

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 7th March 2022

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr R Rawlings Cllr Holmes	Cllr Bragg Cllr K Rawlings Cllr Kronbergs	Cllr Steer Cllr Ford Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
6024	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Cousins, Cllr Wesley, Cllr Pettitt the clerk confirmed councillor Pettitt had resigned with immediate effect</p>	
6025	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None</p>	
6026	<p>PUBLIC FORUM There were 2 members of the public present. A question was asked about the NHP process, is there are a consultation prior to the vote? Cllr Kronbergs confirmed that there would be a regulation 14 consultation, which he was currently expecting would take place in late May/early June. Concerns were expressed about the preferred site, Bury Road as this was in the least favoured quadrant in the initial consultation. When asked, how much confidence have you got that the village will ratify the least favourite site? Cllr Pearson stated that this has not been fully approved by the Council as a whole. There is a current misconception that the Parish Council are supporting development by continuing with the NHP. The Parish Council is trying to mitigate development. There will be a lot of campaigning to do, it is important that the residents understand the importance of the NHP. There may be the option to add more than one site to future proof the plan.</p> <p>Concerns were raised about residents voting down the NHP if they felt they have not been listened to. Cllr Pearson stated that there were flaws in the questionnaire with self-fulfilling questions and people were asked to vote on areas rather than specific sites. The Parish Council will be responsible for justifying how the decision was made and why some sites are not achievable. The Planning advisors have deemed some sites as unsuitable.</p> <p>The current HNA number is 154 – 77 have already been developed on Woodland Rise.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed there would be a special edition of Newslink to ensure all residents are fully informed prior to any vote taking place.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson stated that the village must benefit from any development that is approved.</p>	

6027	<p>Minutes of the last meeting The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on 7th February 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.</p>	
6028	<p>COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Soons gave update on the proposal regarding the boundary changes. She encouraged everyone to make a representation giving reasons such as schooling/bus routes/A14/police. There are a series of consultations the first of which has proposed that Barrow would fall under Haverhill and Halstead.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson highlighted that the pond is still an issue and that it was impossible for someone to find someone to dredge it. He suggested raising the outlet pipe as the pond is several feet below the road. Cllr Pearson to send email.</p> <p>Cllr Soons to get update on timescales for the pavement outside the doctors.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson to track down finger point sign.</p> <p>The fallen sign by the school has been up righted.</p> <p>Cllr Soons was asked to arrange a meeting with Matthew Fox, Cllr Pearson and Cllr Holmes to attend.</p>	JP
6029	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Council tax rates have been fixed. Not much change for Barrow due to levelling up with Forest Heath. Cllr Houlder has responded against the boundary consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder expressed the importance of the NHP and how important it was for individuals to have their say. Barrow has delivered a lot of houses and he feels the infrastructure is struggling. Barrow is conveniently located for access to Cambridge, Ipswich and Stansted and is therefore very popular.</p> <p>Cllr Houlder confirmed that the Priory Hotel in Bury has taken in 40 people from Afghanistan.</p> <p>The school's consultation has nearly finished. The plan is for Westley to stay open for a few years, the Horringer sit will close.</p>	
6030	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) Update: Important roadworks information - A14 junctions 35 to 38 For information</p> <p>b) Colethorpe Lane The road was closed today. Work is being carried out.</p> <p>c) National Highways - Important roadworks information - A14 junctions 38 (Newmarket) to 43 (Bury St Edmunds) For information</p>	

