



Barton Parish Council

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Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of our Parish Newsletter and in particular we would like to extend a special welcome to all of our new parishioners who have joined us in the village

Welcome to Barton!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION

The neighbourhood plan group have been working hard to pull together the Draft Barton Neighbourhood Plan ready for you to give them your views!

Your comments and opinions on the draft plan are what matter the most to ensure that the plan reflects as much as possible the views of residents, businesses and people who work in Barton and interested parties who feel the plan will affect them. A public consultation exercise will take place for a period of 6 weeks running from Monday 5th October 2020 to Monday 30th November 2020... and we need your input !

A copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan for consultation will be made available to view on the Parish Council website at www.barton-pc.org.uk with instructions and help on how to complete the consultation. The draft plan will also be available in hard copy at various locations throughout the village and a list of these locations will be available on the website. A feedback form will also be provided.

All comments received will be fed back into the process with a final draft of the plan due out by the beginning of 2021.

What is a Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning enables communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work and in supporting new development proposals. This is because unlike the parish, village or town plans that communities may have prepared, a neighbourhood plan forms part of the development plan and sits alongside the local plan prepared by the local planning authority. Decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations.

Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for

communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. They can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see.

To help deliver their vision communities that take a proactive approach by drawing up a neighbourhood plan or Order and secure the consent of local people in a referendum, will benefit from 25% of the revenues from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) arising from the development that takes place in their area. Barton Parish Council already benefits from some CIL contributions from developments taking place in our parish, but this amount would increase with a neighbourhood plan in place and would enable us to direct even more funding towards projects and infrastructure that meet an identified local need.

How can the community ensure its neighbourhood plan is deliverable?

Plans should be prepared positively, in a way that is aspirational but deliverable. Strategic policies in the local plan or spatial development strategy should set out the contributions expected from development. This should include the levels and types of affordable housing required, along with other infrastructure. Neighbourhood plans may also contain policies on the contributions expected from development, but these and any other requirements placed on development should accord with relevant strategic policies and not undermine the deliverability of the neighbourhood plan, local plan or spatial development strategy.

For more information on neighbourhood plans please visit www.gov.uk



What can I do to help/become involved?

The views of our community, businesses, stakeholders and interested parties are extremely important to the neighbourhood plan process and we very much welcome your views on this Draft Barton Neighbourhood Plan. Please engage in the consultation process in any way that you can and if you need any support completing the questionnaire or understanding the process then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the neighbourhood plan group or the Parish Council at www.barton-pc.org.uk where you will find all the contact details. Alternatively the contact details for the Parish Councillors are contained at the bottom of this newsletter. Our planning consultants Kirkwells continue to guide us through the process and can also be contacted if you have any questions regarding the plan and how to become involved.

Thank you for your continued support in pulling together this extremely important document for Barton.

LOCAL AUTHORITY & PLANNING UPDATES

Drainage & flooding – As we approach the winter months we anticipate the usual issues with surface water and overflowing drains. We wanted to remind parishioners ahead of the winter months that Lancashire County Council are responsible for the drains, gully's and in some cases culverts in the village. In the first instance if you think that a drain outside of your property, that is a local authority maintained drain, is blocked we would recommend that you report this to Lancashire County Council at www.lancashire.gov.uk and report this as a highway fault which will then be logged on the system. Where you can clear the drain yourself this would be the best option (as long as you are not putting yourself in danger)

We are aware that there are several private and un-adopted roads in the village that are not covered by Lancashire County Council. Where residents have tried in the past unsuccessfully to unblock drains, our parish lengthsman Greg Robinson may be in a position to come and give you some advice or possibly help with clearing small drains. In the first instance however we recommend that you clear as much of the drains yourself. In some cases a private contractor may need to be employed on un-adopted roads to clear drains and this would usually be covered through your residents associations or neighbour contributions.

Anwyl Homes Site – Parishioners will be aware that work has begun on the Anwyl Homes Site, off Garstang Road. We anticipate that this work will now be ongoing for a few years as the developer builds out the 72 dwelling site. The site will include 22 affordable houses and a play area. Any parishioners wishing to register to be eligible for any of the affordable housing to be built on site should contact Wyre Council and Anwyl Homes for further details. Please note that in the first instance priority will likely be given to existing Wyre residents or those with a connection to Wyre but further details on eligibility will be available from Wyre Council and Anwyl Homes.

As with all ongoing developments in our village, whilst in progress, we expect that ongoing works will inevitably cause some disruption to parishioners and users of the A6 and the existing PROW that runs through the site. If parishioners have any concerns regarding the development as it progresses please report these in the first instance to Wyre Council as the development is on the Wyre side of the village and if the issues relate to highways then these should be reported directly to LCC. Any other concerns can be reported to the Parish Council. If anyone wishes to view the layout of the site and any other details of the development then all of the relevant documents are available to view at www.wyre.gov.uk/planning.

NEW WEBSITE

The Parish Council has a new website at

www.barton-pc.org.uk

and a new email address clerk@barton-pc.org.uk.



VILLAGE PLANTERS

The Parish Council has re-planted the village barrier boxes and planters with the help of the Parish Lengthsman. If any parishioners or businesses are interested in 'sponsoring a tub' please let us know.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) PROJECTS UPDATE

The Parish Council have been very proud to support a number of projects in our village through CIL provided from the Pringle Homes and Forest Grove developments. These projects will help to improve and provide additional infrastructure and community facilities in our village.

