

## Barton Parish Council Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024 - Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm

#### Apologies for absence

Cllr S Whittam

#### 1. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting

Approved as a true and accurate record

#### 2. 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.

Parish Councillors were reminded of their responsibility to complete an updated declaration form as requested by Preston City Council and submit these to the clerk for onward distribution to PCC.

#### 3. Financial Report & Accounts for payment including PRECEPT for 24/25

- Precept

Based on the budget projections Cllrs agreed that they would like to keep the 24/25 parish precept at £26,000.

Financial transactions recorded from **November 2023 – January 2024;**

Number	Date	Description	Type	OUT	Vat	Total inc vat	IN
45	01/11/2023	Easywebsites	DD	26.88	6.72	33.6	
46	02/11/2023	Mast Payment Myerscough and Bilsborrow PC Memorial					12500
47	02/11/2023	Wreath		20	0	20	
48	14/11/2023	Raised bed plants	Online	64.4	12.88	77.28	
49	16/11/2023	Clerks Salary	SO	425.7	0	425.7	
50	28/11/2023	parish lengthsman	SO	520	0	520	
51	01/12/2023	Easy websites Coronation Bench	DD	28.88	6.72	33.6	
52	04/12/2023	contribution	Online	700	0	700	
53	18/12/2023	Clerks Salary	SO	425.7	0	425.7	
54	28/12/2023	Parish Lengthsman	SO	520	0	520	
55	02/01/2023	Easy Websites	DD	28.88	6.72	33.6	
56	08/01/2024	Christmas switch on expenses	online	86.46	0	86.46	

57	09/01/2024	Salvation Army 2024 donation Greenspaces	online	150	0	150
58	12/01/2024	Contribution - PCC Preston City Council	online	1449	0	1449
59	12/01/2024	election fees	Online	100	0	100
60	12/01/2024	External auditor	online	252	0	252
61	16/01/2024	Clerks Salary	DD	425.7	0	425.7
62	25/01/2024	Neighbourhood plan costs (J Parker)	Online	37.75	0	37.75
63	29/01/2024	Parish Lengthsman	online	520	0	520

25/01/2024 & 29/01/2024 are pending transactions.

Balance of the Parish Council accounts as at 16 January **£51481.30**

- **CIL Grant form review and approval**

The new CIL grant form for 24/25 was approved by Cllrs and will now be uploaded to the Parish Council website and promoted on social media.

- **CIL grant application – St Lawrence Church**

The Parish Council had received an application for CIL funding from Barton St Lawrence Church for the widening of the Lynch Gate and extension of the parking area North West of the Church.

The aim of the project is to facilitate elderly and disabled access to the church and church services including weddings, funerals, baptisms as well as the regular services offered by St Lawrence.

At the time of the application being made the costs of the project were unknown so it was agreed to wait for the confirmation of the costs before the Cllrs were able to consider the application for funding.

The clerk will contact the applicant to inform them of the next steps required.

#### **4. Planning Applications & general planning/development issues**

- **Cardwell Farm Phase 1 & 2**

The Parish Council had been notified of the agreement of the street names associated with the development but no further details have been shared with when the development is likely to start. Cllr Parker would look to set up a meeting with Emery Planning to discuss the asks of the parish council around a potential MUGA or sports hall to be built on site.

- **JJ Sandhams**

JJ Sandhams have agreed to an extension request with Wyre Council for the planning application submitted for a wider commercial development. A decision is therefore still pending.

- **Development South of Station Lane**

The site continues to progress. Barton Parish Council have written to LCC to ask that if possible the Parish Council be informed as soon as possible of any further works in the highway, relating to this development, that might result in temporary traffic lights. This would allow the Parish Council to communicate any potential disruption in advance.

- **Former Boars Head including PROW**

Parishioners and the Parish Council had made representations to LCC and PCC regarding the reinstatement of a footpath through the Former Boars Head site now known as Boars Head Place. LCC and PCC have confirmed that they are still looking to progress this matter as the development continues.

An extension of the diversion order for the footpath was granted in January as the site is currently still under development and therefore not safe to progress through currently.

## **5. Neighbourhood Plan update**

The neighbourhood plan is now complete following a successful referendum and has been adopted by both Wyre Council and Preston Council for ongoing use.

Thank you to everyone who has played a part, however small, in the production of this very important document for Barton.

## **6. Lancashire Devolution Deal - <https://www.lancashiredevolution.co.uk/> -for discussion and comment**

Cllr Hacking provided an update on devolution in Lancashire and what it might mean for residents.

More information can be found in the link above.

The Parish Council submitted a response to the consultation.

## **7. Updates from Parish and Town Council newsletter (LCC) – for discussion and comment**

Cllr Hacking provided an update on information contained within the Parish and Town Council Newsletter.

The newsletter is included on the Parish Council website in the news section.

## **8. Village Projects Update**

- *Barton Village Hall Solar Panel Application* – **The project is now complete and no further funding was required from the Parish Council following the full funding applied for from LEF being awarded to the Village Hall Trustees to carry out the project in full.**

- *Barton St Lawrence Church Bell* – Cllr Lees reported that the works are close to completion.
- *Boars Head footpath & Interpretation Board* – no progress reported to date. To remain on agenda moving forward.
- *Thorn trees footpath* – Cllr Parker to re-engage with contractors in Spring/summer with the support of the parish lengthsman and clerk.
- *Coronation benches/seating area* – This project will be put on hold until a suitable central position in the village can be found for a seating area and bench.
- *Telephone Mast at Barton Village Hall* – Project complete
- *Parish Lengthsman update* – An update was provided at the meeting by Greg and included general litter picking, maintenance of PROW, erection of the Best Kept Village plaque at the village hall and planting up of the Parish Council tubs. It has now become unsafe for Greg to operate on the traffic islands to clean them so this has been reported to LCC along with a number of overgrown hedges and pavements.
- *Upcoming events* – The Parish Council are looking to support future events at the village hall including a chocolate bingo and a Big Quiz following the success of both of these events held late last year.
- *Forest Grove playground* – It was agreed to gather information on the issues around Forest Grove Playground and invite a resident to come along and talk through the issues at the March meeting so that the Cllrs could have more information to make an informed decision. The Clerk will obtain information from Rowland Homes and the Management company.

#### 9. Public participation

N/A

#### 10. Any other business

Cllr Hacking confirmed that after a period of ill health, Rennie Pinder will support the Parish Council from Spring to start to look at speed monitoring in the village via the use of temporary SPIDS which will help the parish council to monitor speeds over a series of weeks so that the data can be obtained for informed decisions moving forward.

#### 11. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13 March 2024, 7.30pm, Barton Village Hall