

# BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Present:**

Cllr Pearson Cllr M Howard Cllr Cousins	Cllr Holmes Cllr Wesley Cllr Kronbergs	Cllr Ford Cllr Hudson  Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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5644	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Pettitt	
5645	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</b> None	
5646	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> Two members of the public dialled in.  A local resident is looking to buy a plot of land, due to the planning permission and village envelope the house would need to be piled making the build much more expensive. The resident asked if the Parish Council would consider plans which put most of the house outside the village envelope. The resident believed the proposed design was more sympathetic. The planning office have said it is not something they can support due to it being outside the village envelope and therefore would not be able to consider it without Parish council support. The resident requested an informal view on the proposed plans and the opinion of the Parish Council. They were told it would need to be an agenda item at the next meeting to be discussed further.	
5647	<b>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT</b> Cllr Soons confirmed Anglian Water can not find the leak and has passed on the Anglian Water contact to the Parish Council. She is continuing to chase it.  Parents were urged to have their say on the school's admission consultation to ensure school places are allocated in a fair way.  The Council are planning to install electric vehicle charging points within the County. Parish Council to decide if they are interested.  The County Council no longer support Sizewell C in its current form due to significant concerns regarding transport impacts, site design, and the environmental impact on the Suffolk coast which remain unanswered by EDF Energy.  Public consultation on improving rail capacity from Ely which could make this region more connected by rail.	



	was agreed that the step should be no more than a standard kerb or approximately 100mm (4ins). Clerk to contact resident.	
<b>5653</b>	<p><b>Fishing Regulations</b></p> <p>There have previously been a few incidents with residents and fishermen. Cllr Howard volunteered to draft the new fishing regulations. Cllr Ford to amend the signs that have already been purchased to include details of where fishing permits can be purchased. The permit will be an annual permit not a day ticket. The cost will be £10 per adult, £ for OAP's and under 16's, under 12's will be free. The permits will help to manage and police the fishing, it will help to make people take is seriously and provide clarity of the rules. It is not about making money. The permit will be for a calendar year and each year it will be a different colour. Commission will be paid to the Post Office.</p> <p>The Parish Council will not have an enforcement officer but anyone with a permit can ask the see the permit of another angler. If they don't have one they must leave.</p> <p>The Parish Council to seek clarity from the insurance company regarding cover if under 12's are fishing without an adult.</p> <p>It was agreed that keep nets would not be allowed, this helps reduce the theft of fish and it better for the welfare of the fish.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>5654</b>	<p><b>VAS Progress</b></p> <p>The Clerk has received an update on the VAS, Barrow is now marked as priority. The proposed location was unsuitable due to the verge being to small. Highways have come back to the Parish Council with a revised location, meaning the VAS would be on the opposite side of the road. This was approved by the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was proposed that an additional post in the 30mph part of Colethorpe Lane should be purchased so the existing VAS could be used near the school. The cost for a post is £190. This was proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Hudson.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>5655</b>	<p><b>Sunnica Energy Farm: statutory consultation</b></p> <p>The proposal is for thousands of acres of land to come out of food production and be covered in solar panels. The proposed location is too far for the Parish Council to be concerned however it was suggested contact is made with Worlington PC and ask for a copy of their letter.</p> <p>Cllr Howard was asked if there was anything in the Neighbourhood Plan that would prevent this happening in the parish. The habitat assessment will help, also Barrow is not close to a power station.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>5656</b>	<p><b>Government white paper – Planning for the Future – NALC</b></p> <p>Cllr Howard was thanked for the amount of work he has put into preparing the response. It was agreed a separate meeting of the members of the planning committee would be held to finalise the content prior to the document being sent. This meeting will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 8:30pm</p>	<b>MH</b>

