

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN BARROW VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM ON MONDAY 2nd March 2020

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr M Howard Cllr Wilcock	Cllr R Ford Cllr Holmes Cllr Wesley	Cllr Kronbergs Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
5523	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Pettitt, Cllr Burton and Cllr Hudson	
5524	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
5525	PUBLIC FORUM Six members of the public present.	
5526	COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Soons confirmed she had chased Highways regarding the 40 mph VAS Sign. Cllr Soons has made enquiries about using the S106 monies designated to bus stops for path repairs. The pothole outside the Doctors Surgery needs doing. Clerk to re-report and send to Cllr Soons	Clerk
5527	Representative from Strawberry Care, new Care Home Proposal A representative from Strawberry Care gave a presentation to the Parish Council. They plan to build a number of Care Homes in the UK for Dementia Patients. They have identified a property/land in Barrow (at the bottom of Mill Lane) and are in discussions with the landowner. The system they wish to use is based on a system used in Holland (Hogeweyk). It is a community based around keeping people active. The apartments house six or seven residents and the facility replicates a town. There are a number of different clubs and societies to attend and residents are encouraged to help with food preparation and cleaning. Residents are match with people who have shared values. Dementia is a journey back in time and the staff take on a role play role when they interact with the residents to make them feel as comfortable as possible. Each community would consist of 120 bed care home, employ between 150/160 people and would have a pub, restaurant, village hall, supermarket,	

	doctors, physio, dentist, district nurses. Some of these facilities would be available for the local community to make use of. The cost to stay in the home would be £1,250 per week which would include full care – they are looking to see if bursaries might be possible from a charitable trust for people that cannot afford the fees. Strawberry Care have spoken with Matt Hancock and he is very supportive. One flat housing six of seven residents would count as a dwelling, therefore total dwellings on the site would be 20. Strawberry Care would look to off respite care day care for members of the local community who would be able to make use of the clubs and restaurant. The model would involve staff living in for three or four days at a time and the plan would be to use a mini bus to pick up some staff to reduce traffic. The project would be funded by private funding. One pension fund has shown an interest and is looking at funding 5-7 homes.	
5528	To receive the Community Police Report. No new report since last meeting	
5529	Minutes of the last meeting Having been previously circulated, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2020, were proposed by Cllr Ford and seconded by Cllr Kronbergs with all Councillors in agreement.	
5530	Village Infrastructure a) Vehicle Activated Speed signs The Clerk has finally heard from Suffolk Highways re the share in the 40mph VAS. A location for the 40mph VAS needs to be confirmed. Cllr Pearson and the Clerk to meet to progress. b) Parking on the Green, near Lion Green Pond Cllr Wilcock confirmed there was no past information available. PC to await response from resident. Add to April Agenda. c) Footpath between Johnson Road and Denham Lane This was discussed under minute ref 5526 The kerb drains need to be cleared and the path needs to be cleaned. Clerk to contact Cllr Soons, d) Denham End Flooding The landowner has done an impressive job of clearing/digging out the ditch. The pipe under the driveway is too small in diameter and prone to getting blocked. Suffolk Highways looking at this. Denham Councillors have suggested residents do some self-help to help prevent the problem from becoming out of hand in the future.	Clerk JP Clerk Clerk

	e) Litter pick on Hargrave Road The banks and ditches on the Hargrave Road are really bad. It was suggested the Clerk writes to Hargrave Parish Council and suggests meeting in the middle. This could be tied in with the Great British Spring Clean. If there is enough interest Cllr Howard to coordinate. f) Dog Mess The Parish Council received an anonymous letter suggesting the fenced area next to Brittan's Road pond is used for people with dogs to help with the dog mess problem in the village. The councillors did not feel this was a good idea, there are plenty of bins in the village and no excuse not to pick up after dogs. g) Newspaper Bin The Clerk obtained a quote for the painting of the newspaper bank - £175 plus cost of paint. This was considered too much.. Concerns were raised over whether the bin could be switched for another one. Clerk to check. Bin currently full, clerk to report. Cllr Wesley to get a quote for a hedge behind the bus stop on The Street to hide the recycling centre from the road.	Clerk PW
5531	Highways Ongoing poor drainage issues. Drainage problems near ponds should be easy to solve. Clerk to email Cllr Soons Cllr Wesley to provide information to obtain quotes to have to have Green Farm pond dredged. Sign in Denham reported as Please Drive Carefully currently reads Please Die Carefully. Suffolk Highways currently has over 500 signs needing attention. Cllr Pearson to do a quick fix	Clerk PW JP
5532	S106 Monies – Bus Stop Improvements The District Council have received £12,000 S106 monies to be spend on Bus Stop improvements within the Parish. Parish Council to enquire If this could be used for the improvement of the path on Barrow Hill. Will rule out that there is no need for bus stop improvements first.	
5533	Neighbourhood Plan a) WSC Housing Requirement Cllr Howard, Cllr Kronbergs, and a representative from Planning Direct met with WSC to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and discuss the discrepancy between the housing needs assessment figure AECOM produced of 154 (77 already accounted for) and WSC's figure of 236 of which 77 are accounted for. The Parish Council's view is that WSC's methodology was flawed. The PC does not have to use WSC's figure for the NHP but the figure used must be credible. Once the NHP is approved it becomes a legal document so the figure agreed within the plan prevails. The NHP cannot go against the Local Plan. WSC stated it was the first time they had calculated a Housing Requirement and they would be producing a	

	new figure in April or May. At the time the AECOM figure can be compared to the new figure. b) SHELAA status The PC wrote to WSC regarding concerns about the SHELAA. The response has been logged but the PC did not get a response. Site WS228 was previously deferred but is now included. Site on Barrow Hill West has increased in size from 118 to 150 and the developers at WS013 (Mill Lane) and WS011 (Bury Road) believe the sites would be more suited to higher dwellings per hectare. Cllr Howard has uncovered a large potential mixed use site at Higham (WS354). The Eastern portion of the proposed site falls within the Barrow Parish. Barrow has not been consulted, nor has Higham. The proposal is for 2358 dwellings and business use but if the site was used only for housing this number could increase to up to 6550 dwellings. This site contains listed buildings, rights of way, is close to ancient woodland and is within the Stone Curlew Buffer zone of 1500m. The Stone Curlew is a very rare bird with only around 400 pairs in the UK. This could cause a major issue for the NHP. Cllr Howard spoke to Planning Direct and has been pointed towards some locality funding to carry out a habitat impact assessment to help guide the NHP. It has been indicated that the new Local Plan might not include phasing. Cllr Howard posed the question 'if Barrow has exceeded the targets for the existing Local Plan, then what has materially changed which would mean significantly more dwellings before 2031?'. The answer 'St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath have merged' would seem to fall short of a reasonable explanation and might open up WSC to the prospect of legal challenge. It has been indicated that the new local plan would not include phasing and therefore without a NHP any new allocation of housing could be built straight away. Cllr Howard posed the question 'if Barrow has exceeded the targets for the existing local plan then what has materially changed which would target significantly more dwellings before 2031?' the answer 'St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath have merged'. This falls short of a reasonable explanation and might open up WSC to the prospect of legal challenge. c) First consultation questionnaire The map has been amended. The new map centres on the War Memorial and the Parish is split into four quadrants. The Parish Council do not want to include it but Planning Direct recommend it as policies could lack evidence without it. Q33 Why did you chose that sector would give indication of parishioners reasons and help to indicate how many do not want development near them. Cllr Pettitt asked for correction to the road name Church Road. It was agreed that the questionnaire should be available for every resident 13 years old and over to complete.	MH
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	The questionnaire will be laid out for both online and printing however the plan is for most to be completed online as any completed on paper will have to be input manually. Test questionnaire to be sent to PC prior to the next meeting for approval.	
5534	12. Fun Fair request 7th – 9th August 2020 Request to bring a children's fun fair to Barrow, arriving on site 3rd August, opening Friday 7th 6-8:30pm and Saturday and Sunday 3-6pm. This was agreed subject to the standard fee of £100 and subject to the weather being favourable.	
5535	BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT Cllr Houlder confirmed that Stone Curlews are causing a lot of issues in the planning department at West Suffolk due to the enormous buffer zones. The District Council budget has been approved. Not much happening at the moment. The development of the Mildenhall Hub and Bury Leisure Centre will cost a lot of money. There is no deficit this year so have not needed to borrow money. Cllr Houlder will investigate the SHEELAA process, specifically the Barrow/Heigham site.	
5536	Village Maintenance Contract Analysis The Councillors discussed the village maintenance contract. A detailed analysis had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to stay with the two existing contractors as the price difference was minimal, the modest saving the council would make by switching contractors was not consider worth the associated risks. Clerk to produce and circulate contracts. This was proposed by Cllr Wilcock and seconded by Cllr Wesley with all councillors in agreement.	Clerk
5537	Annual Parish Meeting – Change of Date New meeting date agreed of 21st May. Agenda to be set at next months meeting.	
5538	Financial Matters a) To receive the councils current financial statement Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Cllr Kronbergs seconded by Cllr Cousins, with all Councillors in agreement. It was agreed that £15,000 would be transferred from the Trustees Account to the savings account a the savings account is paying interest.	

