

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: Wednesday 28th March 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 Thompson, Cllr J Bleasdale

2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 24th January 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Cllr Lees, seconded by Cllr Parker.*

3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Loftus had attended the meeting to follow up on an email sent to the parish council regarding grass cutting. Mr Loftus lives at 620 Garstang Road and had noticed that Barton Grange Landscapes weren't coming up as far as his property when cutting the grass verges.

It was agreed that the grass cutting should go as far as 620 and MT suggested that the Parish Council send Barton Grange a location map and ask them to confirm the areas that they cut and to confirm in more detail the details of the 2018/19 contract.

Action: *MT to send Barton Grange a location map and request for a meeting to discuss the current contract.*

Mr Steven Miles enquired about the progress with the Fields in Trust application. **MT** had received an email from PCC that week letting Barton Parish Council know that they had met with The Fields In Trust that week to obtain further information to pass on to the exec member. Now that the Exec member has this information and has taken the time to consider it then a decision can be made on whether cabinet approval is sought for the Fields in Trust dedication.

Sue Whittam offered to speak to PCC about this and let **MT** know if any further information was available.

Action: *MT to send details of correspondence to date to Cllr Whittam.*

5 MATTERS ARISING

It had been agreed at a previous meeting that some designs would be drawn up of the proposed additional flower beds at the entrance of the village to send to LCC highways for approval. Bentham designs and Barton Grange had kindly agreed to carry out the work.

Action: *GJ to chase both for plans to submit to LCC for approval before works begin.*

6 FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Balance of accounts as @ 28/3/18

Current Account: **£1064.80**

NS & I: **£7648.91**

MT reminded Councillors that a plan needs to be made for spending the CIL monies received from PCC.

Action: *MT to speak with PCC about the deadline and to remind Councillors of this so that a plan can be made.*

Cllr Jolliffe spoke to parishioners present about the increase in the parish precept for 2018/19. Barton Parish Council will receive £10,400. As a % this is a big increase but as an absolute not quite as high. It is hoped that this will enable the council to invest in the village. The parish feels the need to improve things and can only do this through an increased precept.

MT requested an extraordinary meeting to discuss the budget for 2018/19 and the new audit requirements. Cllr Jolliffe offered to host a meeting which would be held between now and the next meeting in May.

Action: *GJ to send potential dates for meeting*

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Applications received, approved and still awaiting decision on 24th January 2018
- Applications approved since 24th January 2018
- Applications still awaiting Decision as at 28th March 2018.
- Cardwell Farm Appeal
- Proposed correspondence to Ministers regarding national planning matters
- Complaints log for Wainhomes Site (Off Garstang Road)

A list of planning applications received, approved and still awaiting decision was distributed to councillors and parishioners present and will be uploaded to the website.

MT reported on the latest situation with Cardwells Farm. Another application has been submitted for access only permission and if approved then it is anticipated that Wainhomes will withdraw from the appeal scheduled for September.

Cllr Whittam explained a bit more about the planning system and the current issues being faced by Preston City Council particularly in regard to housing applications and appeals. PCC were still awaiting a decision from the Planning Inspectorate in regard to two appeal hearings in Broughton Parish both

relating to housing developments. The outcome of these will shape the way that planning applications are considered PCC depending on the weight that the inspector gives to the issue of the 5 year supply of housing.

Cllr Jolliffe asked Cllr Whittam about possible support available from PCC to the parish council in defending applications. Cllr Whittam confirmed that PCC cannot give direct support to help with individual applications and appeals and suggested that BPC employ an independent planner to support us.

Cllr Jolliffe was keen that BPC need to remain in the appeal process even if PCC aren't in it themselves.

The neighbourhood plan steering group are looking to engage with Emery planning/Wainhomes and a meeting had been arranged for the 12th April when Councillor Jolliffe and Councillor Parker will meet with Wainhomes to discuss how they can be involved in the Neighbourhood Plan process in a positive way to support the village. Cllr Jolliffe hopes that it will be the start of a regular dialogue with them.

Action: *Wainhomes - Melissa to give GJ and JFP the complaints to take to the meeting.*

- **Proposed correspondence to Ministers regarding national planning matters**

Cllr Jolliffe informed Cllr Whittam and parishioners present of his intention to write on behalf of BPC to the Housing Minister, Dominic Raab to express BPC's concerns regarding current housing legislation which appears to be favouring the developer. Cllr Whittam agreed that this was a good idea but advised waiting for the appeal decisions at Broughton before sending the letter to the Minister.

- **Complaints log for Wainhomes Site (Off Garstang Road)**

BPC are continuing to keep a complaints log for the Wainhomes Site to the side of the Kopper Kettle. Cllr Parker confirmed that Cllr Hacking has agreed to liaise with the site manager on behalf of the parishioners and therefore any complaints about the site can be logged via the Parish Council

8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE & BARTON STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE

- Update from steering group meeting

The steering group has held its 3rd meeting and the group has planned out a series of actions which they are working towards. One of these actions is to secure an income stream for the group to support the development of the plan.

The group is in the process of producing a questionnaire to target key local groups and businesses so that they can demonstrate to the inspector that the community has been consulted in a robust and inclusive manner.

The questionnaire asks for the key issues for the village and asks each group to fill in what they would like to see on the questionnaire. Between end of May and start of June send out the questionnaires and gather the responses in to start to analyse the data.

The website is nearing completion and will provide a point of contact and a system for the documents for people to view.

Because we have part of M & B in the plan we have to have a M & B representative. The group have therefore taken on someone from the village to fill this space.

JFP is keen to get as many people as possible involved and GJ reiterated that the plan is about more than just planning and housing. They want to encourage everyone to become involved as and when they can to ensure that the plan delivers what is best for the village.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Jolliffe suggested that we request additional dog fouling signs and bins be erected in the village and for it to be made clear to dog owners that the poo can go in the normal bins. The parish council will speak to PCC.

JFP encouraged anyone who sees this as a problem to report it to PCC.

Cllr Whittam told the meeting that they only have one dog warden now but she can provide additional signs where requested.

Action: *Cllr Whittam to send MT the dog warden's contact details.*

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday 17th May 2018, Barton St Lawrence Primary School 7.30pm (provisional date subject to change)