6031	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN No significant updates, still waiting to hear back from WSC regarding the housing needs assessment.</p>	
6032	<p>CORRESPONDANCE FROM PIGEON The Parish Council received an email from Pigeon following the last meeting reiterating what was said on the night and highlighting the benefits of the proposed scheme to the village.</p>	
6033	<p>To receive the Community Police Report There were no messages cascaded, no statistics for January and no more information on the three outstanding investigations. (See appendix 1)</p> <p>Cllr Rawling confirmed that a person had been arrested for breaking into cars and they are awaiting prosecution.</p> <p>PC Lee Andrews will be holding an open morning on 9th April between 9am and 12pm for residents.</p> <p>Cllr K Rawlings to make poster for notice boards and social media.</p>	KR
6034	<p>Community infrastructure</p> <p>a) Broken Fence near pond – quotes The clerk received three quotes for the fence to be removed. £180, £1,100, and £550. Subject to clarification on the cheapest quote, the quote for £180 was approved. This was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Holmes. Cllr Pearson to seek clarification.</p> <p>b) Flooding outside shops The car park outside the Premier shop was flooded, the water has been pumped away. The Clerk obtained several quotes to have the drains jetted all very similar in price. It was agreed to accept the quote from IWJS. This was proposed by Cllr Kronbergs and seconded by Cllr Steer with all in agreement.</p> <p>c) Access Road, The Green The clerk has received three letters complaining about the condition of the access road on The Green near the hairdressers. The Clerk searched through historic files and established that the access road is the responsibility of the Parish Council however it was an access road only with no parking rights. The Clerk was asked to obtain some quotes to have the road repaired. Cllr Pearson to draft a letter to residents.</p> <p>d) Access to Old Bakery Site The Parish Council have been asked if the access to the site can be widened. The councillors did not approve this request. They deemed the current access acceptable. This was proposed by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Steer. Cllr Pearson to write to No. 1 confirming they do not own the access.</p> <p>e) Painted Rocks The cost of a bench would be £300-£400. Cllr Pearson has approached Valiants for a quote but has not heard back. Cllr Pearson to chase.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p>

6035	<p>FAIRGROUND REQUEST – 1st to 8th August The request was agreed subject to the weather conditions nearer the time. The fee of £100 to remain unchanged. The councillors agreed the fun fair could set up on the part of the Green with the village sign.</p>	Clerk
6036	<p>Parish and Town Councils forum report Cllr Steer attended the forum. See appendix 2 for report.</p> <p>Cllr Steer confirmed that they are looking to widen the conflict of interests to cover more than pecuniary interests – such as neighbours' conflict of interests</p>	
6037	<p>LITTER PICKING BARROW HILL Cllr Cousins proposed two dates, 13th or 27th. The Parish council didn't feel they were ready for these dates. Clerk to speak to Hargrave to see when they are planning their litter picking event.</p>	Clerk
6038	<p>TORCH RELAY The Clerk had received a nomination for someone to take part in the torch relay through Barrow. The Councillors were asked if they wanted to nominate anyone. No nominations were made. The nomination received by the Clerk will be put forward. This was proposed by Cllr Steer and seconded by Cllr K Rawlings.</p>	Clerk
6039	<p>INTENTION TO CONSULT – WEST SUFFOLK TAXI POLICY The proposal is to remove the requirement for all taxis to be wheelchair accessible and for the maximum age of taxis to be increased from 10 years to 15 years. The parish council did not object to these proposed changes.</p>	
6040	<p>COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW The Parish Council does not support the proposed changes in boundaries. Clerk to contact Westly Parish Council and ask to see their response. All Parish Councillors to respond individually.</p>	Clerk
6041	<p>COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING GROUPS The Clerk has been approached about putting a community emergency plan in place. This is not something the Parish Council were keen to progress.</p>	
6042	<p>QUEEN'S JUBILEE a) Celebration Cllr Steer attended the planning meeting. See appendix 3 for the events planned.</p> <p>The beacon will be lit on the playing field. This could incorporate fireworks/live music/bbq. The Parish Council will apply to close the road running through the Green for the Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>There is a proposal to install a new bench on the Green. This was proposed by Cllr Steer and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all in approval.</p> <p>The Parish Council were asked if they would consider some wildflower areas. The Councillors would not agree to wildflower areas on The Green.</p>	Clerk/ PW

	<p>b) Platinum Jubilee - Email sent on behalf of Cllr Robert Everitt, Portfolio Holder for Families and Communities For information</p> <p>c) Platinum Jubilee funding opportunities For information</p> <p>d) Permission to plant a crab apple tree The Parish Council gave permission for a crab apple tree to be planted in the church yard.</p> <p>e) Commemorative plaque The Parish Council agreed to spend up to £100 on a commemorative plaque. This was proposed by Cllr R Rawlings and seconded by Cllr K Rawlings.</p>	
6043	<p>SALC</p> <p>a) SALC ebulletins Circulated for information.</p> <p>b) Important update regarding 2021-2022 salary scales. Clerk to add to the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>c) SALC area Forums – March 2022 For information</p>	
6044	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) To receive the council's current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Ford seconded by Cllr Steer with all Councillors in agreement.</p> <p>b) To confirm payments N/A Clerk has asked for all payments to be listed going forward, not just payments for approval.</p> <p>c) To approve invoices N/A</p> <p>d) Grant Applications Re agenda for next meeting.</p>	
6045	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>DC/21/1621/HYB Land Required For Bexwell To Bury St Edmunds Anglian Water Pipeline For Anglian Water, Moulton Road, Gazeley Hybrid planning application - a. proposed 70 kilometre pipeline and associated above ground infrastructure at Gazeley, Isleham and Woodditton; b. Outline planning application - for above ground infrastructure at Bexwell, Kentford, Lady's Green and Rede with all matters reserved except for access</p>	