b) To confirm payments

PAYMENTS TO BE PRESENTED AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd March 2020

2019/2020 Accounts

EXPENDITURE

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Notes

Amounts owed to Parish Council

Customer	Amount	Notes
Allotments		
N Williamson	£15.00	
O Jeffries	£10.00	
R France	£25.00	
T Whitbread	£25.00	
Rowena Adams	£15.00	

c. Other invoices:

Website – Fee and Domain - £87.58

The payment was proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Wilcock with all Councillors in agreement.

d. Financial Risk Assessment

This was circulated prior to the meeting and approved in the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all in agreement.

e. Grant Requests

Every year in March requests for grants are considered.

The Parish Council approved a grant to Barrow Good Neighbours of £200 to cover insurance costs.

They also approved a grant of £50 to EACH and a grant of £50 to SARS (Suffolk Search and Rescue)

Clerk

	It was agreed the Parish Council would not agree to a grant for Neighbourhood Watch as the Parish would not benefit from this, The grants above were proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all in agreement.	
	Clerks Risk Assessment This was circulated prior to the meeting and approved in the meeting. This was proposed by Cllr Cousins and seconded by Cllr Wilcock with all in agreement.	
5539	PLANNING DC/20/0178/HH 31 Green Farm Lane Barrow IP29 5DN Householder Planning Application - (i) single storey rear extension and (ii) two storey side extension (incorporating existing garage) No Objection	
5540	To note the following planning determinations None	
5541	Correspondence 04.02.20 West Suffolk Council West Suffolk Council - Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 2020 Publication For information 06.02.20 Barrow Ducks Parish Council Meeting Feb 3rd Cllr Pearson read the email from Barrow Ducks and most of the points raised were dismissed. It was decided not to reply due to fears of it being inflammatory. 06.02.20 Cllr Karen Soons Broadband in Denham For information 11.02.20 West Suffolk Council Parish Forum For information – Cllr Howard, Cllr Kronbergs and Cllr Hudson to attend. 13.02.20 Cllr Ian Houlder Local Plan matters For information 19.02.20 West Suffolk Council West Suffolk Council - Funding and Capacity Training Courses For information	
5542	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 6th April 2020, Committee Room, Barrow Village Hall at 7.15pm. The meeting was closed at 9:35pm	

Signed: (Chairman)

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