

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Wednesday 30th June 2021 7.30pm, Barton Village Hall

In attendance

Cllr R Hacking, Cllr J Parker, Cllr H Lees, Cllr L Smith, Cllr B Sharples, Cllr T Tomlinson, Cllr K Middlebrough (PCC), 3 parishioners were also in attendance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr S Whittam

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 26th May 2021

Cllr Parker requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that Cllr Hacking would be contacting Michael O'Neill.

Following this amendment the minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

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. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS Members are requested to agree the following payments :

Councillors present approved the Barton Grange Landscapes half yearly payment £1968. The clerk will prepare the cheque.

5. BALANCE OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AS AT 18th June 2021

The balance of the Parish Councils was £30278.82. This includes this years precept.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2020-21 Members are requested to consider approving the Internal Audit Report for 2020/21 financial year. Following the Internal Audit, all the required documents will be sent to the external auditor.

Cllrs present were presented with and approved the Internal Audit for 2020/21.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2020– 31st MARCH 2021 The Chairman is asked to verify that the finance and bank statements have been reconciled.

Cllrs present approved the Financial Statement for 2020/21 (Section 1) and the Chairman signed the appropriate documentation.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21 FOR BARTON PARISH COUNCIL – Members are requested to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 (Section 1) and the Chairman is requested to sign the appropriate documentation.

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9. EXTERNAL AUDIT ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2020/21 FOR BARTON PARISH COUNCIL- Members are requested to consider for approval the Accounting Statements 2020/21 in relation to Barton Parish Council. The chairman is requested to sign the appropriate documentation.

Members approved the Accounting Statements 2020/21 in relation to Barton Parish Council. The chairman is signed the appropriate documentation.

10. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS - The Parish Council is requested to consider any applications and make representations to the City Council. Details of any applications will be available at the meeting and can be viewed on www.preston.gov.uk

- **Land North of Jepps Lane Barton**

An appeal has been submitted by Story Homes in respect of the decision made by PCC to refuse up to 125 dwellings on Land North of Jepps Lane (Access only) The appeal will be heard by Public Inquiry and this is expected to take place around October 2021. The Parish Council will update the website once a date is known. It is hoped that the recent decision at Chain House Lane will be used In the inspectors background evidence at the appeal.

- **Former Boars Head Public House & Boars Head Car Park**

Two applications have been submitted in respect of the Boars Head Public House and Car Park.

One of the applications is for 5 dwellings on the Car Park. The site already has a permission in principle for up to 8 dwellings and Parish Councillors agreed that the 5 dwellings indicated represent a better development than the 8 already proposed so no objections to the application would be made.

However concerns were expressed about the footpath as shown on the plans and site layout which were showing the footpath to go through the church at the existing gate off the car park when infact it lies to the corner of the site. Representations would be made regarding the footpath.

The Former Boars Head Public House and extension were subject to an approval in 2019 which looked to retain and covert the existing building into flats/apartments which the extension being knocked down and replaced by 2 dwellings. The current application seeks to demolish the former public house building rather than convert it. The Parish Council have received support from Cllr Middlebrough to request a call in of the application to Planning Committee to try to ensure that the application is considered by members in light of the changes made to the application and the proposed demolition of the building which is a locally listed structure and which the parishioners have previously fought to retain.

Cllrs were mixed on their views on the application and it was agreed to try and gauge public opinion on the application before views were submitted from the Parish Council.

- **Hilltop Farm**

The Parish Council and several parishioners had earlier in the year reported activity at Hilltop Farm which appeared not to be in line with the permissions currently afforded to the site. Enforcement had subsequently asked the owners to submit a retrospective certificate of lawfulness for B8 use at the site.

The most recent application, which is also retrospective, relates to the filling in of several slurry pits and the erection of an acoustic bung and the addition of overflow parking at the site.

The Parish Council continues to have concerns over activity at the site which appears to be growing and expanding its uses and it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask the City Council to monitor use at the site, if possible, to ensure that all uses of the site had the necessary planning permission.

11. BARTON ST LAWRENCE COMMUNITY EVENT

Barton St Lawrence Church have approached the Parish Council to request support for a community event hopefully to be held in the autumn at Barton Village Hall. The Parish Councillors agreed that it would be wonderful to support a community event to thank everyone for their fantastic resilience in the last 16 months during the worst of the Global Pandemic.

The Clerk would feedback to the Church and ask that quotations for the event be pulled together so that the parish council can seek to help where it can. The event would be inclusive and open to all.

12. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Cllr Whittam had asked if the Parish Council would like to invite County Councillor Charles Edwards to our next meeting. Cllr Edwards is Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport. It was agreed that the clerk would send a letter to Charles with the dates for our next few meetings so that he was able to select a date that might suit. Questions would be raised in advance and sent to Charles ahead of the meeting.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

It was agreed that there would be no meetings held in July or August and that the next meeting of the parish council would be held on Thursday 16th September.

Cllr Tomlinson requested that the meeting dates be moved to Thursdays from this point forward and all agreed.