

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Barton Parish Council held on Thursday 14th July 2016

Present

Parish Councillors

Mr J Parker (JP) – Chair), Mr G Jolliffe (GJ-Vice), Mrs E Ikin (EI), Mr Tomlinson (TT), Mrs H Lees (HL)

Also present:

Mrs M Thorpe (MT) Clerk, Parishioners as per attendance list.

- 1. Apologies for non-attendance –**
Steve Lister, Lancashire Police Community Volunteer, Councillor S Whittam.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of Barton Parish Council (BPC) meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 – Signed and filed**
- 3. Declaration of personal and prejudicial interests**
None declared.
- 4. Matters Arising**

4.1 Declaration of Acceptance of office for new members

Melissa Thorpe has been appointed as the new Clerk to Barton Parish Council.

4.2 Insurance Renewal Zurich £345

MT to speak to Zurich to find out how and who to make payment to.

4.3 Public Meeting 13th June

A public meeting was held on 13th June to discuss the public inquiry APP/N2345/W/15/3130341, the proposed neighbourhood plan and other current issues. JP felt that the meeting had been a success and that all who came along had understood the message and the way forward. JP thanked GJ for the organisation of the public meeting and welcomed suggestions for future public meetings and the format of these meetings.

4.4 Public Inquiry APP/N2345/W/15/3130341

On the 21 June 2016 JP, along with Mr J Bleasdale and approximately 40 parishioners attended the public enquiry and the chair expressed his gratitude to all of those that went along and helped to make a good visual impression and show their support.

The chair explained to the meeting that Preston City Council were fighting the appeal on the grounds of housing supply and sustainability.

The hearing was adjourned early on to consider an independent report presented to the hearing. The report provided updated information on housing supply showing a 4.8 years supply. Following this report Preston City Council informed the hearing that they were no longer challenging the appeal on housing supply. Barton Parish Council had felt that the information on housing supply provided by PCC had provided a sound basis on which to appeal and questioned how this error could of arisen.

JP informed the meeting that despite this change to the challenge all Preston City and Barton Parish Councillors gave incredibly good, robust and sound evidence in support of the sustainability argument.

We now await the result of the appeal which is expected in September. Parishioners present asked if the Parish Council had been provided with information prior to the appeal that outlined the process, their role in it and the challenges they were able to make including the ability to cross examine the witness. JP was not aware of any official information sent and asked that anyone who was present at the appeal hearing or involved in the process, feedback their comments, concerns or observations to the parish council by 29th July. A letter will then be sent to Preston City Council with the parish council's observations, questions and feedback in regard to the hearing.

MT will arrange for a request for any queries and concerns from residents of Barton and all involved in the appeal, to be put on the website and sent on the parish email mailing list.

4.5 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Preston City Council have requested further clarification from BPC & Myerscough and Bilsborrow Parish Council's regarding delegating authority to BPC. This is in relation to the highlighted area of land indicated in the re-submitted Neighbourhood Plan which JP & GJ are looking into and once this information has been sent to and approved by PCC & Wyre BC then the neighbourhood plan can be progressed at a scheduled council meeting in each authority.

4.6 Pedestrian Refuge Crossing Update

Clive Melling of Rowland Homes has confirmed that works will start on the new refuge close to Jepps Lane in the next 3 months.

JP is still waiting for a response from LCC about the proposed pedestrian crossing close to Station Lane.

4.7 Other Traffic Calming Measures Update

The Speed indicator device (SPID) has been purchased and authorisation obtained from LCC and the Police to erect the device on a rotational basis on lampposts near to Station lane going northbound

and St Lawrence's avenue going southbound . JP & GJ to erect the SPID as soon as possible.

JP to send MT the bill to pay.

4.8 Milestone Maintenance Update

Melissa to look into finding someone to help out with the maintenance of the milestone after a number of unsuccessful attempts to engage with the contractor who has carried out the work previously.

5. New Business

5.1 Barton Village Hall annual accounts

TT presented Barton Village Halls annual accounts to the meeting for their comments and approval and explained that Barton Parish Council are custodial Trustees of the Village Hall, Bowling Green and Tennis Club. JP voted to approve the accounts and this was seconded by HL.

6. Correspondence, Circulars, etc. requiring discussion at the meeting

6.1 Lancashire County Council have allocated £2229 for this financial year for grass cutting and maintenance and this equates to 5 cuts.

The issue of nuisance hedges was discussed especially where they were encroaching on public seats or footpaths. It was agreed that JP would contact LCC highways to report any nuisance hedges and request that maintenance be carried out.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Applications received since 10th May

7.1.1 06/2016/0492 – Variation of condition no 1 “approved plans” attached to planning permission 06/2015/0760 at Cross House Farm, Barton Lane, Preston.-NO OBJECTIONS

7.1.2 06/2016/0516 – Variation of condition no 6 attached to planning permission 06/2014/0197 code for sustainable homes at Langley Lane, Goosnargh, Preston-NO OBJECTIONS

7.1.3 06/2016/0521 – Replacement windows and alterations to the roof at Primrose Cottage, Barton Lane, Barton, Preston-NO OBJECTIONS

7.1.4 06/2016/0563 – Single Storey rear extension at Cranleigh Station Lane, Barton, Preston.-NO OBJECTIONS

8. Financial Matters

8.1 Balance at Banks – 16th July 2016

MT had been unable to obtain details of the bank balances or copies of the accounts in time for the meeting as she had not yet been able to change the

address details to her own. HL offered to go into the bank and obtain the necessary statements and pass these on to MT.

8.2 Accounts for Payment

C.M.Dixon

Clerks Expenses for the period 1 April-10 May 2016

Quarterly Payment	£175
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Expenses	£38
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Postages	£6.80
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Total	<u>£219.80</u>
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9. Archiving

Parish Councillors to look through box 1 & 2

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday 22 September 2016 St Lawrence's School.