

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON
Monday 4th September 2023**

Present:

Cllr R Rawlings (joined at 19:23)	Cllr Pearson	Cllr Holder (until 7:50pm)
Cllr Wesley	Cllr Steer	
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Bragg	Clerk in attendance:
Cllr Ford	Cllr France	Rachel Chilton

Minute Ref		Action
6437	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Cousins	
6438	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
6439	<p>PUBLIC FORUM: There were 12 members of the public present.</p> <p>A member of the public asked - Update on Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) – a lot of misinformation being mentioned. Cllr Pearson reassured full process will be completed.</p> <p>A member of the public asked – In previous meeting (17th July) it was mentioned regarding the new footpath, who is responsible for it and did the Parish Council (PC) know? Cllr Pearson noted that the PC were not aware of the works/notice of works until it had been carried out. It is the Developers responsibility. General discussion takes place – result of conversation SIL money is not applicable to PC as West Suffolk CC don't subscribe.</p> <p>A member of the public asked – Is there any relationship between Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan and emerging West Suffolk Council Local Plan, do they conflict? Cllr Pearson noted West Suffolk emerging Local Plan is also suggesting 170 houses, however their preferred sites are 150 houses on Bury Rd and 20 houses on Denham Lane. Our preferred site is 170 houses on Barrow Hill. Reasons are contained within the NHP etc. Should WSC and PC not agree on site selection, and both plans approved by the Planning Inspectorate, there is a potential for 340 houses to be built. There is however a long way to go in the process and nothing is set in stone.</p> <p>A member of the public asked - What is the latest Legal advice? Cllr Pearson notes that there is no legal guarantee or secure answer regarding how many houses to be built, it can be an ever-changing process. It could change subject to government/policy changes.</p>	

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	A member of the public asked – Could something further be done with the verges – donate crab apple trees? Cllr Wesley noted they would need to be 1.5m from the road. Cllr Wesley to measure.	Cllr Wesley
6440	Minutes of the last meeting The draft minutes of the meeting of 17 July had been circulated prior to the meeting and agreed at the meeting.	
6441	To receive the County Council Report County Cllr Soons was not in attendance and had not submitted a report.	
6442	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Holder – reiterated Cllr Pearsons/Cllr Rawlings points regarding the WSC LP and NHP. Cllr Holder had attended various planning meetings and stated that all points for and against the NHP and LP will be published and all will be able to read the information. It was better to have a NHP than not. General discussion which involved a member of the public – regarding the letter from the meeting of 17 th July regarding the Colethorpe Lane site. Did we respond? Cllr Pearson stated no the PC did not respond and asked kindly for the public to refrain for comment at this stage of the meeting. The letter was addressed in the previous meeting. Cllr Rawlings adding that the site was not considered by West Suffolk Council and as a Parish we should move on from this.	
6443	Community Police Report See attached report.	
6444	Neighbourhood Plan - Update Cllr Rawlings noted that West Suffolk Council's Local Plan is not yet made, Barrow cum Denham PC are ahead with their Neighbourhood Plan, WSC LP may align/may not align, nothing is set in stone until the process is complete. A referendum will be held and residents will decide if the NHP is accepted. So far WSC comments on PC NHP have been positive. We are awaiting further comments from Aecom and all comments will be incorporated into the NHP prior to submission. The announced dates are: the public consultation process will start on 12 th September and end on 24 th October. The community presentation will be held on 16 th September. A dedicated website has been set up and will be going live from 12 th September. Newslink will be distributed. Hard copies of the NHP will be available at the Post Office and by appointment with Cllr Rawlings. Cllr Rawlings will place posters around the village on various telegraph poles and it will be shown on the public notice boards and Parish Council website. Cllrs Rawlings noted that we are due to apply for further funding from DLUHC.	
6445	Correspondence – NHP Legal update. This point was covered in the public forum 6439.	
6446	SALC a) No.	



	<p>b) Discussion regarding the funding available. Community Chest Fund application deadline 29th September 2023.</p> <p>c) Remote meetings seem to be in favour. Pop up Library could be an option with the funding.</p> <p>Action point: Cllr Steer to apply for funding.</p>	
6447	<p>Community Infrastructure</p> <p>a) Churchyard Wall Repair – Cllr Pearson explaining that the old wall is fallen over and that the repairs were being discussed with the Vicar. The design is that it would be part flint and part panelled fencing. There is a large tree there that is most likely causing an issue. Cllr Holmes noted that the church is most likely Listed and that Listed Buildings may need consulting prior to any repair. PC to write to the Church/Vicar - legally the Parish Council cannot contribute to the repair.</p> <p>b) Changing facilities – Cllr Pearson noted that we need to action this before we lose the funding opportunity. We are well into the timeline. Discussion needs to be had on the potential for the construction/costs/planning etc. It was noted it may bring more to the village if we had the right facilities. General discussion over connection of power/water/sewerage. Who would take on the responsibility for maintenance? Suggestion was that it should fall with the Village Hall Management Committee. Tennis Court conversation started as it appears locked and not for general public use.</p> <p>Action point: Cllr Wesley to find out who owns and has access.</p> <p>c) Grit Bins – it was noted these were scheduled to be refilled. Cllr Wesley has offered to remove an old bin that has been replaced.</p> <p>d) Dropped kerb – Brittons Crescent – The Parish Council would need to cover the cost. The Cllrs were unsure as to exactly where this was needed.</p> <p>Action point: Cllr Bragg to locate and discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>e) Hedge cutting – Village Hall to playing field – Cllr Pearson was unsure what the quotation included so would clarify with the contractor.</p> <p>f) Road markings – Sharpes Hill – Cllr Soons has requested that these be refreshed.</p>	
6448	<p>Post Office – Consultation</p> <p>Cllr Pearson noted that we had received a final update from the Post Office. Cllr Bragg updated – noted there was no real consultation and that the move had happened prior to any knowledge of the consultation. Positive that it was more centrally located. It was not offered to Premier Stores where there would have been more parking. Negative is that parking outside Matts Food and Wine store is already difficult.</p>	
6449	<p>Quiet Lanes - Update</p> <p>Cllr Pearson read out the update received. Posts are appearing and works should be completed by 30th September which is the end of the Kier Contract.</p>	

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6450	<p>Financial Matters To approve July/August accounts.</p> <p>Approval proposed by Cllr Steer; seconded by Cllr Ford.</p> <p>Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Wesley; seconded by Cllr Ford.</p> <p>Invoices approved; proposed by Cllr Pearson; seconded by Cllr Rawlings.</p> <p>Action points: Cllr Wesley to look at the glass for the telephone box. Clerk to send out chasers for outstanding allotment invoices from 22/23. Accountant to write off the outstanding Newslink payments not received as these are from 2021.</p>	
6451	<p>Planning Applications for Consideration DC/23/1288/FUL No comment</p>	
6452	<p>Planning determinations DC/23/1228/HH Lewkenors, 4 Denham Barns – a) single storey extension to north elevation b) new window to west elevation – Approved. DC/23/1123/FUL Grove Farm, Colethorpe Lane – application for agricultural building – Pending Decision DC/23/1126/LB Church Farmhouse, Church Lane – Listed Building application for replacement porch following demolition of existing lean-to – Approved. DC/23/1125/HH Church Farmhouse, Church Lane - Householder planning application - replacement porch (following demolition of existing lean-to) – Approved.</p>	
6436	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 2nd October 2023 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed at 21:05</p>	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 2/10/23