

## BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Present:**

Cllr Rawlings Cllr Ford Cllr Pearson – Chair Cllr Soons Cllr Holder	Cllr Steer – Vice Chair Cllr France Cllr Bragg Cllr Holmes	Clerk in attendance: Rachel Chilton
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Minute Ref	Action	Action
<b>6505</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Cllr Wesley Cllr Cousins	
<b>6506</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</b> Cllr Steer in item 6513 (9 on the agenda).	
<b>6507</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC FORUM: 11 members of the public present</b></p> <p>Member of the public raised a query regarding Sharpes Hill verges. They are in a bad state and is there anything that can be done. Cllr Pearson said the Parish Council can raise this with Highways and also the public are also encouraged to do this. Cllr Soons adding that submitting a photo with any request to Highways will be helpful. General discussion over whether the churned-up verges were a cause for concern with regards to safety.</p> <p>Member of the public raised a query of West Suffolk Council's Local Plan not showing on the agenda for the meeting and that they had been in conversation with two members from West Suffolk Council regarding the Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan, concern over the housing numbers increasing with both the Neighbour Plan and Local Plan. Cllr Pearson noting that the Parish Council did not want more development and that both plans are in the draft phase.</p> <p>Member of the public asking if we vote against West Suffolk Council's preferred option do we open ourselves up for over development. Cllr Pearson reiterating that the Parish Council's position is not promoting 340 houses.</p>	
<b>6508</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b></p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Steer</p> <p>Seconded: Cllr Ford</p>	
<b>6509</b>	<p><b>To receive the County Council Report</b></p> <p>See attached report.</p>	

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	<p>Further discussions had:  Spray markings for repairs on pavements are worn away (repairs yet to take place) Can these be restored? Cllr Soons ask the Clerk for an update email.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes asking for comment on the removal of public records library. This is a detriment to local people. Cllr Soons noting a lot was being scanned and moved online.</p>	Clerk
6510	<p><b>DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT</b>  Cllr Holder noting that the recent reports of fly tipping had helped get the site cleared promptly by West Suffolk Council.  There is a Locality Budget of £2800 we can apply for but not for the Neighbourhood Plan. Can we find other sources of where to spend the money and Cllr Holder will apply but there is a tight deadline of the end of the month. Cllr Steer suggesting the D-day memorial.  Cllr Holder noting about the West Suffolk Local Plan suggesting they will not want 380 houses but pressure on budgets may influence the number of houses, although they don't get paid much per house.</p>	
6511	<p><b>Community Police Report</b>  See attached report.</p>	
6512	<p><b>Community Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Cllr France noting we had not heard any further on this but he suggested that the speed limited need to be visible to work, showing on the tarmac as well as the usual sign posts.</li> <li>b) Cllr Pearson noting the response we had received from the West Suffolk Council regarding the confusion over the location of the 30mph sign. There is a temporary sign up for works being carried out at present but this will no doubt be removed once works completed.</li> <li>c) S106 monies are still available. Quotes for the changing facilities are to be sought. General discussion over structures. Cllr Pearson will speak with Cllr Wesley about making contact with UKPN re floodlighting.</li> <li>d) Review of the quote received for completing the surfacing of the access road on The Green. Residents who live there were not wishing to contribute. Cllr Pearson asking for a resolution. All in favour and the quote is to be accepted.</li> <li>e) Update from Cllr Steer – event to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Vicar has organised other events for over the weekend. We are due to meet with the Rev. Lynda Sebbage to discuss and then organise a program for the event. Clerk to speak to Village Hall Management regarding access to the playing field.</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Rawlings</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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6513	<b>Neighbourhood Plan – Update by Cllr Rawlings</b> Attached.	
6514	<b>Plug in Suffolk</b> Cllr Pearson reading out the email received. Cllr Ford noting it would be a sensible addition to the village. Cllr Pearson suggesting that the location at the village hall whilst sensible, the electrics would require checking. Cllr Pearson putting to a vote: All in favour. Clerk to send in application.	<b>Clerk</b>
6515	<b>Capital Sports Fund</b> Cllr Pearson reading out the email received. Asking for volunteers to assist, is this something we can use in the village.	
6516	<b>SALC</b> Cllr Steer saying the latest meeting focused on investments for Parish Council and the public sector deposit funds. Cllr Steer to speak to the Accountant.	
6517	<b>Financial Matters</b> To approve December/January accounts.  Approval proposed by Cllr Ford; seconded by Cllr Rawlings.  Payments accepted; proposed by Cllr Holmes, seconded by Cllr France.  Invoices approved.	
6518	<b>Planning Applications for Consideration</b> DC/24/0069/FUL – this is a large building for the purpose/required use stated and previous application declined. Clerk to respond.  DC/24/0082/FUL – support the application but to note that the additional parking/accessibility to the site should not impede pedestrians using the established footpath/pavement. Clerk to respond.  DC/24/0010/FUL – no comment.  DC/23/1958/HH – no comment.	
6519	<b>Planning determinations</b> NMA/23/1228/HH – Approved. DC/23/1552/HH – Approved. DCON (A)/22/0210 – Approved. DC/23/1839/HH – Approved.	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm.  The meeting was closed at 9:25pm	

