

## Barton Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm

### Present

Cllr Hacking, Cllr Parker, Cllr Smith, Cllr Bob Sharples, Cllr Tomlinson , 2 parishioners

Melissa Thorpe – via zoom

#### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Lees (BPC), Cllr Whittam (PCC & LCC) , Cllr Middlebrough (PCC)

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

Approved as a true and accurate record

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. Actions achieved since the last meeting:

- a) It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be made to the Salvation Army in the form of suggested essential items required – **ACTION COMPLETE**
- b) 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 -**Cllr Hacking had met with Conlon construction to discuss the possibility of some low level lighting being included within the new footpath at the Former Boars Head Public House. In principle Conlon are open to this but have concerns that this might require planning permission because of potential light pollution. Cllr Hacking to continue discussions with Conlon.**
- c) Send all Councillors the link to the discharge of conditions documents especially those relating to the access and joining of the footpaths – **ACTION COMPLETE**
- d) 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 – **UPDATE REQUIRED**
- e) Private hedges – **SOME HAVE NOW BEEN TRIMMED AND ALL STILL WITH LCC TO SORT**

#### 5. Financial Report & Accounts for payment

The balance of the current account of Barton Parish Council as at 4 January 2022 was £24,245.

£100 charity donation to the Salvation army had been paid since the last meeting.

## **6. Parish Precept requirements 22/23 to be submitted to PCC**

Cllrs considered the proposed budget for 22/23 as prepared by the Clerk and agreed that after a few years of increases in precept the precept would be kept at the same level as last year. So the precept for 22/23 will remain at £26,000.

The precept of £26,000 covers all the anticipated costs of the parish council for the upcoming year and includes additional funding requirements in respect of a raised bed at the entrance to the village and anticipated Jubilee 2022 celebration costs.

## **7. Planning Applications & general planning issues**

- **Feedback from meeting with PCC planning team**

A positive meeting was held with Natalie Somers, Head of Development Management and Building Control. The Parish Council discussed their concerns and how we can work better with the City Council on planning matters.

Natalie confirmed that dialogue with officers was possible prior to an application being decided and that where concerns or suggestions were valid they could be discussed with planning officers directly.

- **Land South of Station Lane development**

This development of 68no homes has now commenced on site and parishioners should address any concerns direct to PCC or BPC as the development is ongoing.

- **Boars Head**

Cllr Hacking had met with Conlon to discuss the proposed plans for the Former Boars Heads Public House, in particular the lighting scheme for the new public right of way ginnel. Concerns were expressed to Conlon about the security of the ginnel which isn't proposed to be lit at the point it leaves Garstang Road and enters the back of the proposed new house. Conlon confirmed that they were open to the introduction of lighting along the new public right of way but felt that planning permission might be required.

Cllr Hacking has spoken with Cllr Whittam and Cllr Middlebrough to look at options for a lighting scheme to be agreed without the need for planning permission.

The following concerns regarding the development were expressed and will be fed back to the relevant parties:

- Can the Kissing Gate from the footpath entrance from the Jepps Ave end be removed to aid wheel chair access
- Will Conlon rectify any issues caused by ground subsidence from the removal of the trees from the edge of the development site
- Will there be fences erected either side of the new footpath

It was agreed that Cllr Tomlinson will approach Colin Dickinson for some potential words / photos for a historical board to remember the Former Boars Head Public House.

It was confirmed that Barton Grange Landscapes are funding and carrying out the planting of replacement trees / bushes in the Church grounds where the trees have been removed to erect fencing.

- **Barton Hall**

No objections to this planning application had been lodged by the Parish Council. The additional commercial space and development of a brownfield land was supported and it is hoped that the site will bring opportunities for local employment and expansion opportunities for local businesses.

## **8. Neighbourhood Plan update**

It was originally hoped to submit the plan to Preston City Council/Wyre Council prior to Christmas but some information was lacking at that stage. Paula is due to supply an updated version in the next week so that we can hopefully submit the document by the end of the month

## **9. Village Projects Update**

- Raised Beds

MT to order supplies to enable the parish lengthsmen to build the raised bed at the entrance to the village.

- **Tree Planting Station Lane**

A meeting is to be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1pm-2pm with Wyre Ribble Trust and PCC to discuss the possibility of some tree planting to support jubilee planting and to look at how we might be able to plant a specific tree in commemoration of the Jubilee year.

- **Jubilee 2022 celebrations – ideas/events /street parties ,children’s colouring competition**

The Parish Council discussed ways in which the village could celebrate the Jubilee 22. It is hoped to be able to provide both primary schools with a tree (if they so wish) to be planted in the grounds of both schools with a plaque to commemorate the occasions.

A colouring competition will also be created for all village children and school children.

A beacon will be lit in the village in line with a national request that we do so.

Street parties are encouraged and nationally the Parish and City Council are expected to provide support for this wherever possible. Anyone wishing to hold a street party should contact Preston City Council or Barton parish council to make sure that we can advertise them to parishioners.

A facebook post will be created to gather ideas from parishioners.

- **CIL/Station Lane**

CIL funding has recently been received from Preston City Council and the Parish Council are now considering ways in which this could be invested in the village including possible improvements on and to Station Lane Playing Fields and car park.

- **Boars Head footpath & Interpretation Board**

Funding could be available through the local members fund or local community funds for an interpretation board to be created to be erected in memory of the Boars Head public house. Cllr Tomlinson will speak with Colin Dickinson about some potential information for the board.

**9. Dog Fouling – Jepps Lane**

It has been noted that the issue of dog fouling has increased particularly on Jepps Lane. It was agreed that Cllr Hacking would email the Preston City Council dog warden to ask for their support and advice with the issue.

**10 .Any other business**

Cllrs asked the Clerk to see if the parish lengthsman would be able to tidy up/clean the Horse Memorial on Garstang Road Cardwell Bridge over Barton Brook. The clerk will speak to Greg to see what is possible.

**11. Date of next meeting– Wednesday 16<sup>TH</sup> March 2022 7.30pm, Barton Village Hall**