

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Wednesday 22nd November 2017 starting at 7.30pm

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

Councillors:

J Parker

T Tomlinson

H Lees

In attendance: Parishioners as per attendance book.

1 APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Cllr S Whittam (Borough Councillor) Cllr J Bleasdale

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2017

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 5th October 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Parker.

3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No items were brought forward under this item

5 MATTERS ARISING

Wainhomes Condition Discharge

- Councillor G Joliffe updated the meeting on the discharge of conditions on the Wainhomes development site next to the Kopper Kettle. Barton Parish Council had written to PCC to request an update on the conditions that have been discharged and that were still awaiting discharge at the time of the meeting. Only 2 conditions required discharge at this stage and one was confirmed as being due for discharge the week of the meeting. Details on the application are available on Preston City Councils planning portal at www.preston.gov.uk/planning.

Concerns had previously been expressed about the lack of consultation with Network Rail. Barton Parish Council confirmed that now the application has been approved this matter can be taken no further and any future works being carried out on the land that require permission will have to be dealt with under separate permissions and this dialogue carried out between network rail and PCC.

Poppy Planting

Following a request from a parishioner at a previous meeting Barton Parish Council had approached Barton Grange to ask the question of whether poppies could be sown into the verges in the village to create a display next year. Barton Grange felt that because Poppies are intrusive this may not be the best thing for the village and that in their professional opinion the grass verges were too wet to accommodate and grow the seeds.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would obtain some quotations for a raised bed to be installed at the entrance to the village which could possibly hold poppies and other seasonal plants.

Councillor Parker will provide a picture of a similar idea in Freckleton where a raised planter has been built.

Boars Head Blue Plaque

Parish Councillors felt that it was unlikely that a blue plaque could be applied for, in relation to the Boars Head, but wanted to wait until Catherine Lund-Barker returned from holiday as she may have more information on this.

At this point it was noted that the fencing that was around the building has now been removed and there have been several reports of vandalism inside the building. Cllr Joliffe has written to the agent for the site to let them know.

If the village is successful in its request to have the Boars Head included as a non-heritage asset following the recent consultation carried out by Preston City Council, then this would make a change of use much more difficult in the future.

At this point concern was also expressed about the Old School House next to the church which has over recent years fallen into disrepair. Cllr T Tomlinson declared an interest in the matter as he is a school governor. Cllr Tomlinson was able to let the meeting know that the school is in discussions with various people regarding the future of the house but could disclose no more at this time.

Cllr Joliffe requested that Cllr Tomlinson ask of the school that a dialogue is maintained with BPC over the future of this important building.

AED

It was agreed at the last meeting that the Clerk would remind parishioners of the location of the AED in the village via facebook. A parishioner had responded with a very valid question about whether the AED were key locked or coded. Parish Councillors present confirmed that the one at the Village Hall was coded. The clerk will check with the school about the other one.

Parish councillors discussed the possibility of installing another AED at the south end of the village around Barton Chinese. It was agreed that if this was viable then CIL monies could be used to cover this.

Parish Councillors present agreed to compile a list of possible projects for CIL monies to be spent on in time for the next meeting.

Boars Head developer request to de-list

Preston City Council had written to parishioners and the parish council to inform them that the request by the current owner to remove the building from the ACV list, had been refused. This was a good result for the village

6 FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

There were no accounts for payment.

Balance of accounts as @ 3/11/17

Current Account: £5487.80

NS & I: £7648.91

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications Received since 5th October 2017

- **06/2017/1231 – Daemar, Station Lane, Barton, PR3 5HA**
Single Storey Side & Rear Extension

Applications Approved by PCC since 5th October 2017

- **06/2016/0626 – Inglemere Station Lane, Barton, Preston**
5no dwellings and associated works following demolition of existing dwellings

Applications still awaiting decision by PCC & Wyre BC as @ 19/11/17

- **16/00625/OUTMAJ – Land off Garstang Road, Barton, Preston, PR3 5DQ**
Outline application for a mixed use development of up to 72 dwellings and up to 320sqm (gross) retail floor space (Use class 1) with associated access from the A6

- **16/00807/OUTMAJ – Land rear of Shepherds Farm 771 Garstang Road, Barton**
(resubmission of 15/00549/OUTMAJ)
- **06/2017/0582 – 934 Garstang Road, Preston, PR3 5AD**
2 No Dwellings
- **06/2017/0604 – 2 Planks Cottage, Garstang Road, Preston**
Conversion of Garage to 1 no dwelling
(part site within Preston City boundary)
- **06/2017/0734 – Barton Grange Hotel, 746-768 Garstang Road**
Removal/variation of condition no 5 of planning approval 06/1995/0831 to allow public use of hotel leisure facilities.

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE & BARTON STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE

A steering group has now been assembled following a request made for members. The newly assembled group met for the first time on Thursday 9 November 2017.

The group elected its chair as Cllr John Parker and its secretary as Anne O’Neill.

The aim of the steering group is to construct a cohesive strategy through raising awareness with parishioners of the work of the group and gathering relevant evidence through engagement with relevant groups and individuals.