The first project supported through CIL was a contribution towards the new classroom at **Barton St Lawrence C of E Primary School** to help with demands being placed on the school to accommodate growing numbers of children wishing to take a place at the school. The new classroom has enabled the school to accommodate the current pupils in new modern surroundings and to provide additional facilities for use of the community with improved security and lighting to the outside areas. We are very proud to be able to support one of our village primary schools to enable it to implement the necessary improvements to allow it to continue to support our village as it grows.

St Mary & St Andrews Catholic Primary School on Station Lane also received funding towards an improved, safer, more accessible and all weather early years outdoor area. After achieving an outstanding for Early Years in the recent Ofsted inspection it was felt that the provision for outdoor play and learning was extremely limited and did not provide any all-weather options. As a small school with limited space to expand it was decided that a canopy would be installed that would provide a continuous space for the children and staff going from inside to outside. A soft, level surface was installed to ensure that the space was accessible and safe for all. Improved storage solutions have also helped to make the most of the space available. It is hoped that the improved outdoor space will help to provide a much improved early year's outdoor experience to match the outstanding early years provision being delivered in the school.

The improvements made to both of our village schools will enable them to cater for our growing village and attract new pupils and to provide the best possible facilities for all of the children that currently attend both schools as they return in September.

Barton Village Hall has recently received funding towards the installation of an up to date sound system, WIFI installation and projector. The improvements will enable the village hall to cater for a wide range of groups and activities and could in the future enable it to form a 'community hub' where satellite services could be provided for our growing village. Prior to COVID-19 the hall was already well used and provides a great space for all occasions.

For more information on the village hall please visit www.bartonvillagehall.org

Barton Bowling Club has recently been successful in applying for CIL funding towards improvements at the bowling club and green which sits behind the Village Hall adjacent to the Tennis Club.

The Bowling club have erected a new shelter for spectators, improving the existing pavilion to make it more accessible.

This friendly local bowling club invites new members of all ages and abilities, including families, to come and learn all about Bowling and to sample the facilities on offer. The club has had a difficult year with COVID-19 and no competitive bowling was able to take place for 5 months.

However the club and its trustees and members have been looking after the green throughout the last few months and have been able to enhance the open areas around the green. With restrictions finally starting to ease bowling has recently started to return and the green has come alive again and is becoming an exciting place to be once again.

Current COVID-19 restrictions means that doors can only be opened for bowling for members of the bowling club at this present time but the club is keen to attract local residents to this friendly and sociable club for the 2021 season either as playing members, social members or spectators. No prior experience is required and everyone is welcome to go along to this friendly club which works alongside the fantastic tennis club and village hall which together form an important hub for our community.

In normal times social events include cheese and wine evenings, dominoes, duck races , afternoon teas, coffee mornings and quiz nights.

If you would like to know more about getting involved in this lovely little local and friendly club then please contact Kath for further details on 01772 780982 or e-mail her at: kathleenjebb@gmail.com and she will be happy to help.

**Do you run a club or group in the village which is looking to welcome new members ?
If so please let us know and we can include the details in our next newsletter.**

PLANNING UPDATES

At a recent Preston City Council Planning Committee, City Councillors approved a number of applications that affect Barton. These included the approval of 68 no affordable homes at Land off Garstang Road. The site already had an outstanding permission for 45 dwellings. The site will be developed by Wainhomes/The Sovali Group. Parishioners can view the application on Preston City Councils website using reference 06/2020/0167.

Some issues have been highlighted with the access to the site and also the layout of the entrance and the implications to all users of the A6. For further information on the concerns raised by parishioners and the parish council please visit the news pages of our website at www.barton-pc.org.uk/news to have your say and view the plans.

A permission in principle was also granted for the development of up to 8 dwellings on the Boars Head Site alongside an additional approval for 2 No dwellings on the front of the site where the fire damaged extension currently sits and a conversion of the existing public house to apartments/flats.

The approval of the applications on the Boars Head site were extremely disappointing for the village and especially the Barton Heritage Group who have fought long and extremely

hard to protect the site for community use. The site has now been put up for sale by its current owners and we await the outcome of this. Our sincere thanks go to the Barton Heritage Group for their efforts in the last few years in trying to retain this site for community use. We remain hopeful for the future of the site under a new owner.

The Parish Council and Preston City Council have worked together to ensure that the fire damaged building is secured until such a time that the site is developed. Please can we remind parishioners that whilst a public right of way runs through the former car park the building does represent a danger to anyone who might enter it so please ensure that children/teenagers are reminded of the potential dangers of accessing the fire damaged building.

Cardwell Farm

Wainhomes have re-submitted an Outline planning permission for up to 151 no. dwellings and a community building with associated works on Land At Cardwell Farm. Thank you to all parishioners who submitted comments to Preston City Council. The objection submitted by the Parish Council can be viewed at www.preston.gov.uk/planning using the reference 06/2020/0614. The application is now awaiting a decision.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Parish Council meets six times per year at Barton Village Hall. Meeting dates for 20/21 have not yet been set due to the uncertainty of when we will be able to hold public meetings again and until the current restrictions are lifted on numbers that can meet inside.

Meeting dates for 20/21 will be uploaded to the website in due course.

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Log on @ www.barton-pc.org.uk

Email us at clerk@barton-pc.org.uk

Write to us 87 Forest Grove, Barton, Preston, PR35AY

Come along to our meetings - dates shown on our website as soon as we are able to hold meetings

Get involved in the BVNPG by contacting us via the website or by emailing clerk@barton-pc.org.uk

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of the Newsletter and welcome comment and feedback to ensure it remains a useful method of communication between the Parish Councillors and Barton residents.