**BARTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting Date: 22nd January 2019 starting at 7.30pm**

**Present: Councillor G Jolliffe (Chair) M Thorpe (clerk)**

**Councillors:**

**T Tomlinson**

**H Lees**

**Roger Hacking**

**John Parker**

**In attendance: Parishioners as per attendance book.**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE**

**Cllr S Whittam, Cllr L Smith, Cllr Bleasdale**

**2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 2018**

**The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 20th November 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Lees.***

**3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

**None declared.**

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**The speed indicator device has now been erected on Station Lane outside of the church.**

 **5. FOREST GROVE OPEN SPACES & PLAYGROUND – MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT GROUP INVITED TO ATTEND**

 **David Leeming a resident of Forest Grove and Director of the Barton Heath Management Company attended the meeting along with Brendan McCabe a Forest Grove resident and fellow management company director and Mrs McCabe.**

 **David gave a comprehensive and informative presentation on some issues that have recently arisen on Forest Grove including:**

* **Proposed cost to a few residents of the unadopted road maintenance, street lighting repairs and insurance for the section of road that their properties sit on**
* **Increasing costs of maintenance in relation to the Forest grove playground including public liability insurance**
* **Health and Safety Issues over the overflowing bin on the playground particularly in relation to dog waste.**

 **Currently all residents of Forest Grove pay a maintenance fee to the Management Company to manage the open spaces and playground on the site.**

 **Rowland Homes have indicated that the additional cost of maintenance of the unadopted section of the road to the front of plots 58,59,60,61 & 62 including street lighting costs and insurance could amount to approximately £400 a year which they are currently indicating would have to be shared between all the residents on the estate.**

 **David had attended to request that the parish council look into the possibility of adopting the road and taking on the cost of maintaining and insuring the playground.**

 **It was confirmed that BPC did not have the authority or resources to adopt the road but would ask the question of PCC/LCC.**

 **Cllr Jolliffe was keen to support David and the residents of Forest Grove where possible so it was agreed that an action plan would be drawn up to look at the issues raised and what action can be taken to assist residents with the issues raised.**

 **The clerk has previously requested a quotation from Preston City Council for the cost of the installation of a new bin and hopes to have more information on this soon.**

 **Cllr Jolliffe thanked David for attending and updating on the issues arising on the estate and the issues raised would be looked at further to see how the Parish Council can assist the management company.**

 **6. PRECEPT 2019/2020**

 **Barton Parish Council discussed additional budget pressures anticipated for 2019/20 including parish elections and further work and development of the neighbourhood plan. Cllrs voted and agreed that the precept be increased by 10% to £11,440 to reflect these additional budget pressures.**

 **7. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

 **The Balance of the accounts as @ 31st December 2018 was:**

**Current Account: £75,701**

**NS & I: £7648.91**

 ***The current account monies include the BPC precept & CIL monies and neighbourhood plan grant funding.***

 **Payments to be made in January included:**

* **Lancashire County Council CIL contribution £13,000**
* **Pandora Technologies Sign Repair £216.00**
* **Barton Grange Landscapes Verge Maintenance £3852.00**
* **Campaign for Rural England Subscription £36**
* **RCU Limited Neighbourhood Plan research £1410**

 **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

 **There were no planning applications to be considered at the meeting.**

 **The clerk informed the meeting that Broughton Parish Council had submitted a vote of no confidence to Preston City Councils Planning Department.**

 **Preston City Council’s Chief Executive has issued in return a robust response in which he defended his officers and decisions taken by the Council and Councillors.**

 **At the next PAC meeting the vote of no confidence will be discussed by all the parishes.**

 **Councillors discussed the response and agreed that the Parish Council would look at how we can work together with the necessary authorities to find a solution to the problems and whilst we support the idea of having our views heard this should be in a constructive manner.**

 **It was agreed that we would wait for further discussions to take place at the PAC and then discuss at the next meeting with the view of speaking to PCC about how we can work together to solve issues.**

**9. BOARS HEAD**

 **Cllr Jolliffe updated on the lifting of the ACV listing from the former public house. Cllr Jolliffe then left the meeting whilst the clerk updated on the current planning application.**

 **An application for demolition of the former Boars Head public house is due for a decision at Preston City Councils planning committee on 7th February. At the time of the meeting the recommendation of the officer wasn’t known.**

 **Cllr Jolliffe has been registered to attend and speak on the application at committee.**

 **10. BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

 **Cllr Parker confirmed that the questionnaire responses had been analysed and a report drafted for approval by the Neighbourhood Plan group.**

 **The group requested that the clerk make payment to the company that had analysed the results and then the results would be passed on to the planning consultant and then liaison with the relevant people and groups can begin to take the plan to the next stage.**

 **The group are looking at 2020 for a referendum with public consultation events needed before this.**

 **11. VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND PARISH LENGTHSMAN UPDATE**

 **The Speed Indicator device continues to be moved around the village to monitor traffic speeds.**

 **Cllrs asked that the stone marker on the Cardwells Bridge be added to the maintenance list.**

 **12. A6 TRAFFIC REPORT & IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE**

 **The parish council continues to monitor the A6 traffic situation and are in a continual dialogue with LCC.**

 **LCC are receptive to the Parish Council asks and have included the A6 in their plans to make the village safer and more sustainable for the future.**

 **Cllr Jolliffe and Cllr Parker have pulled together an A6 strategy to promote safer use of the village by all users through improved road design and layout. CIL funding is available to help deliver the strategy and Cllr Jolliffe asked Cllrs present to consider the use of CIL monies received by the parish council to assist in the delivery of the strategy. Cllrs agreed they would consider any future requests for funding.**

 **LCC have confirmed that they will resurface the whole of the A6 running through the village up to the bridge at the village hall. New lines will be drawn on and bus stop markings improved along with new cycle lanes for the village.**

 **Areas for potential speed monitoring will also be identified and junction reconfiguration could be looked at at the same time. Cllr Jolliffe has requested a site meeting with the police to look at potential sites for a mobile police speed check van.**

 **Drainage issues also remain a concern for residents and Cllr Jolliffe and Cllr Parker were due to meet with Wainhomes on 28th February to discuss ongoing issues and ways that Wainhomes could give something back to the village and address some of the parishioners concerns.**

 **13. NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE - Members may be requested to NOTE any new correspondence received since the issue of the Agenda.**

 **It was agreed that the village would be entered in the best kept village competition at the cost of £30.**

 **Elections were due to take place on 2 May 2019 and it will be an all-out election. Barton Parish Council has two vacancies from May 2019 and are inviting nominations to these 2 vacancies. All current councillors will also be expected to restand for nomination. Further details will be obtained when the clerk attends a briefing session at Preston City Council.**

 **14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 **None**

 **15 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

 **Tuesday 26th March 2019, Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm

 Tuesday 28th May 2019, Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm**