

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Cllr R Rawlings Cllr Wesley Cllr Cousins Cllr Ford	Cllr Steer – Vice Chair Cllr France Cllr Bragg Cllr Holmes	Clerk in attendance: Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
6487	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pearson – Chair	
6488	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Cousins declared an interest in Planning Application within 6503. Cllr Wesley declared an interest in Planning Application within 6503.	
6489	PUBLIC FORUM: 11 members of the public present Member of the public asking are we publishing the comments from the Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Rawlings responding that he would cover this in his report later in the meeting. At present there is a large amount of work being undertaken to go through the responses which have been received by the various methods. Cross checking is required e.g. one person submitted 3 responses via the different methods. It is a work in progress. Member of the public asking are you sending in the Neighbourhood Plan to West Suffolk Council after you have gone through the comments. Cllr Rawlings responding yes once we have all the information compiled all will be included and put before the Parish Council then it will be incorporated into the NHP submitted to West Suffolk Council. Member of the public asking will there be a re-consultation. Cllr Rawlings responding there will be no re-consultation. The final vote will be from the residents. Member of the public asking if there are lots of the same point made will they be noted individually. Cllr Rawlings responding that all comments will be categorised. Cllr Steer – Vice Chair saying are there any questions that are not related to the Neighbourhood Plan as Cllr Rawlings will be covering this point later in the meeting. Member of the public saying that the issue with driving over the verges outside the Village Hall is getting worse again.	



	<p>Cllr Wesley responding that we are going to plant some crab apple trees but these have to be 1.5m from the kerbside. Cllr Bragg responding to say the whole street needs looking at for the possibility of trees/measures to stop the verge encroachment.</p> <p>Member of the public asking the Clerk if they had received the statement read out at the previous meeting my member of the public. Clerk responding yes we have.</p> <p>Member of the public asking about the cable across the road. Who is it for? Cllr Soons saying for Clerk to email to ask if it is Highways or anyone related to the Council. It could be a private survey.</p>	Clerk
6490	<p>Minutes of the last meeting Proposed: Cllr Wesley Seconded: Cllr Rawlings</p>	
6491	<p>To receive the County Council Report Cllr Soons going through November report – available on the Parish website New contract for Highways – expecting significant improvements. Kier contract running until the end of the year. Come Spring we should see changes/improvements. Trading Standards – please do report to them, they are there to investigate scams etc, rogue traders. Suffolk County Council – are looking for more foster carers. Significant number of children in the County needing fostering/adoption. Funds – the Council are seeking views/responses from residents on how they would like their money to be spent. Suffolk Fire Rescue – happy to arrange for them to attend events we have planned.</p> <p>Cllr Soons invited questions from the public</p> <p>Member of the public asking - School parking was mentioned at the last meeting the yellow line only goes half way round is there any reason why that is? Cllr Soons responded, it would probably be historic reason. It would require a new TRO. Cllr Soons mentioned about the small budget which has to be split across a number of areas (21 in total). Cllr Wesley responding, we need to set this in motion. The Clerk is to email Cllr Soons.</p> <p>Member of the public asking – how do we send the feedback for the libraries. Cllr Steer responding we could put this up on the Parish website, you can go direct to Suffolk County Councils website and Suffolk Archives.</p> <p>Cllr France asking if there was any update on 20s Plenty. Cllr Soons responding there was no update at the moment.</p>	Clerk
6492	<p>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT No District Councillor present.</p>	

6493	Community Police Report See attached report.	
6494	<p>Community Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pop up library - Cllr Steer updating that we have not had a response on the fund yet. Will not be for some time. To add to the March agenda. b) Quiet Lanes - Cllr Cousins updating all posts are in position bar the extension on post 4. All the signs will be put up within the next month. c) 20s Plenty - Cllr France updating that some Councils are implementing the 20s Plenty sporadically and this is causing an issue with driver concentration. It would make sense for the whole village to be 20mph rather than driver looking for the signs of the change in guidance. General discussion had – Cllr France will email Cllr Soons. d) Denham Footpath (10) - No further update. e) Changing Room - Cllr Pearson was finding out regarding the S106 monies. Clerk is now instructed to do this. f) The Green access road - Cllr Wesley has received a quote, this is to be reviewed. g) Colethorpe Lane – Speed sign - Cllr Steer is going to see if there is a training course on Highways Safety for Councillors. Cllr Wesley responded if we go to 20mph with the 20s Plenty, then could we not then petition for the 40mph to become 30mph. Cllr France will add into his correspondence with Cllr Soons. Cllr Bragg suggesting the signs could all do with a clean/clearance of foliage. Cllr Wesley to get quotes. h) Brittons Crescent – dropped kerb - Application being submitted. i) Cllr Steer noted that D-Day anniversary falls on a Thursday, would it be better to have the event at a weekend. All agreed the Saturday would be best. j) Clerk noting that we needed to get the Newslink back up and running. General discussion over how many editions and the suggestion to bulk them out a bit if we did less a year. Agreed to trial 3 editions. Spring, Summer and then an Autumn/Winter version. <p>Cllr Ford raising a further point not on the agenda – flooding in the High Street has reoccurred, near the Three Horseshoes pub. Can this be reported to Highways as the pipe/drain is probably blocked.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr France</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Wesley</p> <p>Clerk</p>
6495	Neighbourhood Plan – Update by Cllr Rawlings Attached.	
6496	Headway Suffolk Cllr Wesley noting that we have a month where we pick the charities to donate to. Cllr Steer asking the Clerk to reply and defer until March meeting.	Clerk

