

Minutes of the Barton Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.30pm
Barton Village Hall

1. Apologies for non-attendance

Helen Lees, Roger Hacking (ill), Cllr Sue Whittam

2. Approval of the Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2019

Approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson and seconded by Cllr Sharples.

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.

Cllr Tomlinson declared an interest in any discussions taking place in relation to the Village Hall for which he is a trustee.

4. Matters Arising

Unfortunately Cllr Hacking was ill and unable to take up his first meeting as Chair. Cllr Parker as vice chair agreed to chair the meeting but Cllr Hacking was officially welcomed to the position of chair which he had accepted in May.

5. Appointment of representatives to external groups

5.1 Preston Area Committee

Cllr Parker, Cllr Hacking and M Thorpe to represent Barton Parish Council.

5.2 BB&M War Memorial Committee

Cllr Tomlinson & Cllr Lees will continue to represent on this committee. Cllr Hacking will also attend this year's memorial service as Chair of Barton Parish Council by invitation.

5.3 Barton Village Neighbourhood Plan Group

Cllr Parker currently chairs this group and will continue to be the Parish Council representative on with support from other Councillors and the Clerk where required. The Parish Council is currently the accountable body for the Groundwork funding that the group applied for to progress the neighbourhood plan.

6 Incoming Chairman – Summary of past financial year activity and upcoming year plans

Cllr Hacking as incoming chair was unable to attend the meeting due to illness so Cllr Parker read out a Chairman's report and summary of the work of the Parish Council in the last 12 months and the anticipated challenges and opportunities ahead.

7. Public Participation:

Mr Colin Dickinson who is a resident living close to the proposed development at Land North of Jepps Lane Barton, addressed the meeting and Councillors raising concerns around the perceived lack of communication regarding the application from the Parish Council and questioned why the Parish Council had not submitted a comprehensive objection like the one submitted for Cardwell Farm.

Cllr Parker responded by explaining that the timescales for comments to be submitted were different for both these major applications and that Barton Parish Council had submitted the objection to the Cardwell Farm application in July in line with Preston City Council's deadline for comments.

Barton Parish Council had requested an extension to the time in which they were able to submit comments in relation to the application for 125 on Land North of Jepps Lane (Story Homes) to 5th September, to enable the application and proposed response to be discussed at this meeting and to enable a thorough response to be submitted. This response could then also take into account highways comments that had not been available when the application was first submitted. The objection would be submitted in line with Preston City Council's deadline as is always the case. Cllr Parker explained that the Parish Council's response would be considered by Preston City Council after the deadline had passed for all comments to be submitted and ahead of the Officer writing his report.

Cllr Parker read out the objection of the Parish Council which was, in its content, as robust as the Cardwells Farm objection but dealt with different issues as the two sites, whilst similar, are not identical in what is being proposed at each. At this point M Thorpe provided Mr Dickinson with a copy of the written objection which will be submitted.

Cllr Parker also reminded parishioners that it was the role of Preston City Council to inform residents of planning applications being submitted or for residents to register for alerts on Preston City Council's website. The Parish Council had informed parishioners via social media and the Parish Council website about the application. Local residents had informed the PC that they were intending on leaflet dropping nearby residents in addition to the letters already delivered to residents by PCC, which the Parish Council believed had been done.

Cllr Parker let parishioners present know that the response being submitted by the Parish Council to the application on Land North of Jepps Lane could be viewed on the Parish Council website alongside all other planning application and reserved matters responses for applications in the village.

CLlr Parker reassured residents that the Parish Council are fully understanding of their concerns and that this has clearly been demonstrated in the detailed objections submitted and being submitted for Cardwell Farm and Land North of Jepps Lane.

The Parish Councillors have fought hard against all inappropriate development in the village in the last 3 years and would continue to do so where appropriate.

8. Cardwells Farm Proposed Development – update & next steps

The Parish Council had submitted an objection to the proposal for 151 houses at Cardwell Farm which was available to view on the Parish Council website. The application is expected to go to committee in October where the Parish Council will register to speak and parishioners are encouraged to do the same.

The development already has outline planning permission for the principle of the development for 54 houses and this new application includes a phase 2, taking the total proposed development to 151 houses with a proposed community centre.

M Thorpe confirmed that the site was not in the Greenbelt and therefore this was not a consideration in planning terms.

9. Story Homes Proposed Development – update & next steps

As previously discussed the Parish Council intends to submit a comprehensive objection to the application for 125 houses for Land North of Jepps Lane, Barton. This objection was read out at the meeting and will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

It is anticipated that this application may go to the November planning committee at which Barton Parish Council will hopefully be able to register to speak.

It was agreed that we would approach a number of planning consultants to see if they might be willing to speak on the Parish Council's behalf at both committees where the Cardwell Farm and Land North of Jepps Lane, will be heard.

10. To consider request for CIL funding from Barton Village Hall & to update on approval of CIL funding for St Mary & St Andrews School

Barton Village Hall had submitted a CIL request for £16,500 for installation of updated equipment for the village hall, installation of WIFI and improvements to presentation equipment and audio equipment in the village hall to enable the hall to be brought up to date with technological equipment and capability.

Councillors discussed the application and agreed that this would encourage more people to use the village hall and would assist in upgrading a community facility that could cater for local community need and could be adaptable to new future uses.

All 4 Councillors present with the exception of Trevor Tomlinson who declared an interest, agreed to approve the application for funding for the works to the village hall subject to a revised up to date quotation being received.

M Thorpe confirmed that works previously approved for St Mary & St Andrew's Primary school to the early years outdoor area would begin in the summer holidays and was expected to be completed by year end.

11. Budget adjustments

A budget summary had been distributed to Councillors ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that M Thorpe would update the budget based on discussions at the meeting and distribute this to Councillors.

12. Financial Report & Accounts for payment

The following payments had been approved and paid since the last meeting:

- Preston City Council Greenspaces Contribution **£1449**
- Preston City Council Election Administration fee **£100**
- Barton Grange Planters and Maintenance fees **£4572**
- Kirkwells Neighbourhood Plan fee **£588**

13. Planning Applications & planning issues

There were no other planning matters discussed other than the aforementioned Cardwell Farm and Land North of Jepps Lane.

14. Neighbourhood Plan Update & Barton steering group committee - Update from steering group meeting

Cllr Parker reiterated the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan for Barton and encouraged any parishioners wishing to become involved to get in touch with him. The plan will look at the needs of the village going forward and will help the village to better direct development and identify infrastructure needs.

Kirkwells consultants have been brought on board to progress the plan alongside the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

15. Village Improvements & Boars Head update

- **Boars Head Update**

The Barton Heritage Group continues to meet regularly and all are welcome to join. Barton Parish Council have submitted the Former Public House and the land that it sits on into a Call for Sites exercise being carried out by the Central Lancashire Authorities. This could

help the village to look at potential uses for the site that could satisfy a community need possibly in relation to a leisure use. A decision on this is expected in November.

- **Proposed new footpath at Green Lane**

A request had been received from a parishioner in the South Planks area of the village to ask the Parish Council to look into the potential of extending the pavement from South Planks to meet the existing footpath at Green Lane. This would enable a continuous path along the A6 where one currently doesn't exist.

M Thorpe had approached Myerscough and Bilsborrow Parish Council and Lancashire County Council to look at the implications of this and will feed back any information to Parish Councillors at a future meeting to see if this is something that could be taken forward.

16. AOB – that arise after the agenda is issued

None

17. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 13th November, 7.30pm, Barton Village Hall. All welcome.