

## **Barton Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm**

### **Attendance**

Cllr Hacking , Cllr Parker, Cllr Lees, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Smith, Cllr Sharples, Cllr Keith Middlebrough (PCC)

2 parishioners were also in attendance.

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Whittam

#### **2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Approved

- 3. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** - 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.

None

#### **4. Financial Report & Accounts for payment**

Since the last meeting the following payments have been approved and paid:

£300 Myerscough, Barton & Bilsborrow War Memorial trust contribution 21/22  
£1968 Barton grange (50% yearly payment for verge maintenance)

The balance of the Parish Council's current accounts as @25 october was £26838. This includes the 21/22 precept and also CIL funding recently received.

A contribution to charity at Christmas was once again discussed having been raised by Cllr Parker. It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be made to the Salvation Army in the form of suggested essential items required. All agreed that this was a good organisation to support as it covers the whole Preston area and is also a charity supported by Barton St Lawrence Church and School.

**Action:** MT/JP to purchase the items required by the Salvation Army and drop it off.

## 5. Planning Applications & planning issues

**Cardwell Farm High Court Challenge** – Cllr S Whittam had informed the Parish Council on the day of the meeting that the Secretary of State has accepted the Cardwell Farm Case (151 houses and associated access ) for judicial review. Will now await the timescales for the case to be heard.

**Boars Head** – At the last Planning Committee held in November Preston City Councillors approved the application for housing with demolition of the former Boars Head Public House. Cllr Hacking thanked Keith for attending to speak on behalf of the Parish Council and for having the application called in to be heard at committee.

It was agreed that Cllr Hacking would contact the developer (Conlon Homes) to request a meeting to discuss the proposed public footpath diversion and to see if any historic items from the building , including the sign, could be passed to the parish.

Plans remain in place to investigate the possibility of an interpretation board detailing the history of the Boars Head.

**Land South of Station lane** – ongoing and very close to getting going with conditions currently being discharged.

**Action:** Send all Councillors the link to the discharge of conditions documents especially those relating to the access and joining of the footpaths

**Land North of Jepps Lane Appeal update** – The appeal will continue on the 18 & 19 November and will close on Monday 22 November. Cllr Hacking attended the appeal on the first few days to represent along with a number of parishioners. Many thanks to those that attended.

**Proposed meeting with PCC Planning team** – Natalie Beardsworth , Head of Development Management and Building Control at PCC, has agreed to meet with the parish council to discuss improved working relationships between the Parish Council and Preston City Council. A date will be proposed for the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January with Cllrs Hacking and Parker to attend along with Cllr Whittam.

**Action:** MT to speak to Cllr Whittam to feed back some dates and times for a meeting.

## 6. Neighbourhood Plan update

A meeting of the neighbourhood plan team was recently held which was attended by Paula , Cllr Hacking and Cllr Parker. Actions were drawn up for PCC and Paula to enable further development of the plan with a view to having it ready to be submitted to PCC by start of December 2021.

## 7. Village Projects Update

- Raised Beds – MT will order the products direct with Garstang Timber and Greg will carry out the work.
- The Tommy statues will now be taken down until next year. MT to speak to Greg.
- Tree Planting - Cllr Parker would like to investigate the possibility of a tree planting project in the village. MT to look to engage with a tree surgeon for some advice.
- Jubilee 2022 celebrations – The Parish Council are keen to mark the occasion and will start to look at ideas in the new year.

## **8. Any other business**

**Parking for the church goers** -Concern has been expressed by several parishioners about where the patrons of Barton St Lawrence Church will park once the Former Boars Head Car Park is no longer available. Cllr Lees confirmed that for the time being Barton Manor are happy for people to park at their car park if you ask in advance. Whilst this might not be a long term solution but they are certainly being accommodating to date and hopefully this will continue.

**Best Kept Village Plaque** – The village hall trustees will meet to discuss the best location for the Best Kept Village winner plaque. Greg will then hopefully be able to put this up in an agreed location on the village hall.

**Public rights of way** – Cllr Hacking brought up the issue of any unregistered public rights of way in the village and the need to ensure that these are registered by 2026. MT to do a facebook post to inform parishioners.

**Parish Council Conference** – Cllr Hacking has attended the annual Parish Council conference hosted by LCC. Several interesting items were discussed including parish grants and community tree planting. Cllr Middlebrough suggested that we contact Cllr Paul Rigby to enquire about the possibility of assistance with purchasing us some trees.

**Private hedges** – the issue of overgrown private hedges encroaching on the highway was brought up by parishioners in attendance at the meeting . The hedges have already been reported to LCC and they believe that one of the issues reported has been resolved however we don't feel that it has. MT to report the issues again . Cllr Middlebrough also offered to take up the issues direct with LCC.

**9. Date of next meeting**– Wednesday 19th January 2022, Barton Village Hall.