**Barton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting**

**13th November 2024 Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm**

**In attendance:**

Cllr Hacking, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Lees, Cllr Hodkinson, Cllr Smith, Cllr Parker

Harriet Parker – Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**

Approved subject to attendees from the meeting being included in the minutes.

**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

1. **4. Barton Sign Sponsorship – Information and discussion**

* Barton Manor Hotel agreed that they would like to sponsor the sign.
* All Councillor approved this.
* They also expressed an interest in sponsoring local events, adding their sponsorship to the planters in the village.
* They will arrange updating their public liability insurance to cover the village signs.
* Clerk will arrange to make the necessary changes to sign and contact metalworker.

1. **5. Sovini Road Works/Play area access – Information and discussion**

* Discussed that the next set of Sovini roadworks are being planned for early 2025 but little information has been provided regarding a specific date for this.
* Sovini have ensured that they still intend to have the properties occupied by early Spring.
* Councillors all agreed that access through to the playing field from the site would be use for those living there and anyone wanting to access the park without walking down Station Lane.
* Must be pedestrian access only.

1. **Woodlands Way Footpath**

* All agreed that previous quotes have been far too expensive.
* Cllr Parker would mention requesting funding from Wainhomes at their next meeting to partially fund the repairs.
* PROW were contacted regarding funding. No response was ever received but Councillors discussed that they are already short of funding so would probably be unlikely to be able to contribute to the cost.

1. **Precept Request**

* All Councillors agreed to keep the precept amount for the next year the same as it currently is (£26,000).

1. **Speeding Concerns**

* Jepps Lane specifically concerning, especially since the opening of the gym and barber shop.
* Most cars going in excess of the speed limit on a regular basis.
* Discussion regarding ordering some signs to place on the lampposts. Agreed that three signs on each side of the road would be sufficient.

1. **LANPAC Membership**

* Following September meeting and discussion with PCSO, it was decided that the Council would sign up for a years membership with LANPAC to access some of the useful resources that may be available.

1. **Dates for 2025 meetings**

* Agreed that the next meeting would be held on the 15th January 2025.
* All new dates are available on our website.

**11. Public participation**

**•** No further points raised following discussion regarding speeding concerns.

**12 . Financial Matters**

* All figures shown at the meeting.

1. **Cardwell Farm**

* Residents raised concerns that no protection has been provided for the houses that back onto the site.
* Protective sheets should have been placed on the fences.
* Also discussed the mess on the road and pavement. Suggested that it needed to be cleaned more regularly.
* Cllr Parker agreed to raise this at the meeting with Wainhomes.

1. **Boars Head Footpath**

* Discussed different lighting options but concerns raised about complaints if the lights shine onto the properties and where to actually fit them/who would be able to fit them.
* The historical information board regarding the pub also needs to be fitted as per the plans.

1. **PCSO discussion**

* Beth – our local PCSO – attended the meeting to introduce herself and discuss her role in the community.
* She provided contact details for the PCSOs that we can contact – available on our website.
* They would collectively like to attend more meeting but discussed that they are quite short staffed for the large area that they have to cover.

1. **Notice Board**

* Minutes will be added to the notice board.
* The board can also be used for advertisements but the Parish would like a fee or donation for this.

**Dates of next meeting – Wednesday 15th January 2025**