

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 27TH JULY 2020

Present:

Cllr Pearson Cllr M Howard Cllr Wilcock	Cllr Holmes Cllr Hudson Cllr Cousins	Cllr Kronbergs Cllr Ford Cllr Wesley Clerk in attendance: Kat Bowe
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Minute Ref		Action
5614	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None	
5615	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS None	
5616	PUBLIC FORUM None	
5617	Neighbourhood Plan a) Survey update Cllr Howard reported that to date there have been 295 responses to the Neighbourhood Plan survey. A response rate of more than 150 to 200 residents is considered a good percentage. The completion rate of people completing the survey online has been 100% meaning everyone that has started the survey has completed it. In general, the responses have been thoughtful and considered. b) Grant for Design Guide The Parish Council can apply for a grant for a design guide which could be used to specify the design of future developments including building materials/styles. If the design guide is referred to in the in the NHP future developers would need to comply to it. It could help to illuminate cheap/low cost housing and would ensure future developments complement the existing vernacular of the village. The design guide could be used to keep building to a maximum of two stories and eradicate extremes. It was decided to go ahead with the application. The Parish Council will retain the right on whether to accept it into the Neighbourhood Plan.	MH

	c) Newts Two parishioners have come forward saying they have great crested newts in their gardens. There is the possibility of pursuing a protected habitat status for the newts, but the likelihood of influencing future development is small. The presence of newts could help to determine the debate on the housing number (West Suffolk 234-77, Parish Council 154-77). It was agreed that Cllr Howard would write a piece for Newslink asking parishioners to contact him with any sightings of Great Crested Newts. A post will also be put on Facebook. d) Call for Sites Once the survey is completed the Call for Sites will be publicised in Newslink and on the website. WSC won't disclose information from their call for sites due to GDPR. Cllr Howard to circulate documents to all councillors for review and comment prior to publication. To allocate sites within the Neighbourhood Plan there must be a call for sites. This must be treated separate from the SHEELA process. Landowners will have 6-8 weeks to respond. e) Grant Payments The Parish Council received a grant to pay Planning Direct. The terms of the grant state that any unspent money at the end of the financial year must be returned and a new grant must be applied for. In the previous financial year the Parish Council spent £4,455 of the £8,910 grant. The remaining £4,455 will be returned and a new grant will be applied for. Clerk to confirm repayment. A further invoice for £540 has been received. Cllr Howard asked the Parish Council to pay on the basis the grant money will be received with the next application.	MH
5618	Code of Conduction consultation It was agreed on response was needed. This was proposed by Cllr Wesley and seconded by Cllr Holmes with all in agreement.	
5619	Financial Matters a) Approve Section 1 of the Annual Return - The Annual Governance Statement This was circulated prior to the meeting and approved during the meeting, this was proposed by Cllr Kronbergs and Seconded by Cllr Holmes with all councillors in agreement. b) Approve Section 2 of the Annual Return - The Accounting Statements	

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5620	PLANNING DC/20/1065/FUL Springfield Farm, Dwelling Colethorpe Lane Barrow IP29 5BE Planning Application - (i) temporary mobile home (ii) horsewalker No Objection DC/20/1067/HH 9A Barrow Road Denham Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP29 5EQ Householder Planning Application - Two storey side extension No Objection	
5621	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7th September 2020, virtual meeting via Zoom at 7.15pm. The meeting was closed at 7:44pm	

Signed: (Chairman) date.....