

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Wednesday 24th January 2018 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor G Jolliffe (Chairman) M Thorpe (clerk)

Councillors:

J Parker

T Tomlinson

H Lees

Roger Hacking

In attendance: Parishioners as per attendance book.

1 APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Cllr S Whittam (Borough Councillor) Cllr S Thompson, PC Chris Banks

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 22nd November 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Lees.

3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Parishioners present reported several issues with the works being carried out by Matthews and Leigh and Wainhomes on the site next to the Kopper Kettle. Issues reported included prolonged running of generator overnight, working outside of the agreed hours of work, early morning deliveries, lack of road sweeping, early morning road sweeping, traffic light issues on the A6 and issues with site vehicles being parked on the pavement and blocking parishioners driveways. It was noted that some of these issues were highways issues relating to the utility works being carried out and these issues should be reported directly to Lancashire County Council.

The clerk updated parishioners present on a conversation held with Preston City Council's enforcement officer that day. The enforcement officer had visited the site the day of the meeting and left a copy of the construction plan with the site manager. He reminded the site manager about the conditions of the planning application and asked Wainhomes to get ahead of the game and to communicate with local residents to let them know of any planned changes to work times on site.

PCC have asked the parish council to keep a log of complaints and feed these back when appropriate.

5 MATTERS ARISING

Raised Flower Beds at the entrance to village

Cllr Joliffe has received an offer from Bentham Developments to construct one or two flower beds in the village. Mr Topping has also indicated that Barton Grange may be able to provide the soil and plants. Details to be drawn up of dimensions and location to enable us to apply for permission from LCC highways.

Boars Head Blue Plaque

Unfortunately the Boars Head is not eligible for a blue plaque, however PC Banks is looking into securing some further protection for the building and Cllr Whittam continues to chase up the completion of the local heritage listing to try and secure a place on it for the Boars Head.

PC Banks has asked PCC to remove any benches around the building to stop them being used as a means of access to the building and the fencing around the building to be removed.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were requested and agreed for payment:

Barton Grange Landscapes – works carried out 2016/17 **£3774**

It was agreed to pay the **£440 + vat** to enable Preston City Council to begin the process of registering Station Lane playing fields with the fields in trust.

It was also agreed to pay the fee once again to enter the village in the Best Kept Village Competition. It was acknowledged that the village isn't looking its best at the moment with the roadworks and the developments taking place but in entering the competition we enable other businesses in the village to enter as well. The cost of entering is **£25**.

Balance of accounts as @ 24/1/18

Current Account: **£5150.80**

NS & I: **£7648.91**

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications received since the last meeting:

- **Bell Ridge, New Side Outbuilding**
702 Garstang Road
06/2017/1281

No objections raised by Barton PC.

- **Enforcement of conditions attached to E/2017/00248 Land off Garstang Road (Wainhomes)**

Comments submitted by Barton Parish Council following complaints registered by parishioners. The Enforcement Officer has now been out on site.

- **8 Mosslea Drive, Barton**
2 Storey Rear Extension
06/2017/1328

No objections raised by Barton PC.

- **608 Red Gables, Garstang Road**
Porch to front following demolition of existing porch, single storey side extension, two storey rear extension, new vehicular access.

No objections raised by Barton PC.

- **06/2017/1250**
Proposed new agricultural building on land off Station Lane, Barton (Woodplumpton Parish)

Barton Parish council objected to the application on the grounds of size, inappropriate development in open countryside and lack of agricultural need identified.

- **06/2018/0014**
644 Garstang Road, Barton
Two Storey extension to dwelling

No objections raised by Barton PC

- **18/00024/FUL**
Land Adjacent to 855 Garstang Road, Barton
Erection of detached dwelling with access following demolition of redundant BT repeater

- **980 Garstang Road, The Piggeries**
Appeal against the decision of PCC to allow the erection of 4no timber lodges to be used as detached dwellings.
By written reps.

Originally objected to by Barton PC.

- **18/00025/remmaj**
Reserved matters for 72 dwelling off Garstang Road (Wainhomes) (16/000625/outmaj)

Barton Parish Council to submit comments.

