

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Present:**

Cllr R Rawlings Cllr Cousins Cllr Ford	Cllr Pearson Cllr Steer Cllr Bragg Cllr France	Clerk in attendance: No Clerk, Minutes taken by Cllr Steer
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6520	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Wesley Cllr Holmes Rachel Chiltern (Clerk)
6521	<b>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations</b> Cllr Steer declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Plan. Item 11 on the agenda.
6522	<b>New Councillor to sign acceptance of office</b> Luke O'Brien duly signed and accepted by the PC. Proposed by Cllr Rawlings Seconded by Cllr France
6523	The council was joined by the Chairman of West Suffolk Council. Cllr Roger Dicker
6524	<b>Public Forum</b> No response
6525	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b> Proposed: Cllr Ford Seconded: Cllr Rawlings
6526	<b>To receive the County Council Report</b> See attached report Cllr Soons highlighted the Devolution deal. Consultation starting on March 18 <sup>th</sup> Link within her report Clerk to re send Cllr Soons details of the strange marks on the pavement Clerk to email Karen to highlight the flooding problem being caused by blocked grips in the verges. Verges need to be deteriorated at least 100 mm x 10 metres. This is especially in Colethorpe Lane. Clerk to email Cllr Soons re the blocked grips.
6527	<b>District Councillor Report</b> Cllr Holder urged residents to report the potholes on the council portal Cllr Cousins had a query for Cllr Holder re the closing of the polling station in Denham Lane. Cllr Holder suggested that the PC and himself would appeal against the decision to close the polling station in Denham. Cllr Holder has agreed to add the cost of 2 benches for the cemetery to the locality budget.
6528	<b>Community Police Report – report attached</b>
6529	<b>Agenda Item – Code of Conduct moved to next meeting</b>
6530	<b>Community Infrastructure</b> a. 20's Plenty – no change b. Changing Facility – 3 quotes received 1. £84,000; 2. £42,000 and 3. £500,000



	<p>We need to submit these quotes to the 106 money. Clerk to submit quotes. Possibly a further £30,000 - £40,000 for power and more needed for infrastructure</p> <p>c. Access Road – in hand D-Day – see attached report</p>
6531	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan Update</b></p> <p>a. Correspondence from Residents – Cllr France does not accept the neighbourhood plan as transparent or reflecting the views of some residents.</p> <p>b. Neighbourhood plan update: Cllr Rawlings Report attached. It has been posted on the website; there is a link on the Parish website or <a href="http://www.barrowssuffolknpp.co.uk">www.barrowssuffolknpp.co.uk</a>. Cllr Rawlings is hoping to get a final draft of NHP completed by end of March. An extraordinary meeting will be needed to agree the plan.</p> <p>c. Updates from West Suffolk Local Plan. Discussion ensued around site BD13; it was felt that this would allow coalescence with Burthorpe and inconsistencies in the Aeon report to be investigated further</p>
6532	<p><b>Response to West Suffolk Local Plan</b> – attached. Proposal to accept the plan – Cllr Bragg, seconded by Cllr Ford; majority accepted; one against. Clerk to send results to local council</p>
6533	<p><b>Good Neighbours Scheme</b> – request for funds. Yes release funds; Proposed by Cllr Cousins; Seconded by Cllr Ford</p>
6534	<p><b>Barrow Parish Website.</b> Cllr O'Brien would like to get involved. Cllr O'Brien to speak to Clerk</p>
6535	<p><b>Coletorpe Lane</b> - drainage issues. Discussed with Cllr Soons in item 6526</p>
6536	<p><b>Parking along The Street in Barrow</b> – Resident request for double yellow lines. We have reported on yellow lines near the school and zig-zag signs, this needs repainting. To be taken up with Community Police. Cllr Pearson to get a costing for road to be reswept.</p>
6537	<p>Footpath work in Burthorpe Green – resident offer to clear areas of the footpath near Mill Lane. Offer accepted. Need to provide relevant risk assessment</p>
6538	<p><b>Cemetery benches and Pagoda</b> The contractor has reported that pagoda needs replacing as well as the benches. See item 6527. Compliments received on tidiness of cemetery. Contractors to be informed.</p>
6539	<p><b>Invitation to register</b> – For information only</p>
6540	<p><b>Plug in Suffolk Update</b> – request put in</p>
6541	<p><b>Permanent Speed Sign Barrow Hill</b> Should we get a second speed sign? Currently 1 speed sign circulates between 4 routes into the village; every 3<sup>rd</sup> month we have a second. Cllr Pearson to get quotes Cllr Cousins left at 9.05</p>
6542	<p><b>Agenda item Polices moved to next meeting</b></p>
6543	<p><b>Councillor Vacancy</b> – still 1 space is vacant</p>
6543	<p><b>SALC – presentation about Devolution.</b> Cllr Holder not impressed; more benefit for the County Council than District Council.</p>
6544	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p>a. To approve monthly (January/ February) accounts – Accepted Proposed by Cllr Ford; Seconded by Cllr Rawlings</p> <p>b. To receive council's current financial statement – Accepted Proposed by Cllr Bragg; seconded by Cllr Ford</p> <p>c. To confirm payments – proposed by Cllr Ford; Seconded by Cllr Rawlings</p>

	d. To approve invoices – accepted Proposed by Cllr Bragg; Seconded by Cllr Ford
6545	Planning Applications for Consideration - no objections
	Meeting closed at 9.20 am
	Date of next meeting Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April @ 7.15 in the Village Hall Committee Room.



JOHN PEARSON,

08/04/24.

## 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