <p>It was stated that the WSHLAA published in 2016 listed the site on Barrow Hill as unsustainable. Cllr Pearson stated that Barrow Hill is a concept, not a planning application. He made it clear that if a planning application was submitted it is vitally important for residents to make their own representations online.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson stated that it is not about taking sides it is about what is best for the village, the Parish Council are not championing large scale developments and they understand the significance of a joint proposal. Barrow has experienced exponential growth in recent years and the implications of this will not be know for a number of years.</p> <p>A representative from Barrow Ducks apologised if the signs have caused offensive and stated that feeling are strong. Barrow Ducks believe they can stop future large development, they have a following of 500 on Facebook and 100 have signed up to their website.</p>	
5395	<p>Minute acceptance of office for Cllr Pettitt and Cllr Wilcock Confirmed that Cllr Pettitt and Cllr Wilcock signed the declaration of office, witness by the Clerk.</p>	
5396	<p>Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Howard tabled a revision of the draft proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan. There are currently 2000 Neighbourhood Plans underway and 542 made. They are more common in the South of the country in prosperous areas. Revision 1.0 recommends a planning consultant to help, Planning Direct, Ipswich. They provide a free workshop to help write the grant application. It was suggested that 2-4 parish councillors attend the workshop in Ipswich. West Suffolk Council have allocated a Neighbourhood Plan Area.</p>	

	<p>The costs of the Neighbourhood Plan could be met by either a grant (if successful) and anonymous donation from a parishioner or Barrow Ducks. The Parishioner would also be willing to meet the shortfall in grant funding. This parishioner is willing to make themselves known to the Chairman and the Clerk.</p> <p>Questions were raised about the proposed consultants including what the success rate is for grants and if they have completed a Neighbourhood Plan for a Key Service Centre before.</p> <p>It was agreed to go ahead with the workshop. This was proposed by Cllr Cousins and Seconded by Cllr Ford. Cllrs Howard, Kronbergs, Wilcock and Hudson were interested in attending the workshop. Cllr Howard to liaise with Planning Direct to confirm a date.</p>	MH
5397	<p>Representative from Boyer Planning re Bloor Homes – Land South of Bury road</p> <p>The information presented is how the site could look. Boyer Planning is a planning consultancy helping developers with the call for sites. The land South of Bury Road was put forward. A significant amount of work including ecology works and traffic surveys needs to be conducted prior to an application with no guarantee of the application being successful. It was confirmed that they want to work with communities and take into consideration to impact on existing homes, the views from current properties, the landscapes and the appearance from the road. More work needs to be done regarding how the site would work.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that there is an emerging Neighbourhood Plan and other sites coming forward. Bloor Homes want to be considered.</p> <p>When asked how many houses are being proposed it was confirmed that the maximum number of houses would be 200. The District Councillor had said Barrow should not expect to receive any more housing for the next 10 years so questions were asked about why so much work such as traffic surveys and newt surveys were being carried out. This information is needed in order to put the site forward to prove that it could work. The surveys are valid for two years. All statutory consultees need to be consulted.</p> <p>Timescales depend on the local plan but they are looking at 3-5 years.</p> <p>The site is 10 hectares. If large scale development is out of kilter of what the village wants, a smaller plan would be considered.</p>	
5398	<p>To receive the Community Police Report.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson expressed his disappointment that a representative of the police force no longer attends the Parish Council meetings. The report was read and finished by saying that we live in the safest area of the country. Cllr Pearson highlighted some recent anti-social behaviour within the village including the play area and the bench at the cemetery.</p>	
5399	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p>	

