

Barton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Thursday 16th September 2021 7.30pm Barton Village Hall

In attendance

Cllr Hacking, Cllr Parker, Cllr Lees, Cllr Smith, Cllr Sharples, Melissa Thorpe (Clerk)

1 Parishioner in attendance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr T Tomlinson , Cllr S Whittam (LCC & PCC) Cllr K Middlebrough (PCC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved as a true and accurate record

Proposed by Cllr Parker and seconded by Cllr Sharples

3. TO ACCEPT DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND TO CONSIDER ANY WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting and not seek to influence a decision unless a dispensation request has been submitted in writing. At the start of each municipal year Members are requested to check, and update their notification of interest forms.

None declared

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public requested to speak at this point or had raised anything in advance of the meeting

5. FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

As at 1/9/21 the balance of the current accounts for Barton Parish Council was **£26,043.02**

£716.10 - M Thorpe salary shortfall

£240 - PKF Littlejohn External audit fee

£350 Tommy Statues for village

6. LCC HIGHWAYS MEETING

Cllr Hacking and Cllr Parker had met with Dave Allan from LCC highways and Cllr Keith Middlebrough (PCC) to discuss the possibility of a change of access to the Cardwell Farm Housing development which is currently with PCC for reserved matters approval. Both Cllrs expressed their concerns and those of parishioners regarding the narrow proposed entrance to the site and the safety implications arising from this.

Whilst LCC expressed sympathy with the concerns and noted them, they confirmed that they are unable to progress the matter any further as the issue is one that must be dealt with by Preston City Council through the reserved matters.

The Parish Council and parishioners of Woodlands Way and Thorntrees Avenue have written to Preston City Council to express their concerns also and to ask that PCC review the access proposed along with other concerns over the development including layout and lack of open space.

The comments from the Parish Council are available to view on the Parish Council website and on the application files of Preston City Councils website.

Cllr Parker will continue to have a dialogue with the agent for the application to seek to work with them to address the concerns of the parish council wherever possible.

7. PLANNING

Land North of Jepps Lane Barton - The appeal for Land North of Jepps Lane Barton for up to 125 dwellings will commence in person at Preston Town Hall on 19/10/21 for 4 days.

Cllr Hacking will attend on behalf of the Parish Council to speak alongside a number of Parishioners.

The PINS letter explaining the process and times will be uploaded to the Parish Council in due course.

Boars Head – At the date of the meeting the Parish Council were still waiting for the outcome of the application to divert the public footpath that runs through the site which was due for a decision soon.

Land South of Station Lane – The conditions continue to be discharged before construction commences at the site

Cardwell Farm Reserved Matters Application – We are still waiting for a date for the High Court Challenge on the 151 dwellings proposed. Reserved matters have since been submitted for up to 55 dwellings under the existing outline permission obtained by Wainhomes. The Parish Council has submitted their comments to the reserved matters which can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Proposed meeting with PCC planning team – Cllr Whittam had asked the Parish Council to discuss the main issues that we hoped to address with Preston City Council and these could then be put to the team to see if a meeting could be facilitated to outline our concerns and to discuss how we could work better alongside PCC. MT to pull together the main concerns and send these to Cllr Whittam in her capacity of City Councillor so that she can discuss these with the Head of Development Control.

8. VILLAGE PROJECTS UPDATE

- **Benches**

Greg, the parish lengthsman, is removing the benches along the A6 and refurbishing them.

- **Raised Beds**

Greg has passed the list of materials to the clerk who will order these on the Parish Council account. Once the materials are ordered Greg will begin building the raised beds under the welcome to Barton sign for us and sourcing the plants to go in them.

- **Tommy Statue**

It was agreed that the clerk would order two Tommy Statues for either end of the village. The cost for the two statues and delivery would be £350.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Parker reported back that actions had been agreed to move the document forward and to get it to the next stage of being submitted to PCC for them to review the document. It is hoped to be in a position to submit the document to PCC by December.

10. HARVEST FESTIVAL

The village harvest festival was due to take place on 24th September at the Village Hall and tickets are still available. The event is being sponsored by Barton Parish Council and run by Barton St Lawrence Church.

11. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION FINAL

Barton has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Medium category of the Best Kept Village Competition and the awards ceremony will be held on Monday 13th October. It was agreed that Cllr Lees and Cllr Sharples would attend the ceremony on behalf of the parish council.

12. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Wednesday 17th November 2021, 7.30pm , Barton Village Hall.