

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Wednesday 23rd November 2016 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor J Parker (Chairman) M Thorpe (clerk)

Councillors:

J F Bleasdale

G Joliffe

E Ikin

J Tomlinson

H Lees

In attendance: Parishioners as per attendance list, Pc Dave Reid.

2 APOLOGIES

None were received

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 22nd September 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record subject to an amendment to read that the football pitches are privately owned.

4 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared.

5 MATTERS ARISING

A meeting is to be held with various authorities and interested parties to discuss the issue of parking and traffic control on Station Lane. The meeting is due to be held on 8th of December at 2pm.

Councillor Tomlinson let the parish council know that the owners of the football pitches behind the village hall were still not interested in leasing or selling the land.

The information from the speed indicator device is due to be collected in the next few weeks.

The park on forest grove is now complete with the landscaping planned for completion in the next week.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT

As at 23rd November 2016 the parish council accounts and savings and investments were as follows:

Current Account: £3971.38

NSI: £11318.90

7 BDO EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Barton Parish Council has received its notice of conclusion of its external audit which will now be displayed in the parish notice board for 14 days and will be made available for public access for a minimum of 5 years.

Barton parish Council approves the report received from BDO and accepts the findings and conclusion and will seek to produce an action plan to address the issues highlighted that have resulted in the annual return being qualified.

8 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Approval was granted to renew the parish council membership of CPRE at a cost of £36.00.

9 BOARS HEAD AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BUILD NOMINATION

The meeting heard that Mitchells Brewery who had owned the Boars Head and adjoining car park have now sold the site and an application for prior notification for demolition has been submitted to Preston City Council by the new owners.

The sale of the site is concerning for the community not only for the loss of the public house but also for the potential loss of use of the car park for the church. Use of the car park for the church has to date been at the discretion of the brewery. If the church can no longer use the car park then this raises concerns about increased parking on the A6 and Jepps Avenue. Parking on the A6 is a major concern.

JFP had asked local councillors if the planning application could be taken to committee rather than being determined under delegated powers and Councillor Thompson has approached Preston City Council with this in mind.

Barton Heritage Group are currently working on an application to register the Boars Head as an asset of community value. Alongside this Barton Parish Council will be asking that Preston City Council request that the new owners submit an ecology and asbestos survey alongside the prior notification.

A Save the Boars Head facebook page has been set up to keep people updated on what is happening. It was agreed that a separate meeting would

be arranged for interested parishioners to discuss progress with the campaign and next steps. Posters, notices and leaflets will be produced alongside an online petition.

Councillor Parker commented on what a good job the parishioners were doing on representing Barton's views on the Boars Head demolition.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The chair updated councillors and parishioners on planning applications submitted, approved, refused and still awaiting decision following the last meeting of the parish council.

Applications submitted since 22nd September 2016

- **06/2016/0907 – Land to the North of Station Lane, Barton**
Agricultural Building
Application withdrawn
- **06/2016/0886 – 644 Garstang Road, Preston, PR3 5DR**
Two Storey Rear Extension and extension to driveway
- **06/2016/1030- Swallow Barn, Barton Lane, PR3 5AX**
Single Storey Extension
- **06/2016/0962 – Cross House Farm, Barton, PR35AY**
Detached outbuilding to front
- **06/2016/1078 – 934 Garstang Road, Preston, PR3 5AD**
Outline planning application for 2no dwelling (all matters reserved)

Applications Approved since 22nd September 2016

- **06/2016/0831 – 11 Station Lane, Barton, Preston**
Single Storey Extension
Approved with Conditions
- **06/2106/0668 – Garth House, Station Lane, Preston, PR3 5DY.** Alterations to roof.
Approved with conditions
- **06/2016/0629 – 14 Long Croft, Preston, PR3 5AL.** Single Storey link extension to side and rear conversion to living accommodation (retrospective application)

Applications refused since 22nd September

- **06/2016/0793 – 867 Garstang Road, Preston, PR5 5AA.** Extension and alterations to existing B8 storage and distribution land and unit to include the erection of two canopies and an increase in height of the existing building.