	<p>Having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2019, amendments were made to minute ref 5378 stating that the Parish Council found the feedback to be largely negative, minute ref 5378 change the wording from not get to not expect (more development in the next 10 years) and minute ref 5384 to confirm that draft policies in the neighbourhood plan can be taken into consideration rather than are taken into consideration. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Howard with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	
<p>5400</p>	<p>Revised concept plan from Pigeon re proposed development for land off Barrow Hill</p> <p>A copy of the revised concept was handed round to all Councillors, this had previously been circulated via email. It was explained that changes to the proposal had been made as a direct result of the feedback given. Although this is not now being supported as a community scheme Cllr Pearson stated that this land has not gone away and is likely to come forward in the call for sites for the next local plan.</p>	
<p>5401</p>	<p>Village Infrastructure</p> <p>a) Recycling – Brittons Road Carpark The clerk provided an update on recycling issues. After numerous complaints regarding the current provider of the paper recycling bins, West Suffolk decided to find an alternative provider. They arranged for the bins to be removed prior to securing a new provider. Unfortunately, the provider they had in mind would not come to Barrow. The Clerk asked for the old bins to be returned however this is not currently an option due to the old company currently reviewing their offering due to the fall in price for paper. The Clerk will continue to chase. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to use their blue bins.</p> <p>b) Fun Fair – request to use other part of The Green The Clerk received a request from the Fun Fair, asking if they could set up on a different part of the Green to previous years – the green with village sign. This was agreed by all councillors.</p> <p>c) Footpath from Johnson Road to Denham Lane The clerk has reported the footpath to Highways using the online reporting tool. It has been confirmed that some works will be carried out within 20 working days.</p> <p>d) Litter bin on Grove Park The clerk has received correspondence from West Suffolk regarding the emptying of the litter on Grove Park. Some railings have been installed around the Green, next to the bin making it impossible to open the bin to empty it. West Suffolk are speaking to Hopkins Homes to see who will arrange for the bin to be relocated.</p> <p>e) Litter bin near bus stop at Brittons Road The wheelie bin near the book exchange has been removed due to it becoming too full and instances of fly tipping, unfortunately the fly tipping continues. It was suggested that the rubbish bin near the bus shelter is upgraded to a full-size combined bin. This was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Pettitt. The Clerk will arrange with West Suffolk.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>f) Trees – including tree near Lion Green Pond Cllr Wesley confirmed that there is an Ash Tree with die back near the village pond. He will continue to monitor it but it might need removing at some point. There is also a big multi stem Willow Tree by Lion Green pond which is dangerous and blocking the pond drain. Clerk to contact Havebury Housing.</p> <p>Cllr Wesley confirmed that work should start on Green Farm pond in the next few weeks and could cause so disruption.</p>	Clerk
5402	<p>Removal of Barrow Ducks Signs Previously mentioned in the public forum, some councillors have been approached by residents of the village that are unhappy with the Barrow Ducks signs and have concerns over the affect these will have on them trying to sell their house. The Clerk will make contact with Barrow Ducks and ask if there is a strategy for maintenance and plan for how long they will remain up. Also to confirm that they should be at least 1 metre from the highway and any signs over 0.3 square metres require planning permission.</p>	Clerk
5403	<p>Highways Cllr Pearson reported a small success. Following attending at meeting with Highways, the pothole on Sharpes Hill has been repaired, and drain opposite the shop was looked at. A kerb stone was also replaced near the shop.</p>	
5404	<p>Representative from Hill – Land North of the School Hill are a Cambridge based House Builder. The site comprises of 5 hectares of which 1 would be set aside for expansion of the school. Early discussions with Suffolk County Council have taken place. The proposal is for a maximum of 100 houses, probably fewer. At the moment they are in the process of forming ideas and assessing the site. The site has been put forward in the call for sites. It is currently allocated for light industrial use. There is huge pressure on the school for land and this would help. Currently looking at ecology, trees, access and drainage. It was confirmed they have an option on the land but do not own it.</p>	
5405	<p>. Publishing Minutes from Meetings</p> <p>a) Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed the annual parish meeting minutes would be made available in draft form as soon as possible. These will not be final minutes until they are approved at the annual parish meeting next year. This was proposed by Cllr Kronbergs and seconded by Cllr Howard</p> <p>b) Parish Council Meetings The Clerk suggested that Parish Council Meeting minutes are made available in draft format prior to the next meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Wilcock.</p>	
5406	<p>BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Houlder stressed that it is early days for any planning proposals and West Suffolk currently have a land supply of 6.3 years, this is over the Government requirements. The call for sites has gone out to every land owner.</p>	

	<p>Barrow is a popular choice due to the facilities and the transport links. Nothing has been agreed at district level. The consultation stage has not yet begun.</p> <p>West Suffolk Council will do a local consultation which will include all sites selected, this will come out between November and January. Once the consultation is complete a concept plan would be done and this would be open to public scrutiny. If the concept plan is approved, the developers can then submit a full application.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder confirmed that West Suffolk Council are pleased that the Parish are considering completing a neighbourhood plan. He expressed concerns over the school becoming two tier due to the facilities on offer.</p> <p>When asked where the pressure for building new houses is coming from, Cllr Houlder confirmed it was coming from central Government, house building is a huge economic driver.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder was asked if he was happy to stand by his statement of Barrow not receiving any new development for the next 10 years. He retracted the statement and confirmed that reassurance may have been optimistic.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder confirmed that he is on the planning committee for the District Council, however if he submits objections to planning applications, he is unable to vote.</p> <p>When asked if he was surprised by the level of detail presented by Bloor Homes, Cllr Houlder confirmed they are provided with a large number of hoops to jump through for a pre application to be considered.</p>	
5407	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Soons gave an overview of her report. Suffolk County Council are discussing ways in which bus companies could subsidise themselves. A number of bus routes are under threat, Suffolk County Council prioritise the bus routes used by the most vulnerable in the community.</p> <p>There is a trainee programme at a number of museums in Suffolk, applications are now being accepted.</p> <p>Suffolk County Council have revaluated the pothole categories. The new system allows engineers to repair potholes close to each other during the same visit, tackling smaller potholes before they can expand.</p>	
5408	<p>Newslink</p> <p>The Clerk raised concerns over the content of the Newslink publication as a number of articles get rolled over each quarter. It was agreed that Newslink is a valuable way for the Parish Council to communication with the community. The possibility of advertising was discussed however this takes away from the other content. Cllr Howard agreed to look at potential funding for Newslink. It was suggested more content is included. One possible addition could be a people of interest page.</p>	