A request was made for a loan from the parish council of £1000 to enable the steering group to progress work in relation to the plan ahead of any grant funding being received. This loan would be repaid to the parish council once grant funding was received. Barton Parish Councillors were happy to approve this request but it was noted that this would come from the current account and would not be paid from current CIL monies.

Subgroups have been created to help take the plan forward and a realistic timescale of 2 years has been set for completion and approval of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The group will meet every 8-10 weeks and the minutes of the meeting will be made available on the parish council website under the Neighbourhood plan page. A drop box has also been created to allow for the sharing of documents between group members and the parish council clerk, to enable these to be uploaded to the website and distributed as necessary.

Cllr Parker felt that the meeting had been extremely positive and there was a lot of ambition to make the plan happen. If parishioners have any questions about the plan or are unsure of the process then they can contact Preston City Councils forward planning team or speak with a member of the steering group at any time.

9 PARISH LENGTHSMEN SCHEME UPDATE

The clerk was still waiting to hear back from Broughton Parish Council regarding the possibility of a shared parish lengthsman scheme for the two villages.

Cllr Parker has had a discussion with the parish lengthsman for Myerscough & Bilsborrow who has some hours available that could be 'bought' by Barton Parish Council if the council felt like the scheme was right for them.

It was agreed that Barton Parish Councillors would come up with a list of possible jobs for a parish lengthsman and then investigate further the potential cost and benefit to the village.

11 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Following the news at the last meeting that Elinud Ikin had tendered her resignation as a parish councillor, the clerk contacted Preston City Council to confirm the procedure for appointing a new parish councillor.

Preston City Council had confirmed that public notices should be displayed to advertise the vacancy and that if within 14 days a request from more than 10 electors was received to ask that the vacancy be filled by election then an election would be required.

If an election is not requested then the parish council is able to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

The vacancy had been advertised via notices around the village and in the noticeboards, on the website and on the facebook page.

A request for an election was not received and Cllr Jolliffe had received interest from Roger Hacking who lives in Barton who wishes to become a parish councillor.

Parish Councillors present were happy for Cllr Jolliffe to speak further with Roger about the role and what it entails.

A discussion took place at this point in the meeting about inclusivity of the parish council. Cllr Parker and Cllr Jolliffe expressed their desire for more people to become involved in things going on in the parish. Minutes of the meeting and agendas are uploaded to the parish council website and the parish council's facebook page is also used to update parishioners on what is going on in the village. A parish newsletter had also been distributed in October to people on the parish council mailing list.

Cllr Parker reminded people that the process of creating a neighbourhood plan was a time consuming one and he welcomed the support of any parishioners that wished to become more involved in this and the general work of the parish council.

12 A6 SPEED LIMITED UPDATE

Cllr Jolliffe informed fellow councillors that LCC have committed to carrying out a speed assessment on the A6 in January/February 2018.

Cllr Jolliffe reminded councillors present of past discussions around a safe speed limit for the A6, improved road marking and furniture and general improvements that the Parish Council felt were needed to make the A6 safer for traffic and pedestrians.

In September 2017 LCC had carried out a consultation on the proposed changes to speed limits along the A6 from Broughton through to Bilsborrow ahead of the opening of the new bypass. Barton Parish Council had shared this consultation on their website and on the facebook page and LCC had also carried out their own publicity of the consultation. Barton Parish Council and several parish and borough councillors had provided a response to the proposals and we await the results of the consultation.

Barton Parish Council had submitted a recommendation that if a speed limit of 20mph was being proposed for Broughton then a 30mph should be attributed to the stretch of A6 that goes through Barton. This would also fit with the recently changed speed limit of 30mph in Bilsborrow and that of the proposed 20mph speed limit for Broughton.

Cllr Jolliffe confirmed that the safety of parishioners will always be the priority for the parish council.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Goosnargh And Whittingham United Charity**

BPC had received a letter from the Goosnargh and Whittingham United Charity to inform us that we are entitled to nominate a trustee to the charity. Our present nominee is Trevor Tomlinson and his four year term had expired.

Cllr Jolliffe asked Cllr Tomlinson if he was happy to continue as trustee to this charity which offers small amounts of funding to people living in the parish area of Newsham. Cllr Tomlinson agreed to carry on his role. The clerk will speak to the charity to confirm Cllr Tomlinson's continued involvement.

- **Barton, Bilsborrow & Myerscough War Memorial Service**

Cllr Jolliffe had attended this service on the 10th November 2017 and wished to express his gratitude to Roy Bassnett and the other trustees of the war memorial for inviting him along to the service. Cllr Jolliffe felt honoured and overwhelmed to be a

part of the service and commented on the impeccable behaviour of all the school children present.

- **Car parking outside Barton St Lawrence School**

An issue was raised by a parishioner regarding a situation with parking outside Barton St Lawrence Primary School. It was requested that this issue be brought up under public participation at the next meeting or emailed in advance of the meeting to allow the parish council to determine what the issue is and how it could be dealt with.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 24th January 2017, Barton St Lawrence Primary School 7.30pm

Wednesday 28th March 2017, Barton St Lawrence Primary School 7.30pm

Thursday 1st May 2017, Barton St Lawrence Primary School 7.30pm (provisional date)