Applications still awaiting Decision

- **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 A1) with associated access from the A6.
- **06/2016/0626 – Inglemere Station Lane, Barton, Preston.** 5 no dwellings and associated works following demolition of existing dwellings.
- **06/2016/0764 – Land South of Rostock Dairy and West of Garstang Road, Barton.** 14 no dwellings and associated works (access only within Preston City Council district)
- **06/2016/0875 – 771 Garstang Road, Barton, Preston, PR3 5DQ.** Outline application for up to 34no dwellings(access applied for only)(access only with Preston City Council)
- **16/00807 OUTMAJ – Land Rear of Shepherds Farm 771 Garstang Road, Barton** (resubmission of 15/00549/OUTMAJ)

11 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Councillor Parker explained that due to the need for the neighbourhood plan to cover parts of Myerscough and Bilsborrow as well as Barton, the process has been more difficult and a steering group will need to be put in place to cover people living in Barton but in Wyre district and people living in Barton but in Preston's district.

Councillor Bleasdale and Councillor Ikin asked the question of whether a plan that was just for Barton could be implemented and achieved quicker than a joint plan with Myerscough and Bilsborrow. Parishioners are also keen to progress the plan and on this basis Councillor Parker invited parishioners and councillors to attend a meeting with Community Futures, who have been appointed to assist Barton Parish Council in the production of their plan, to seek their advice on what would be the best option for Barton. Councillor Parker to let everyone know when a date is arranged.

Terms of reference have now been produced and are available for anyone who wishes to see them and these will now be passed on to Myerscough and Bilsborrow who have indicated that it is their intention to approve them as suitable document at its meeting to be held on 24th November.

12 LCC HIGHWAYS REPORT

The parish council are still waiting to hear the results of the traffic survey from LCC. Councillor Parker let the meeting know of his intentions to speak with LCC about improved road designs in Barton and better markings to make the roads safer. Councillor Parker to feed back any information as and when it is available.

13 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Melissa updated the meeting on the quotations received to upgrade and redesign the parish council website.

The decision was taken to accept the quotation and proposal provided by Wayne Blinkhorn. Melissa to speak to Wayne to ask him to start the process of developing a new website.

It was agreed that Melissa would also thank Pumpkin Design for their work on the current website and check with them the notice period required to terminate our current agreement with them.

14 PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS

Both of the parish council noticeboards are in need of some attention especially the one outside the village hall which is letting in water and therefore is not suitable to display notices.

It was agreed that councillors would take a look at the noticeboards next time they were passing and would consider whether repairs or a complete replacement were necessary.

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

PC Dave Reid from Lancashire Police came along to the meeting to update councillors and parishioners on their work in the area since the last meeting.

There had been 5 reported crimes in the area since our last meeting which included 2 domestics and 3 thefts.

A meeting is to be held by the relevant organisations to look at the issue of car parking and traffic management on Station Lane. If anyone has any

comments or suggestions that they would like to make then please email them to david.reid@lancashire.pnn.co.uk.

PC Reid also let the meeting know that a couple of dog walkers, the school caretaker and some residents will now be opening the gate on station lane during the day to allow access to the park and parking.

Councillor Parker had been contacted by a parishioner to discuss concerns over the design of the new pedestrian crossing near to the entrance of Jepps Avenue. On looking at the plans there were subtle differences in the proposed plans and the final design that has been built. This has resulted in the northbound side being tight which represents a real risk to drivers and pedestrians. Whilst the feedback is positive generally about the crossings it was agreed that it is important that they are right and don't create more of a problem or an increased risk to anyone.

Following a meeting on site with the concerned parishioner Councillor Parker contacted LCC who have responded to say that the crossing will be put back to plan.

Once the parish council has access to the highways report from LCC it is hoped that more suggestions can be put forward on suitable locations for traffic islands.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24th January 2017 7.30pm