

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL


**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON
Monday 2nd October 2023**

Present:

Cllr R Rawlings Cllr Wesley Cllr Ford Cllr Soons	Cllr Pearson Cllr Steer Cllr Bragg Cllr France	Clerk in attendance: Rachel Chilton
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6453	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Cousins Cllr Holmes	
6454	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan.	
6455	PUBLIC FORUM: 10 members of the public present A member of the public asked – re: policies within the Neighbourhood Plan, when were they finalised/agreed by the Parish Council? Cllr Pearson noted these are not finalised as the Neighbourhood Plan is a working draft. A member of the public asked – who wrote the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan? Cllr Pearson noted these were written by consultants as they have the expertise on this subject. A member of the public spoke about the employment land policy included in the Neighbourhood Plan that could allow the employment land to be flipped for houses. Cllr Pearson noted that the Neighbourhood Plan was a working draft and wording of the policies can be looked into. A member of the public raised a query over Cllr Ford's comments noted in previous minutes for the Barrow Hill site. Cllr Ford responded directly. Not sure where the query was leading. No previous minutes are to be amended. A member of the public requested confirmation of Cllr Steer's declared interest. This was confirmed earlier in this meeting and Cllr Steer has had no input on the Neighbourhood Plan and cannot vote.	
6456	Minutes of the last meeting Cllr Pearson read out amendments to be made. These have been done. Proposed: Cllr France Seconded: Cllr Ford	
6457	To receive the County Council Report Cllr Soons in attendance – sent round report on the day of the meeting so not circulated prior. Updated on Fire Service initiative of shared services between counties.	

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	<p>Updated on the pylon proposals across adjoining counties and that there was to be a joint response to object to some points of the proposal with Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk.</p> <p>WSC are looking at a new Highways contract and the grass cutting contract was going out to tender also.</p> <p>Cllr Soons asked if there was anything that we would like assistance with – Cllr Pearson noted that we had received quotes for repairs to pavements that wouldn't necessarily cover what we required. General discussions over budgets and allowances to be split between 16 villages.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson raised the Quiet Lanes point (13b on Agenda) regarding that the posts did not appear to be installed but the contact with Kier had now come to an end. Cllr Soons asked the Clerk to email the details so this could be followed up.</p> <p>19:50 Cllr Soons exited.</p>	
6458	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</p> <p>No District Cllrs in attendance.</p>	
6459	<p>Community Police Report</p> <p>See attached report.</p>	
6460	<p>Neighbourhood Plan – Update by Cllr Rawlings</p> <p>Consultation started 12th September</p> <p>6 houses were missed in the distribution – Church Hayes</p> <p>30 posters were put up around the village, in both pubs, Village Hall, Church, doctors, Post Office.</p> <p>It's on our Parish website, also distributed to the History club, Sports club and School.</p> <p>Public presentation held on 16th September – estimated 75 attendees with 3 responses on the day.</p> <p>Comments will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>28 responses received so far and we hope for more over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Comments/responses can be submitted directly to the Parish Council, the website and Have Your Say leaflets. All will be seen in full by the Parish Council.</p> <p>No requests for a hard copy of the Neighbourhood Plan have been requested so far.</p> <p>Cllr Pearson added there had been a request for a further presentation, there would not be but the information from the public presentation is available to be viewed.</p>	
6461	<p>NHP – points for discussion</p> <p>See correspondence Item 9 for questions raised:</p> <p>Responses as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes absolutely fine. <i>submitted by email</i> • Cllr France raised the question of conflict of interest concerning Turley and Pigeon. In the subsequent discussion, Cllr Rawlings noted that emails were exchanged at the time of Turley's appointment. Cllr France requested to see copies of the relevant emails and Cllr Rawlings agreed to supply. • Planning Direct pulled out, the Parish Council went to market for new consultants and contacted a number of companies. Turleys were contacted in December, they were a national company with the resources. We have 	<p><i>All copies TO BE SEEN BY Cllr</i></p> 

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	<p>all the correspondence. General discussion over conflict of interest between Turleys and Pigeon. Turleys were not involved in site selection as they were not onboard until December and site selection took place in October, there is therefore no conflict of interest. Furthermore, Turley also conduct business with Bloor on a national basis.</p>	
6462	<p>New Policies Cllr Steer has written a couple of new policies in line with WSC's own. All agreed we will publish these on the website. Proposed: Cllr Rawlings Seconded: Cllr Wesley</p>	
	<p>7 members of the public left the meeting.</p>	
6463	<p>Audit Conclusion – for information Published on notice boards and website.</p>	
6464	<p>SALC a) None sent through this month. b) Cllrs Steer is attending the forum as is now on the SALC board. c) No results in yet but remote meetings seem to be favoured still. Cllr Steer is to get more information on the Solar Farms and Suffolk libraries.</p>	<p>Cllr Steer</p>
6465	<p>Community Infrastructure a) Cllr Steer attended the Red Lodge pop up library to see how well attended it was and what information we could find out. There are some points to work out. It cost approximately £8,000 to set up. Cllr Steer has submitted an application for funding. Could start next April. Cllr Wesley suggested advertising it in Newslink to gain interest. General discussion on benefits and other options available locally for example the School. b) This was discussed earlier in the meeting – see 6457. c) 20s Plenty – Cllr France wrote to the Council – see attached correspondence. d) Footpath 10 (Denham) diversion – general discussion over where the path came out in a 60mph zone. We would reply with recommendations to bring path down within the hedgerow so that pedestrians could safely exit the path into the 30mph zone. e) Changing facility – quotes required, needs actioning as time limit is drawing close. f) Access road – The Green – the Chairman has been approached to see if the Parish Council would approve cost for the re-surfacing of the remaining 2/3 of the lane. Quotes to be sought. Cllr Wesley to view area in question. g) General discussion had regarding what style signs would be acceptable. Further quotes to be sought. Who would be responsible for putting this up, would need to be in a safe/accessible spot.</p>	
6466	<p>Financial Matters To approve September accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr Steer; seconded by Cllr Rawlings. Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Steer; seconded by Cllr Bragg.</p>	

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	Invoices approved; none proposed.	
6467	Planning Applications for Consideration DC/23/1364/HH – No comment. DC/23/1531/HH – Reply to Planning Department – query over boundary and location of Garden Office. DC/23/1552/HH – No comment.	
6468	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.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 6 th November 2023 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 21:30hrs.	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 6/5/2023