

**Minutes of the Barton Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm  
VIRTUAL**

**In attendance**

Cllr J Parker, Cllr T Tomlinson, Cllr R Sharples, Cllr L Smith, Cllr R Hacking (Chair), Cllr S Whittam ( Preston City Council)

**1. Apologies for non-attendance**

Cllr H Lees

**2. Approval of the Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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 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.**

The Clerk confirmed that written requests for dispensation had been received from all present in order for them to consider the precept up to 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

**1. BARTON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET & PRECEPT 2021/22**

The Proposed budget for 2021/22 was distributed prior to the meeting and then discussed in detail during the meeting. Whilst it was felt that the budget reflected the anticipated costs for the Parish Council for 2021/22 it was also noted that it left no room for unanticipated costs such as elections, increased audits or indeed any projects that the Parish Council wished to support, including taking the neighbourhood plan to its conclusion.

A discussion then took place over the proposed precept for 2021/22 which would need to reflect the items in the budget and also provide a 'buffer' for unexpected items and projects and tasks that the Parish Council wished to carry out in the coming year. Discussions took place over the projects that the Parish wished to support and these were agreed as the following:

- Create 'Herring Bone style' raised beds at the southern entrance to the Village underneath the welcome to Barton Sign. Parish Lengthsman to support.
- Source some Memorial Poppies to be displayed in remembrance in the Village at the time of the Remembrance Service.
- Investigate the potential for Station Lane Playing Fields Parking area to be re-surfaced with 'crush and run'. Melissa to speak to PCC as the site and car park remains in their ownership and responsibility and access.
- Production and Distribution (via the BPC web site) of the PROW Walks available in the Village
- The 'Green Seats' (Jubilee Benches) to be smartened up / re-painted by Greg, if possible
- Historical/Interpretation Board for the Boars Head Pub and area, similar to the ones Broughton Parish Council has erected in its Village, describing the history of the pub and its

importance to the Village life over the past centuries. Melissa to investigate funding possibilities including the Parish Champion Fund.

- Continue investigations with the Canals and Rivers Trust Chase Lancaster Canal Trust to look at ways to improve the canal tow path through the Village area especially from Station Lane through to the White Horse Lane Bridge.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to support the Neighbourhood Plan group to complete the Barton Village Neighbourhood Plan with further funding of £2600 paid for from the Parish Precept. It was hoped that the group might be able to access further grants to support the work to its finish.

No further Cil Funding was expected in 21/22 as no developments were expected to come forward in that time so no income was shown against this this financial year.

Taking into account the anticipated budget pressures in 21/22 all Councillors voted in favour of raising the precept to £26,000. This still represented a low amount compared to other parishes in the Preston area. Melissa would send the request through to Preston City Council immediately after the meeting.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

There were no accounts for payment.

Councillors discussed the overall financial spreadsheet which was presented at the meeting and is available for all to view on the parish council website at [www.barton-pc.org.uk](http://www.barton-pc.org.uk) under the finance section.

## **6. BALANCE OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AS AT 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The Parish Council's account balances as at 4th January 2021 were as follows:

Current Account:     **£11,262**

NS & I:                 **£7,805**

**7. PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - The Parish Council is requested to consider any applications and make representations to the City Council. Details of any applications will be available at the meeting and can be viewed on [www.preston.gov.uk](http://www.preston.gov.uk).

The following decisions had been made on planning applications in the village since the last meeting:

Cardwell Farm up to 151 dwellings with associated infrastructure – REFUSAL

Land North of Jepps Lane up to 125 houses – REFUSED

Land to the East of Garstang Road, Bilsborrow up to 105 houses – REFUSED

Land to the West of Garstang Road, Barton ( Wyre ) 39 Affordable dwellings with associated access– PENDING DECISION

For up to date details of all applications pending or decided for Barton Parish please visit [www/preston.gov.uk/planning](http://www/preston.gov.uk/planning) or [wyre.gov.uk/planning](http://wyre.gov.uk/planning).

It was agreed that Cllr Parker would be registered to speak at the upcoming Wainhomes (Cardwell Farm ) Appeal in February. Cllr Hacking would also observe the proceedings which will take place virtually. The details of the appeal would be uploaded to the parish council website in due course.

#### **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Parker provided a brief update on the Neighbourhood plan which had completed its Regulation 14 consultation in November. The Neighbourhood Plan group will now meet on 4<sup>th</sup> February via Zoom to discuss the results of the consultation and to plan the next steps in the process.

#### **9. FUTURE PROJECTS – WALKS LEAFLETS, CANAL IMPROVEMENTS, BOARS HEAD INTERPRETATION BOARDS, STATION LANE PARKING AREA**

Covered in item 4 above

**10. NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE** - Members may be requested to NOTE any new correspondence received since the issue of the Agenda.

The Parish Council had been asked to report the flooding outside Barton Mill on Barton Lane. This has now been reported again to Lancashire County Council.

There have been several complaints of increased dog litter in the village, particularly in relation to dog owners throwing poo bags onto the ground or into verges and hedges. Reminders would continue to be sent out on social media to remind people to pick up their dogs poop and take it home to their own black bins. Unfortunately the City Council are not able to provide further bins for the village or commit to collecting the rubbish from additional bins that we were to install.

The Parish Council urges all parishioners to please take their rubbish home to their own bins and wanted to thank all responsible dog owners who do clear up after their dogs.

#### **11. REVIEW OF NATIONAL PAYSCALES AND CLERKS RENUMERATION – Clerk to leave the meeting at this point**

Councillors discussed the clerk's remuneration in respect of the National Association of Local Councils pay scales. The current hourly rate was below the national rate for a clerk and therefore it was agreed that this should be raised to be based on the National Association of Local Councils (nalc) for 2020-21 at SCP 10 £11.08 per hour, and therefore, based on 8 hours per week on average, increased to £384.11 per calendar month, with immediate effect.

#### **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- **Wednesday 17th March - Virtual**
- **Wednesday 19th May - AGM - Virtual**
- **Wednesday 28th July - Virtual**
- **Wednesday 15th September**
- **Wednesday 17th November**

