

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 24 July 2018 starting at 7.30pm

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

Councillors:

John Bleasdale

T Tomlinson

H Lees

Roger Hacking

G Jolliffe (joined the meeting late)

In attendance: Parishioners as per attendance book.

1 APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Cllr S Whittam, Cllr L Smith, Anne O'Neill ,

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29th MAY 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 29th May 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Parker.*

3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Cllr Tomlinson declared an interest in any discussions taking place around the Old School House and associated land.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising that weren't covered in the agenda.

5. PCC GREENSPACE CONTRIBUTION – Mark Taylor PCC

Mark Taylor, Head of Parks & Streetscene at PCC attended the meeting to explain further the Greenspaces contribution being requested by Preston City Council and the impact of this on Barton Parish Council.

Mark confirmed that Preston City Councillors had made the decision to request a greenspaces contribution from parishes to help PCC maintain the standard of service currently provided in the face of budget cuts.

Mark confirmed that the total cost apportioned to Barton for maintenance for the year was £8065 and PCC were requesting a contribution of £1449 (inc vat) towards this for the coming 18/19 financial year.

All the other parishes had agreed to make the contribution and up to now only BPC had not agreed to pay a contribution. If the contribution was not able to be made then PCC would have to consider where this saving could be made in their maintenance schedule for Barton. This could potentially see a reduction in the service provided to the parish for its green spaces. The total cost to PCC of maintaining spaces in Barton for maintenance for the year is estimated to be £8065.

Cllr Parker expressed his concerns to Mark about the slow progress of the Fields In Trust Application and asked that if the parish were able to work with Preston City Council to make the contribution if PCC could ensure that the Fields in Trust Application continue to progress as the contribution to the greenspaces is directly linked to this important piece of greenspace.

Mark confirmed that Councillor Rolly is supportive of an application going to cabinet for approval for PCC to progress the Fields in Trust application. Mark is currently looking at the possibility of a report going to committee in September but that resources were tight at this time in his department.

Mark continues to have dialogue with Cllr Whittam and will continue to push for the report to go to committee by the end of 2018.

Councillors agreed to make the greenspaces contribution of £1449 for 2018/19.

The question was asked as to what would happen with the Forest Grove Park and open spaces in the event that the maintenance company ceased to manage them. Mark confirmed that parks and open spaces stay with the developer until such a time that they pass over to PCC and they agree to take them on which usually comes with a contribution from the developer for future maintenance.

The issue of mud from the Wainhomes site was brought up and Mark agreed to speak to his team about the potential for sweepers to do some extra work to the pavements on and around Thorntrees Avenue which were particularly bad.

Mark asked that if any parishioners have any issues that they would like to report in terms of street cleaning then they can do so via the 'grot spot' page of the councils website and that this was the quickest way to report problems.

6 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND PARISH LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The clerk confirmed the appointment of a parish lengthsman (Greg Robinson) to assist in carrying out works in the village not covered by LCC, PCC and our current contract with Barton Grange. Greg will work 8 hours a week for the parish council on a self-employed basis until further notice.

If parishioners feel that there are particular areas that require attention then please let the parish council know.

Greg has already been busy tidying up the North end of the village around White Horse Lane , spraying for weeds, reclaiming the footpath from the overgrown verge and tidying up around the bus stop.

We are awaiting confirmation from PCC that BPC can use CIL monies to fund the lengthsman's services.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Balance of accounts as @ 24/07/18

Current Account: **£75,552.03**

NS & I: **£7648.91**

The current account monies include the BPC precept and CIL monies.

8 BUDGET 2018/19

The proposed budget for the coming year was distributed and agreed by councillors.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to consider at the time of the meeting.

10 A6 TRAFFIC REPORT

GJ had a meeting with MP Ben Wallace to discuss the ongoing issues with the A6 Traffic management. Ben had a meeting arranged with LCC to ask them to look further into the issues of highways and provisions for safer road use for pedestrians and cyclists.

JFP has contacted LCC to request a strategy document and further clarification on how they can ensure safe access to development sites. Agreed that we need to keep the pressure on LCC to make something happen to put the right situations in place to keep pedestrians and road users safe.

Cllr Parker confirmed that the developers of Cardwells Farm would be granted access off the A6 during the period the development is ongoing.

11. BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The neighbourhood plan group had applied to the locality group for funding and were currently awaiting a response after answering a few queries raised.

Cllr Parker confirmed that business and social group surveys had been distributed to over 50 businesses and social groups but disappointingly only 7 had been returned. This information will now be collated and fed into another survey to be developed and sent out to all households in the Barton Parish hopefully in the autumn.

12. VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS (including housing sites underway)

Cllr Jolliffe informed the meeting that LCC had received more than £220,000 in developer contributions towards improved cycle paths. Cllr Jolliffe had been in contact with an organisation called Sustran who are willing to work with BPC to work up with some ideas for improved cycle routes around Barton. Cllr Jolliffe is keen to engage with LCC again to ask if they are willing to be part of the discussions.

It was agreed that more dog fouling signs needed to be erected around the village. It was suggested that we laminate our own.

Cllrs present discussed the village hall and its current land and building ownership and leasing arrangements. It was agreed that further discussion was required for future options for the village

hall and surrounding land to ensure that it remains an important asset for the village. CIL funding could be utilised for potential projects that would lead to the preservation of the hall and the land surrounding it.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 25th Sept 2018, Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm

Tuesday 27th Nov 2018 Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm

Tuesday 22nd Jan 2019, Barton Village Hall , 7.30pm

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

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