- **06/2017/1270**
Conversion of 2 no buildings, redevelopment of 3no existing buildings and 3no new buildings to form 6 no dwellings and 3no detached garages
Burrow House, Barton Hall, Garstang Road, PR3 5HE

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE & BARTON STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE

A second steering group meeting has now been held and Cllr Parker updated the parish council meeting on issues discussed. The group have a strong strategy in place with some strong members and Cllr Parker has been tasked along with other group members with producing a list of interested individuals, community groups and businesses to which the group will consult for the next stage of the plan preparation

A neighbourhood plan questionnaire will be sent out to these groups to ask residents what they want for their village and to shape its future. It is important that parishioners and interested parties have their say and respond to the questionnaire.

A one page proposal will be sent to groups, businesses and interested individuals to encourage them to take part in the consultation to ensure the production of a sound plan.

Charles Ebo is developing a neighbourhood plan website which will hold all information relating to the neighbourhood plan.

9 PROPOSED PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

Cllr Joliffe spoke about the pressures being placed on Barton at this time in particular those brought about through the need to produce a neighbourhood plan for the village, continuing housing developments and a reduction in Government grants at local authority level.

A special meeting had taken place for councillors to discuss a proposed increase in the parish precept. A proposal for a parish precept of £10,400 in 2018/19 was now being brought to the meeting for approval by all councillors.

It was agreed that the parish council was alive to the fact that this is a big increase, however the precept has been relatively low for many years and the proposed increase reflects the investment that the parish council feel is needed in the village over the next 12 months. All councillor present were in favour of the precept requested for 2018/19.

10 FIELDS IN TRUST APPLICATION

The clerk confirmed that Barton Parish Council have instructed PCC to go ahead with the registration of the Station Lane Playing Fields as a Fields in Trust and agreed to pay the associated fee of £440+vat

Preston City Council will continue to own the site, maintain the equipment on it, insure the site and there will be no transfer of assets.

The registration puts the field in the protection of trustees who will work hard to protect it and will assist in sourcing funding to develop the field and playground going forward.

11 GDPR & IMPLICATIONS FOR BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

In May 2018 new EU laws will come into force around Data Protection. These laws if broken carry with them heavy fines.

The changes mean that we are now required to look much more closely at how we hold peoples personal data (including email addresses) and what we do with this data.

Before May 2018 the parish council will have to show that we have good reason to hold peoples personal data and to ensure that anyone that is currently included on our mailing lists is asked to consent to receiving information from the Parish Council and only for the reasons that they agree to.

Barton Parish Council will as much as possible try to become a paperless council over the next 12 months through the increased use of the parish council website and social media page.

The parish council will continue to receive advice on GDPR in the run up to May and the clerk will put into place processes to make sure that we are compliant.

11 LALC MEMBERSHIP

The clerk had approached the Lancashire Association of Parish Councils to request a cost to become members. Subscription to this organisation would enable us to access more information on matters that affect parish councils, would provide councillors with access to training courses and would give us a sounding board and support from other parish councils.

Barton Parish Councillors were asked to consider joining the scheme and the clerk would report back on the cost at the next meeting.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Barton Parish Council had written to Lancashire County Council to request a change of date for resurfacing the road and associated closure of Station Lane from 26th-28th March. St Mary & St Andrews School do not finish for the Easter holidays until Thursday 29th March and therefore the proposed closure was anticipated to cause severe disruption to parents dropping off and to the residents of Station Lane. BPC were yet to receive a response to the request.
- Preston City Council had published its final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for the area following the electoral review carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission. The associated maps and review documents are now available to view at www.lgbce.org.uk. The review recommends a reduction in the number of current councillors from 57 to 48 who should represent 16 three councillor wards across the city.

Subject to parliamentary approval these recommendations will be implemented in May 2019 at local elections.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 28th March 2018, Barton St Lawrence Primary School 7.30pm

Thursday 1st May 2018, Barton St Lawrence Primary School 7.30pm (provisional date)