5657	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> See appendix one for the report which was read out in the meeting.																									
5658	<b>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</b> Cllr Houlder confirmed the District Council is having problems, resources have dropped, and expenses are through the roof. The Government have been slow at meeting the expenses they promised. Currently there are enough reserves to cover 3-5 months. The District Council are still planning to go ahead with their planned projects.  The public consultation on the SHEELA is due to start shortly. Cllr Houlder thinks the Parish Council should inform parishioners of the consultation but be careful not to confuse it with the Neighbourhood Plan.  Cllr Houlder is happy to apply for funding for the purchase of a new VAS post within the 30mph limit on Colethorpe Lane.																									
5659	<b>Councillor Vacancy</b> The Clerk has received confirmation that no election is needed and the Parish Council are free to co-opt for the two vacancies. The Clerk circulated an advert prior to the meeting. It was agreed that applicants should provide a CV and give details of the qualities, experience and skills they have that will benefit the Parish Council. All applications will be circulated to all councillors.	Clerk																								
5660	<b>Financial Matters</b> <b>a) To receive the council's current financial statement</b> Adoption of the Accounts were proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Holmes with all Councillors in agreement.  <b>b) To confirm payments</b>    <b>PAYMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020</b>  <table border="1"><thead><tr><th colspan="4">2020/2021 Accounts</th></tr><tr><th colspan="4">EXPENDITURE</th></tr><tr><th>Cheque No.</th><th>Payee</th><th>Amount</th><th>Notes</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>BACS</td><td>McGregor Services</td><td>£516.00</td><td>Grass cutting for August</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> The payment was proposed by Cllr Kronbergs and seconded by Cllr Wesley with all in agreement.  C) Planning direct invoice The Planning direct invoice has now been paid.  D) Audit Conclusion March 2020 This is not yet available.	2020/2021 Accounts				EXPENDITURE				Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Notes	BACS	McGregor Services	£516.00	Grass cutting for August									
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5661	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>DC/20/1396/FUL Barrow Hall Church Road Barrow IP29 5AX Planning Application - 1no. shop and 1no. office (following demolition of existing storage units)</p> <p>The Parish Council have no objection to this application however the Clerk to make observation on the proximity of the site to a scheduled ancient monument and a sighting of a great crested newt nearby.</p> <p>DC/20/1500/EIASCO Bexwell To Bury St Edmunds Pipeline Suffolk Request for Scoping Opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - 55 kilometre potable water pipeline between Bexwell and Bury St Edmunds together with associated connections and above ground apparatus</p> <p>No Comment</p> <p>DC/20/1394/FUL Barrow Hall Church Road Barrow IP29 5AX Planning Application - Two storey extension to an existing dwelling</p> <p>The Parish Council have no objection to this application however the Clerk to make observation on the proximity of the site to a scheduled ancient monument and a sighting of a great crested newt nearby.</p> <p>DC/20/1395/FUL Barrow Hall Church Road Barrow IP29 5AX Planning Application - Conversion of existing agricultural barn to 3no. dwellings</p> <p>The Parish Council have no objection to this application however the Clerk to make observation on the proximity of the site to a scheduled ancient monument and a sighting of a great crested newt nearby.</p>	
5662	<p><b>To note the following planning determinations</b></p> <p>DC/20/1067/HH 9A Barrow Road Denham Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 5EQ Householder Planning Application - Two storey side extension APPROVED</p>	
5663	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>03/09/20 SALC SALC Training - re-launch for online training For information</p> <p>08/09/20 West Suffolk Council Parish magazine article about West Suffolk Local Plan Clerk has responded.</p> <p>08/09/20 Local Resident Waste Bins Recreation Ground Pete to remove bin on the corner of the tennis courts.</p> <p>17/09/20 SALC Planning white paper consultation - supporting material For information</p>	

	<p>21/09/20 West Suffolk Council Community Chest 2020-2021 Update For information</p> <p>22/09/20 SALC Update to NHS Test and Trace For information</p> <p>24/09/20 West Suffolk Council Parish and Town Forum - Save the Date Councillor Howard to attend – clerk to recirculate.</p> <p>24/09/20 Karen Soons News release: Council announces £300,000 for electric vehicle charging points in rural Suffolk For information</p> <p>25/09/20 AXIS Neighbourhood Plan – Call for Sites For information</p> <p>25/09/20 Local Resident Memorial Bench For information</p> <p>26/09/20 Local Resident Blocked Footpath Cleared the following day.</p> <p>30/09/20 Karen Soons Quiet Lanes Suffolk secures funding to help residents stay active and reduce their carbon footprint Brockley Lane and New Road, possibly the road to Denahm.</p> <p>30/09/20 Local Resident Clay Pigeon Shooting/Parking on Burthorpe Green/Water Leak Covered under minute ref 5651</p> <p>Sept SALC E-Bulletins For information</p>	
5664	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, virtual meeting via Zoom at 7.15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 9:45pm</p>	

Signed: ..... (Chairman) date.....

## Neighbourhood Plan Report

### 1. Housing Requirement Calculations

I previously reported that WSC's latest calculations show a housing requirement of 204 dwellings to 2040 of which 56 are already in the pipeline, leaving 148 new homes. In other words, a slight reduction from their original calculations. WSC have now sent me the spreadsheet of their calculations and they have invited me to a teleconference to discuss matters further.

Using the spreadsheet we can see that if Barrow had 100 additional houses completed in 2019 then the housing need to 2040 increases by >100. In other words, the more development in the past – the more development in the future. It seems to me that the calculations are flawed since housing completions should not determine housing need.

I have discussed this with Planning Direct and they agree that this is illogical. I will continue to liaise with Planning Direct, arrange a meeting with WSC and advise further at the next PC meeting.

### 2. Design Code Work Package

I have liaised with AECOM and this study is underway. They will be sending one of their consultants to tour the village in a car (Covid restrictions), take photos and report back to AECOM.

### 3. Call for Sites

The Call for Sites is underway with notifications on PC web-site, notice boards, Newslink and Facebook postings. I have asked Kat to collate the submissions and then pass them to me after the Call's end date. Kat – could you repost the Call for Sites as I have problem with Facebook.

### 4. Public Consultation

The data from the public consultation has been collated and a report drafted. This has now been reviewed by Zigurds, I will incorporate his comments and circulate to the PC shortly. Please note that this report is currently confidential and should not be discussed in public until call for sites is completed. I recommend we do not discuss by email as it will get messy. I will recommend to Kat that we have it as an agenda point at the next meeting.

### 5. Newts

We have received 4 definite (credible) and 1 possible reports of great crested newts. The 4 definite are spaced apart at the south, east, centre and north of the main settlement. This further suggest that the first siting was not an isolated pocket. Ideally, we would receive more data – I will continue to monitor with a view to compiling a short report in the coming weeks.

### 6. Grants

We received notification, today, that the grant application for Planning Direct's fees in this financial year has been successful.

*Correspondence - Local Plan*

*We have received an invite in correspondence about a teleconference on the Local Plan and I understand the public consultation for the next stage of the SHELAA will start 15 October. We can't publicise the zoom call as it is for key stakeholder but should the PC publicise the public consultation?*