

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON
Monday 5th June 2023**

Present:

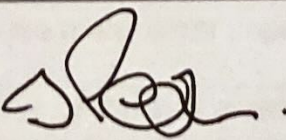
Cllr R Rawlings Cllr Wesley Cllr Holmes	Cllr Pearson Cllr Steer Cllr Bragg Cllr France	Clerk in attendance: No Clerk, Minutes taken by Cllr Steer
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Minute Ref		Action
6383	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Cousins and Cllr Ford Cllr Wesley joined at 7.25	
6384	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
6385	<p>PUBLIC FORUM:</p> <p>Jo Howard queried her understanding of what was said at the APM re the site for the NHP. She thought that Cllr Ford had said that 'it was a personal choice between the 2 sites' Unable to verify as the minutes for the AGM were not available until the next AGM and Cllr Ford had sent his apologies</p> <p>Question: Will the NHP be visited every few years? Cllr Pearson stated yes, but not the whole process. Eg Govt policy of abandonment of housing targets would make us vulnerable without a current NHP. It is better to have target numbers and revisit the NHP from time to time.</p> <p>Question: When will the referendum be? At this stage we are not sure. Cllr Rawlings went through the process (see attached notes)</p> <p>Cllr Pearson reassured the public that the referendum will be well publicised; the process will be transparent and will be led by the consultants.</p> <p>Cllr Rawlings reiterated that the PC wants the whole village to be engaged, not just the interested few.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson reiterated that the NHP is not just about planning housing – there are many other aspects of the village that will be part of the NHP.</p>	
6386	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>One amendment- item 6375 – Cllr Rawlings had stated that parking outside the Village Hall – cars are parking on the path not just the verge. Minutes accepted. Proposed by Cllr Rawlings; seconded by Cllr Holmes</p>	

6387	Councillors to sign the acceptance of office; Cllrs Bragg, Wesley and France have not done this. They do not have the forms; Cllr Pearson will ensure that they do.	
6388	No County Councillor present	
6389	Highways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update: Station Road Little Saxnam – diversion via Westry; road closed 17th – 21st July for ditching and drainage. b) Grass Verges – there are substantial areas that WSC are responsible for; they only cut verges two times per year; we have just had no mow May which has left the verges very overgrown and possibly dangerous on some junctions. Cllr Pearson will contact WSC to discuss the issue. c) Road closure 404645 is now complete and road now open d) Road Traffic Near Miss – although Woodland View verge is not the responsibility of the PC, it has been arranged for that verge to be mowed by our contractors following complaints. 	
6390	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Apologies offered for missing the AGM. Report attached. Cllr Houlder did promise to reserve his whole annual budget for the PC in order to help with NHP expenses.	
6391	Suffolk Archives - Western Way Development In 2025, Suffolk Archives are planning to move from their current premises to a new development in Bury St Edmunds where they will be co-located alongside other health, leisure, and community services They are planning to hold a short informal workshop on the morning of Wednesday 21 st June The workshop will be held at their current branch premises at 77 Raingate Street in Bury St Edmunds.	
6392	Appointment of New Parish Clerk Cllr Pearson announced that we have appointed a new parish Clerk to start in mid-June. She will be spending a period of time shadowing Kat; there is training available to get her qualified. There will be a period of double salary for 2 clerks.	
6393	Co-opting New Councillor – no one has yet committed	
6394	Neighbourhood Plan Report Cllr Rawlings presented his report. See attached Cllr Rawlings proposed that the date for the next meeting be pushed back to 17 th July to allow WSC time to consider the report. Proposed by Cllr Holmes; seconded by Cllr Bragg. It is important that we get the NHP adopted before WSC get their local plan adopted in 2025. Cllr Rawlings and Cllr Pearson held a meeting with the planning department of WSC today (5 th June) . it would seem that they are still backing the Bury Road site. They did however refute the suggestion by	

	<p>one developer that they would start the development in 2024; no development can take place until the local plan has been published.</p> <p>Cllr France asked if the draft report would be circulated prior to the meeting – Cllr Rawlings confirmed that it would.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson stated that there needs to be sufficient time for discussion; next meeting would need a short agenda.</p>	
6395	<p>Land at Colethorpe Lane There has been a slight misunderstanding (see correspondence); but Cllr Pearson has cleared up any misunderstandings.</p>	
6396	<p>Correspondence re NHP One resident felt that the site on Barrow would result in a linear development; Cllr Pearson commented that if you take the memorial as the centre of the village, the Bury Road site and Barrow Hill site are both about the same distance; however, the site at Colethorpe Lane does not fall into that parameter.</p> <p>Cllr France felt that the site near the school would remove the need for car parking; assuming that everyone has children!</p> <p>We cannot put Colethorpe Lane into the NHP as WSC have deferred that site.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes felt that the Colethorpe site would have so many benefits for the school.</p>	
6397	<p>Police Report See attached report In response to Cllr Rawlings request for speed monitors to be held in Colethorpe Lane – the Police stated that it was too dangerous to stop people on that road as there is no where that they can pull cars in.</p> <p>Cllr France stated that there is no need to stop if they can record licence plates and speed.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes stated that the Police have said they are setting up a system to take photos and record information..</p>	
6398	<p>Community Infrastructure We have placed an order for a mixed waste bin to replace the dog bin on Watson Way.</p>	
6399	<p>20's Plenty There is a campaign to reduce the speeds in villages; there was unanimous support for this; Cllr Wesley felt that especially around the pinch-point at the shop. Cllr France agreed to follow this up.</p>	Cllr France
6400	<p>Access via the Green Express House have written to the PC to ask permission to use the track on the green for access to their house and to make the track more solid; stated suitable material; all waste to be removed by the contractor; Cllr Pearson approved; proposed by Cllr Wesley; seconded by Cllr Holmes</p>	

6401	Town and Parish Forum – next meeting on 11th July at 6.45 WS House. Cllr Steer to attend	
6402	Grass Cutting Schedule – see correspondence The only concern from the PC is that WSC are not cutting the dangerous areas sufficiently.	
6403	Barrow Footpath 12 – to be closed in July	
6404	Suffolk Association of Local Councils next meeting is on Tuesday 5th September There is funding for Football Pitches – Cllr Steer will inform Cllr Wesley of the details. Tree Warden network – Cllr Steer will inform Cllr Wesley of the details.	
6405	Financial Matters To approve May accounts. A reminder that the Croziers accounts must be spent on highways matters. Approval proposed by Cllr Rawlings; seconded by Cllr Steer Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr France; seconded by Cllr Wesley Invoices approved; proposed by Cllr Holmes; seconded by Cllr Bragg Followed a discussion re some allotments not being paid for; Cllr Wesley suggested they should be asked to leave and that McGregor's should top the relevant allotments. Cllr Wesley will follow this up. Advertisers who still owe for Newslink will be dropped from the next issue. Newslink will be published to coincide with the NHP consultation; it does reach every household in the village.	Cllr Wesley
6406	Planning Applications for Consideration No 2 Simpson – single story extension; insertion of rear dormer on garage to make additional room. Cllr France commented that there is no provision for access to wheelie bins Cllr Pearson to comment	
6407	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 17 th July 2023 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:55pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 17-7-23