6497	Highways Agency – Notice of Works Cllr Steer reading out notice of works on the A11 to continue until 24 th January – night work for resurfacing.	
6498	Speeding and dog waste bins Cllr Steer reading out the correspondence received. The Council noted that there were already a number of bins and signs for the dog waste. With regards to speeding this has been covered in the 20s Plenty element at 6494.	
6499	Christmas bin collections Cllr Steer noting these are available. Clerk responding they are on the notice board and added to the website.	
6500	Lighthouse Womens Aid charity Cllr Wesley noting that we have a month where we pick the charities to donate to. Cllr Steer asking the Clerk to reply and defer until March meeting.	Clerk
6501	SALC Cllr Steer attended the conference. Very informative. Would encourage others to attend. Noted new legislation was coming out (LARA). Some Parishes/Councils have a bio-diversity policy in place. Cllr Steer asking if we thought we should have one. Cllrs in agreement. Cllr Steer to send round example. Cllr Cousins noting it would be useful as we do have grass cutting/hedge cutting etc and a policy would be useful to refer too. Cllr Cousins, Cllr Ford, Cllr Wesley and Cllr Steer to get together on this matter.	
6502	Financial Matters To approve October/November accounts. Approval proposed by Cllr Cousins; seconded by Cllr Ford. Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Rawlings; seconded by Cllr Holmes. Invoices approved; Cllr Wesley and Cllr Cousins.	
6503	Planning Applications for Consideration DC/23/1825/FUL – no comment. DC/23/1898/HH – no comment. NMA(A)/23/1228 – no comment. DCON(A)/22/0210 – no comment.	
6504	Planning determinations DC/23/1616/HH Vicarage Farm Barns, Vicarage Long Barn, Barrow Road, Denham, Suffolk, IP29 5EF – Approved. DC/23/1531/HH 27 Ley Road, Barrow, Suffolk, IP29 5DJ– Approved.	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 5th February 2024 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm.

The meeting was closed at 08:19pm

Signed:



(Chairman) date.....

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Notes for PC meeting ref NP - 4th December 2023

Update on Consultation responses.

Whilst we were originally hoping to complete the report regarding the Regulation 14 consultation responses during November, this is taking us longer than originally estimated.

Both Cllr France and I, are trawling through the responses to ensure that all comments are captured as well as cross referencing between the various methods used by residents, checking for duplications (e.g., residents responding by both email and on-line).

This is a work 'in progress' and we will complete as soon as possible.

As previously mentioned, all the responses will be published (after names and personal data has been redacted) onto the website.

In addition, all the responses will be submitted to West Suffolk, with the final NP.

West Suffolk Regulation 19 Local Plan Consultation

We received a notification last week that West Suffolk Council Cabinet will consider the West Suffolk Local Plan and its proposed consultation programme on 5 December 2023. If agreed by Cabinet, the plan and its consultation programme will be considered at a meeting of the full Council on 19 December 2023.

If approved at full Council, consultation will commence on 30 January 2024 for a period of six weeks.

These documents will be available on their website and residents will be able to provide their responses.

Suffolk County Council

We have engaged with Suffolk County Council regarding our emerging Neighbourhood Plan who will be providing their comments. They required 8 weeks (taking into account Christmas) however we requested a deadline of 5pm Friday 19th January 2024 (7 weeks). Our final submission to West Suffolk cannot take place until after this date.

Ralph Rawlings

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

MESSAGES CASCADED

There was one message I cascaded today which relates to the Christmas Drink & Drugs Driving Campaign. Suffolk Police have launched their Christmas Drink & Drug Driving Campaign which covers the period 1st December 2023 – 1st January 2024. Every driver they speak to during the month will be breathalysed.

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER '23 = (as of 4th December 2023, figures not published).

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION

As I was unable to attend the on- Line meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner, I wrote to him to pose the following questions/provide feedback:

- Comment regarding 167 reported crimes over the last 33 months, yet no prosecutions.
- Of these, 49% were categorised as Violence and Sexual. Could this section be further sub-divided to separate the major crimes (rape, murder etc) from the minor offences?
- Is there a system that can identify crimes from the same household? The perception can be that a particular road (which we know to be quiet) has a high crime rate which is not a true reflection of the actual.
- Is there a quick way of finding out the crime timeline for previously reported incidents and the outcome. Currently you have to backtrack through each month and find the relevant crime, which is time consuming.

Waiting for response

Ralph Rawlings

4th December 2023.