

Minutes of the Barton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm
VIRTUAL

In attendance

Cllr T Tomlinson, Cllr R Sharples, Cllr R Hacking (Chair), Cllr S Whittam (Preston City Council), Cllr P Moss , Preston City Council , Nichola Forbes (parishioner)

1 Apologies for non-attendance

Cllr H Lees, Cllr Smith , Cllr Parker

2 Approval of the Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on 20TH January 2021

Approved as a true and accurate record

3 Declaration of personal and prejudicial interests - Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter.

None

4 Public Participation - The meeting may be adjourned at this point to listen to any representations from the public, police, or community groups wishing to bring matters to the attention of the Council. If individuals wish to speak on an Agenda item this is the time when it should be done. **This will be a time limited session up to 20 minutes which can be extended at the discretion of the Chair.**

There were no items raised for discussion at this point

5. Financial Report & Accounts for payment

Current account as at 1/3/21 **£9544.61**

Savings account as at 30/12/20 **£7861.24**

- External audit payment £240 approved
- Insurance renewal £342.70 (final documents yet to be received)
- Best Kept Village £30 approved

6. Final budget 21/22

The final budget for the 21/22 year had been agreed the previous meeting and the precept also agreed and applied for. The final budget would be uploaded to the parish council website.

7. Approval of Standing Orders and Code of Conduct

Cllr Hacking had reviewed the standing orders created by the clerk and would circulate these to the other councillors for final approval. These standing orders would then be adopted after the AGM once all Councillors had chance to review and agree them.

The code of conduct would now also be updated and distributed to all Councillors in due course.

8. Planning Applications & planning issues

- Cardwell Farm Appeal discussion and next steps

Cllr Peter Moss attended the meeting to provide an update on Preston City Council's next steps with regard to the appeal decision at Cardwell Farm. The City Council were extremely disappointed with the inspectors decision, as were the parish council and its parishioners, and he confirmed that discussions were ongoing to ascertain whether a High Court challenge was possible and an announcement was due in the next week to confirm this.

Cllr Hacking thanked Cllr Moss for attending the meeting and also expressed the parish's gratitude to Preston City Council for its officer's professionalism, knowledge and dedication throughout the hearing. The City Council had robustly and professionally defended its decision at the enquiry.

- **Land South of Station lane**

The Clerk updated members and parishioners present on an issue regarding the site to the South of Station lane which has a permission for 68no affordable homes. Local residents had complained to the Council about the height of the fencing erected around the site and subsequently the removal of hedgerows along the back of the site onto Station Lane.

Cllr Whittam had spoken with Ben Sandover in the planning department to discuss this and many other issues with the site. It was agreed that Ben would contact the developer to remind them of the need to discharge conditions on the site before any works began. The site manager, who will be on site once the development commences, provided Cllr Whittam and The Clerk with his contact details so that a constant dialogue could be maintained to ensure that the development did not adversely affect nearby residents. This is especially welcomed following the issues that parishioners experienced with the Wainhomes site at Cedar Place. It was agreed that this contact number would not be given out to residents rather that residents would report any incidents or breaches to Cllr Whittam or the Clerk for them to feed back to the site manager. Ben Sandover confirmed that he would also speak

with the developer to discuss outstanding conditions to ensure that the relevant ones are applied for/discharged before construction commences on site.

9 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The plan has been through its regulation 14 consultation and comments have been reviewed by Paula and the Neighbourhood Plan team. Some issues remain around the areas of separation and a meeting was planned for the 18th March to go through the comments and focus on next steps.

10 Village Projects

- **Plant Pot festival - 15th -16th May**

The theme for this year's festival will be plant pots. Similar to the scarecrows parishioners will be encouraged to enter and to let us know where their entries are. The winner will receive a trophy.

The festival will take place over the weekend of the 15-16th just before restrictions are lifted for the next stage of the COVID road map.

The funding for posters and the banners was approved as part of the approved budget for 21/22.

The clerk would order the banners and posters and put these up around the village.

- **Canal Tow Path improvements**

Unfortunately the Canals and Rivers Trust had responded to Cllr Parkers email to say that rural towpaths were not currently a priority so no dedicated funding was available for work to be carried out along the towpaths in Barton. We will continue to seek out funding that might assist with the repair of the tow paths.

- **Station Lane Playing fields car park**

Several parishioners and Councillors have expressed concern over the deteriorating state of the car park at Station Lane Playing Fields. We have been reassured that this is a priority for Preston City Council and that the car park will receive some attention in the coming months. John/The Clerk to continue to liaise with PCC over the issue.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 26th May 2021

- **Wednesday 28th July – Virtual**
- **Wednesday 15th September**
- **Wednesday 17th November**