5409	<p>Suffolk Code of Conduct The Clerk circulated the Suffolk Code of Conduct to all Councillors prior to the meeting. This was adopted under the new council. This was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Cousins with all councillors in agreement.</p>																													
5410	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) To receive the councils current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Howard, with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>b) To confirm payments</p> <p>. The payments were proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Cousins with all Councillors in agreement</p> <p>PAYMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st JULY 2019</p> <p>2018/2019 Accounts</p> <p>EXPENDITURE</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 943 1307 1115"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>R H Landscapes</td> <td>£1,260.00</td> <td>Grass cutting 24/5/2019, 8/6/2019, 20/6/2019</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BACS</td> <td>West Suffolk Council</td> <td>£615.68</td> <td>Emptying dog bins for full year</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Amounts owed to Parish Council</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 1227 1273 1370"> <thead> <tr> <th>Customer</th> <th>Amount</th> <th>Notes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barrow All Saint Church</td> <td>£30</td> <td>Grass cutting inv dated 6th Dec 2018</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>c. Other invoices:</p> <p>Other invoices included Mole Control in Denham Church £340 Councillor Training £110.40 Verse (Newslink printing) £160</p> <p>The payments were proposed by Cllr Hudson and seconded by Cllr Cousins with all Councillors in agreement.</p>	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Notes	BACS	R H Landscapes	£1,260.00	Grass cutting 24/5/2019, 8/6/2019, 20/6/2019	BACS	West Suffolk Council	£615.68	Emptying dog bins for full year					Customer	Amount	Notes				Barrow All Saint Church	£30	Grass cutting inv dated 6 th Dec 2018				
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5411	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>DC/19/1056/FUL Barn Barrow Hill Barrow Planning Application - 2no dwellings https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PRLDHEPD07P00</p>																													

	<p>Change of use had been granted for agricultural building to be converted into three residential properties. This was approved without a need for consultation with the Parish Council. New request is for two dwellings. The Parish Council was informed that residents closest to the site were not notified and the first they knew about it was from the Parish Council agenda. Local residents would like an extension to the deadline in order to consider the application and make relevant representations. The Clerk will ask for an extension.</p> <p>The Parish Councillors agreed that there are no objections on planning grounds.</p>	Clerk
5412	<p>To note the following planning determinations</p> <p>DC/19/0802/HH Orchard End 17 Mill Lane Barrow Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 5BS Householder Planning Application - (i) Replace existing garage roof with a pitched tiled roof (ii) render walls to match approved alteration work Approved</p> <p>DC/19/0748/HH Back Meadow Cottage 21 Barrow Road Denham Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 5EW Householder Planning Application - First floor side extension Approved</p>	
5413	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>11.06.19 Local resident Numerous Cameras and traffic counting Barrow Confirmed these were traffic surveys initiated by potential developers.</p> <p>19.06.19 Local resident Bad drainage – Barrow This issue was raised at the meeting with highways. It was confirmed the drains don't work.</p> <p>Various Local residents Four emails from four residents regarding proposed development of land off Barrow Hill</p> <p>Cllr Pearson summarised four emails received by the Parish Council regarding the proposed development. Including accusations regarding members issues. Cllr Pearson confirmed the council had sort advice from SALC and there are no issues. The Parish Council were asked to write a public letter stating they object to the development. It was confirmed that any new proposal would need another consultation, the question was asked if this was to go out to consultation again whether the feedback would be significantly different. The original consultation did not state what would happen to the Village Hall and Playing field, the Parish Council do not own this land and it would not be built on.</p> <p>The councillors confirmed that they had not seen the email objections as these were not circulated to the councillors.</p> <p>All planning proposals will be uploaded to the website.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson reinforced the message that the proposed development on Barrow Hill would not be moving forward as a community scheme.</p>	Clerk

5414	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 2 nd September 2019, Committee Room, Barrow Village Hall at 7.15pm. The meeting was closed at 10pm	
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Signed: (Chairman)

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