	<p>https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QXBK00PD07800</p> <p>No Objections</p> <p>DC/22/0265/LB Barrow House 8 The Green Barrow Suffolk IP29 5DT Application for listed building consent - replacement of two first floor windows at east and south elevations</p> <p>No Objections</p>	
6046	<p>To note the following planning determinations</p> <p>DC/21/2200/FUL Plot 1 Land At Three Horseshoes The Street Barrow Suffolk Planning application - two dwellings with associated landscaping REFUSED</p> <p>DC/21/2464/HH Keepers Lodge Barrow Road Denham IP29 5EQ Householder planning application - a. replacement porch b. amendments to existing window and doors to entrance c. one dormer to front elevation d. rear single storey covered veranda to form external covered garden seating area e. existing render replaced with weatherboarding APPROVED</p> <p>DC/21/1840/FUL Holiday Lodge Site Weeping Willow 39 Bury Road Barrow Suffolk Planning application - change of use from amenity land to seven holiday lodges APPROVED</p>	
6047	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>4th April 2022 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm The meeting was closed 9:45pm</p>	

Signed: (Chairman) date.....

APPENDIX 1

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – MARCH 2022

MESSAGES

There were no messages to cascade this month

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2022 – Total number: Figures not published as at date of this report. Updates not available on ongoing investigations

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION

During January a number of cars were broken into in Beale Road, a Bury St Edmunds person has been arrested and awaiting prosecution. I understand that some (if not all) items have been recovered.

On Saturday 9th April (9 – 11 a.m.) PC Lee Andrews-Pearce will be in the village Hall to meet residents wishing to receive advise on crime prevention or any other relevant topic. This has been broadcast via Newlink etc.

Ralph Rawlings
7th March 2022

Appendix 2

Notes from West Suffolk Council and SALC Joint Parish and Town Forum

9th February 2022

Chaired by Robert Everitt.

Next forum 15th March

Ben Smith – Business partner Governance.

They are carrying out a community Governance review; this is going to be an interim review on Town Council arrangements due to the merge of two councils. If we have any comments to make about our boundaries we need to submit this by 25th Feb.

He also talked about a New Code of Conduct for Suffolk.

There will be a new code in May for all parishes to adopt; it is to promote and maintain high standards of conduct. They are looking to widen the conflict of interests to cover more than pecuniary interests – such as neighbours' conflict of interests.

The Local Government Authority code will be adopted by WSC.

They are hoping to bring a Civility and Respect as part of the code – specifically to look at bullying and harassment of councillors.

It was felt that THE aGM in May would be the time to implement the new Code. There will be training arranged and information to Parish Clerks.

Main focus of the meeting was on the Jubilee arrangements; some other councils shared their ideas.

National Initiatives:

Lighting of Beacons

The Queens Green Canopy

Festival of Suffolk

Funding available:

The locality officers can help us with applying for funding.

Welcome back fund – to help with any preparation for the Jubilee. Has to be submitted before 31st March

Suffolk Community Foundation – they are supporting a Let's Create the Jubilee fund

Suffolk Canopy Fund – funds available for trees

West Suffolk District Council Locality funding for Jubilee's planning pre–March 31st and after.

The deadline for street closure application is 27th March.

SALC website has all of the information on funding

Appendix 3

BARROW JUBILEE PLANNING MEETING – FEB 2022 A FOUR-DAY WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2- 5 JUNE 2022

THEME: THE 1950s

Committee

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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 2nd June

Lighting of village beacon

Friday, 3rd June

Royal Tea Party in the Rectory Garden (or Church if wet)

Saturday, 4th June

The big breakfast from 0900 – 1100 in the village hall

Pudding competition display and judging (afternoon)

Sunday, 5th June

The Big Lunch – Street Party with live music to include the eating of the puddings!

Evening BBQ – Caravan Park

Throughout the weekend

Scarecrows – 'Royal Characters and Events through the Ages'

Display in the village hall of 'Barrow through the Ages'

Other

Planting of Jubilee tree in the village and churchyard

Wildflower area

Jubilee bench

Street performers?

Flower display in church

ACTION PLAN