

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 2nd December 2019

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr Cousins Cllr M Howard Cllr Burton	Cllr R Ford Cllr Hudson, Cllr Holmes	Cllr Wilcock Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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	b) Village Hall Parking Parking at the village hall has become a big problem with cars often parking on the pavement. Two quotes have been obtained for having yellow hatching painted on the pavement. One for £225 and one for £500. It was agreed that the words 'No Parking' should also be written on the pavement in addition to hatching. It was proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Ford that the Parish Council would go halves on the cost with the Village Hall Management Committee up to a maximum of £250. c) Newspaper Banks West Suffolk Council have changed contactors for the emptying of the newspaper recycling bins. The clerk took this opportunity to once again request a newspaper recycling bin for Barrow. West Suffolk Council agreed to ring around to try to source a bin for the Parish. Clerk to continue chasing.	Clerk
5486	Highways Cllr Pearson drew attention to the road closure on Barrow Hill, acknowledging that no prior notice was given, and that Hopkins had admitted they had got it wrong. Highways have confirmed that the path between Johnson Road and Denham Lane is not deemed bad enough to repair however they have agreed to jet outlet near the doctor's surgery as they believe this will improve the situation. Clerk asked to find out if approval is needed for hatched area outside the village hall.	Clerk
5487	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Soons was thanked for her help with the road closure. Due to the Election there is not much to report. Cllr Soon confirmed that she would following up on requests from the Parish Council and residents. The drainage outside the shop and the cross roads and the drain near Brittons Road, the footpath outside the doctors and the 40mph VAS sign. Cllr Soons also confirmed that the road closure planned for February would be in Ousden not Barrow (as has been reported on social media).	
5488	Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Howard confirmed the Neighbourhood plan has three stages, data collection, analysis and reporting. The heritage assessment is being carried out by Planning Direct, this is ongoing, and they are making progress. The Housing Needs Assessment is on track for report by the end of January. Cllr Howard is keeping Cllr Pearson and Cllr Kronbergs informed. A draft questionnaire has been circulated to councillors, this is based on one successfully used by Holbrook. The questionnaire will be available online and as a hard copy. Cllr Pettitt has agreed to have a postbox at The Old Cow Shed for the return of hard copies and the Barrow Good Neighbours have offered to help residents complete the questionnaire. The questions re demographics will be used by the UK Planning Inspectorate to confirm that a cross section of the community has responded.	

	The Parish Council went through the questions and some changes were suggested. Cllr Howard to make changes and recirculate. Once West Suffolk have confirmed the number of houses for the Housing Needs Assessment the questionnaire will be distributed. If this number is too high this could result in not continuing with the Neighbourhood plan as a referendum is needed and residents would not agree to it. West Suffolk look at the requirements for the whole area, key service centres get additional houses. The questionnaire will be perfected, so it is ready to be distributed if/when the time comes.	
5489	Dalham/Denham Modification Order Cllr Cousins confirmed that a map dating back to 1890's ish show footpath. At this stage the Parish Council have no objections to the reinstatement of the footpath.	
5490	Barrow Village Firework Display – request for funding The Parish Council received an email from the Village Hall Management Committee informing them that the company that currently provides the lighting and the fencing for the fireworks would no longer be doing this from next year. As this is a community event, the Parish Council has been asked to consider purchasing the necessary equipment. A quote of £1,300 was provided. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council would support this subject to additional quotes being received and assurance that the event would continue to go ahead. This was proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Burton with all in agreement.	
5491	BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Houlder was not present.	
5492	Pre-planning application policy The policy was circulated prior to the meeting. It was suggested that any meetings that took place would have a minimum of two councillors and the clerk present, however it was agreed that the preferred method of communication is through writing and at monthly Parish Council meetings. The policy was agreed subject to the above changes. This was proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Holmes.	
5493	Request for meeting of interested parties relating to SHELAA The Parish Council have had correspondence asking for a meeting to discuss the land near the school. It was agreed that meeting would be useful for the Parish Council. The clerk will invite them to attend the next Parish Council meeting 3rd February. A 15 minute slot will be offered after the public forum.	Clerk
5494	Newslink – cost Two quotes were obtained to increase the number of pages in Newslink and the quality of the paper use. The quotes were £280 and £315. The current printer provided the cheapest quote. This quote was accepted. This was proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Ford. Clerk to contact Barrow Ducks regarding a donation.	Clerk

5495	Financial Matters a) To receive the councils current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Burton seconded by Cllr Cousins, with all Councillors in agreement. The water bill has increased significantly since a new meter was fitted. Clerk to check meter reading b) To confirm payments None to confirm c. Other invoices: R H Landscapes £350 Verse £320 McGregor Services £240 The payments were proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Burton with all Councillors in agreement. d) To approve the budget £3,865 added to the traffic calming line bringing budget forecast to £25,170 for 2020/21 With the above change the budget was approved. This was proposed by Cllr Howard and seconded by Cllr Ford.	Clerk
5496	PLANNING DC/19/2100/HH 7 Abbots Close Denham IP29 5EN Householder Planning Application - (i) 1no garage with office above and rear conservatory (following demolition of existing utility room and rear extension) (retrospective) (ii) 1no. shed (retrospective) (iii) drop kerb and vehicular access (retrospective) The Parish Council object to this planning application on planning policy DM24 1) Completely changes the appearance of the Close and is completely out of character with every other property 2) The proposed new driveway is totally against the principle of the existing Close development where vehicles park at the Garage Block and then walk to their property around the open green area 3) The proposed new driveway would introduce a new access into the Denham Barrow lane right next to the existing access adding confusion and potential hazard. This new entrance would also be near to a blind bend in the road 4) If this development is permitted there will be no reason to reject similar applications from other residents which would just add to the issues already detailed 5) By building a driveway across an open green space would spoil this green space amenity for all residents	Clerk

5497	To note the following planning determinations DC/19/1874/HH Vicarage Farm Barns Vicarage Pond Barn Barrow Road Denham IP29 5EF Householder Planning Application - (i) Garage conversion to habitable rooms and (ii) canopy Approved DC/19/1854/FUL Grove Farm Colethorpe Lane Barrow IP29 5BE Planning Application - Continued use of part of farmyard for B8 use (storage and distribution) Approved	
	Agree meeting dates for 2020. May meeting 4th May due to the Bank Holiday being moved. Annual meeting Thursday 7th May.	
5498	Correspondence 14/11/19 West Suffolk Looking for Change Bury St Edmunds Rough sleeping in Bury – New facility in January – Forward to all. 18/11/19 Local Resident Development East of Barrow Hill Barrow For information 18/11/19 West Suffolk LifeLink Expansion For information 20/11/19 Local resident Comments on draft SHELAA submissions re Barrow and Denham For information 20/11/19 Local resident SHELAA - Comments on factual information submitted and included in the document For information 21/11/19 Karen Soons A14 Works – Junctions 38 to 35 For information 23/11/19 2020 Potato Day "run by gardeners for gardeners" Information for Allotment Holders For information	
5499	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 3rd February 2020, Committee Room, Barrow Village Hall at 7.15pm. The meeting was closed at 9:45pm	

Signed: (Chairman)

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