Signed: [Signature]

(Chairman) date 4/03/24

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## COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – MARCH 2024

MESSAGES CASCADED - NONE

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024 = 3

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
Burglary	On or near New Road	No data available
Other Theft	On or near Barrow Hill	No data available
Vehicle Crime	On or near Coalpit Lane	No data available

It would appear that Suffolk Constabulary have changed their website whereby there is no longer a mechanism for viewing the crime timeline data. I have provided feedback via their website. In addition, I have written to our Community Police Officer detailing the above and requested that she provides us with an update.

PC Emma Macduff has informed us that she has had a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) assigned to her to assist in covering her area, which is good news as it provides a second point of contact for us. Their intention is to hold an open day for residents to meet with them and to raise any concerns they may have. Dates are to be arranged but will likely be on a Saturday. I have raised the issue of cost pointing out that hire of the village hall is a revenue stream, however the Police will not sanction any expenditure on hiring the hall. I see no alternative but for the Parish Council to bear the cost of hire (it is for the benefit of the community).

Ralph Rawlings

4th March 2024.



## **Barrow-cum-Denham Neighbourhood Plan Update – Points to cover presented at Parish Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

### **Reg 14 Consultation**

1. Since my last report, whilst it has taken longer than anticipated, I can confirm that the Consultation report is now online and can be accessed on the following website: [www.barrowsuffolknp.co.uk](http://www.barrowsuffolknp.co.uk). This is the same site as that used for the Consultation which keeps all relevant documents in one place. We have referred to this site on our Parish website.
2. All responses are included with personal data redacted to ensure anonymity of residents.
3. Responses from outside bodies/organisations; Historic Buildings, Natural England, The Environment Agency, Suffolk County Council are also included. We have not received a response from Homes and Community Agency.
4. We have forwarded these responses to Aecom so they can check to see if any adjustments are required to the SEA report dated September 2023.
5. Due to its size, 450 pages, 143mgb, we had to split the report into sections to enable it to be uploaded onto the website.
6. I had previously reported, incorrectly, that there were 125 responses who strongly/disagree; this should have been 121. I apologise for this error.
7. This report and all responses will be appended to the final Neighbourhood Plan at the point of submission to West Suffolk Council.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

1. We are working on the final draft of the NP which we hope to complete by the middle of March.
2. This will be circulated to all Councillors at that time for their perusal providing a least a one week window.
3. We will need to arrange an extraordinary meeting around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March to agree the NP.
4. Final submission to West Suffolk Council to be completed before the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024

5. With regard to Aecom's Strategic Environment Assessments (SEA), you will recall that their report dated September 2021 made numerous references to Coalescence between Barrow/Burthorpe and Barrow/Denham. With regard to BD13, their assessment was based on the Western portion only of this site, which could accommodate around 77 dwellings (this was the figure we were working on, at that time) West Suffolk did not announce our allocation until 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022).
6. In Aecom's subsequent reports, including the latest September 2023, the map shown on page 5/6 clearly identifies just the Western part of the site for development.
7. This has been our point during the whole process and one we have challenged.
8. We are in the process of securing a Community Fund.

Ralph Rawlings

4<sup>th</sup> March 2024