

BARROW cum DENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF BARROW VILLAGE HALL ON Monday 8th April 2024

Present:

Cllr Rawlings Cllr Ford Cllr Pearson – Chair Cllr Holder Cllr Holmes Cllr Soons	Cllr Steer – Vice Chair Cllr France Cllr Bragg Cllr Wesley Cllr Cousins Cllr O'Brien	Clerk in attendance: Rachel Chilton
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6546	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
6547	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr Steer in item 6556 (item 11 on the agenda)	
6548	Councillor Behaviour Cllr Pearson explaining that following a complaint Cllr France had requested and apology from Cllr Rawlings for his passionate statement at a previous Council meeting. Cllr Pearson noting that this was not needed. Cllr Pearson referred to the Code of Conduct. Cllr Pearson explained following consultation with SALC it was advised that Cllr Steer and Cllr France should not leave the room for the Neighbourhood Plan discussions due to their interests. Cllr Pearson noted that Cllr France had received a request for information directly from a member of the public and this had been responded to with documentation provided. This is not within our Standing Orders and that all requests should go via the Clerk.	
6549	Code of Conduct Cllr Pearson explaining that we need to update our Code of Conduct on the advice of SALC. This has been circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Steer proposed. Cllr O'Brien seconded. Majority agree to adopt.	
6550	PUBLIC FORUM: 16 members of the public present Member of the public - regarding the request for information and document supplied by Cllr France – question to Cllr Rawlings was the document from Pigeon? Cllr Rawlings responded that the document was from the landowners, A number of Councillors/helpers at the public consultation are not in the planning group and required information for the day. Member of the public – who decided to use the document from Pigeon? Cllr Rawlings and Cllr Pearson acknowledged the question – it was the steering group and clarified this is not a Pigeon development. Member of the public – who is on the steering group?	

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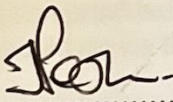
	Confirmed it is Cllr Rawlings, Cllr Ford and Cllr Bragg. Member of the public – have they been at all meetings? Confirmed not every one no. Member of the public – if we want to speak to a Councillor do we have to go through the Clerk? Confirming no, you can engage with the Councillors at any time but any requests for information must be through the Clerk. Members of the public – Parking outside Matt's store and heavy traffic through the village – it was discussed previously about a crossing is there any update? Cllr Soons saying it may be possible as Barrow is a service centre. Cllr Soons would support it. Types of crossing discussed along with potential costs. S106 monies, although ringfenced – an approach to be made to see if we could divert some funds. Member of the public – any update on the speed sign on Barrow Hill? Cllr Pearson confirming we are getting quotes for an additional speed sign but this will not be a permanent sign, it will rotate as the current one does. Member of the public – can we put up signs re ducklings? Cllr Soons suggested that it could be a community project. Nothing can be attached to Highways fittings. You can put signs on private land but it must be 1.2m back from the highway. They should be temporary not permanent. Member of the public – spoke about attending the West Suffolk Council Local Plan meeting and was told this development would be in addition to our Neighbourhood Plan. Suffolk County Council quoted there would be 2 additional sites. Suffolk County Council have made an assumption and should not have made that statement as it is inaccurate. General discussion then had over the amount of houses allocation, business land and land for a Care Home. Cllr France left the meeting following his resignation.	
6551	Minutes of the last meeting Proposed: Cllr Ford Seconded: Cllr Wesley	
6552	To receive the County Council Report No report to attach this month. Cllr Soons noted that following the new contractor for Highways being in place sadly the road conditions are still pretty poor. The flooding at Newmarket on the A14 – the local MP is aware. Following a question from Cllr Wesley, Cllr Soons will look into why there is a diversion through Barrow and Hargrave for the HGVs – drivers are speeding and the road surface is being trashed.	
6553	DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT	



	Cllr Holder stating it is quiet at the moment, Council Tax bills have been sent out. Cllr Pearson asking if there is a limit to what the rates can be. Cllr Holder saying these are set by Central Government and West Suffolk Council collect these on their behalf. There is a penalty if West Suffolk Council do not collect. Cllr Holder left the meeting at 20:06	
6554	Community Police Report See attached report.	
6555	Community Infrastructure a) No update available. b) We received 3 quotes – to be submitted. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Rawlings. c) Waiting for the weather to dry up so the surface can be laid. Cllr Pearson raising separately that the Clerk needs to write to the Old Bakery regarding re-instating the condition of the Green/roadway to the property now construction is completed and noting the Green is not allocated parking. d) Barrow Fish and Chip shop had agreed to supply the fish and chips. Cllr O'Brien. New site for the bonfire so as not to ruin the grass. Cllr Steer waiting to hear from USAF. e) Notice Board – advertise re a new street cleaner.	
6556	Neighbourhood Plan – Update by Cllr Rawlings Attached.	
6557	Barrow Parish Website – Hosting and email addresses Clerk to send round SALC information regarding joining the Cloud and gov.uk domain.	
6558	Colethorpe Lane – drainage and flooding issues Cllr Soons mentioned it will be pushed further up the list if it becomes a safety issue.	
6559	Plug in Suffolk Due to the uptake we are on a waiting list.	
6560	Fair Ground request Request received and voted – proposed: Cllr Steer seconded: Cllr Wesley	
6561	Policies Cllr Cousins, Cllr Steer and Clerk to arrange to meet to review.	

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6562	Councillor Vacancy We have a vacancy for a new Councillor which is from the May 2023 elections.	
6563	SALC Cllr Steer - Not much to report – general discussion over Councillor recruitment.	
6564	Financial Matters Not reviewed as unable to print – were emailed but couldn't sign off in the meeting. To be reviewed at next meeting.	
6518	Planning Applications for Consideration None.	
6519	Planning determinations DC/24/0387/HH – no comment. DC/24/0069/FUL – no comment. DC/23/1391/FUL – no comment – applicant has traffic data.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 13 th May 2024 in the Committee Room of Barrow Village Hall at 7:15pm. The meeting was closed at 8:55pm	

Signed:  (Chairman) date 13.5.24

COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT – APRIL 2024

MESSAGES CASCADED - NONE

REPORTED CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 = 5

CATEGORY	LOCATION	TIMELINE/ACTION
Burglary	On or near Coalpit Lane	No data available
Burglary	On or near Stoney Lane	No data available
Violence and Sexual x 2	On or near Poplar Close	No data available
Other theft	On or near Coalpit Lane	No data available

During March it was reported that detectives are appealing for information and/or witnesses following a burglary in Barrow.

Sometime between 4.30pm Friday 15th March and 8am Monday 18th March, unknown intruder(s) forced entry to a property on Colethorpe Lane. A quantity of tools were stolen. Posters have been put onto Parish Council noticeboards and website. No doubt this crime will be included in March 2024 statistics, when released by Suffolk Police.

At the last meeting, I reported that our Police Community Officer, PC Emma Macduff, has informed us that she has had a PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) assigned to her to assist in covering her area, her name is PCSO Rachel Darvil. Furthermore, they will be holding a 'Police Surgery event' on Saturday 22nd June 2024, between 12 noon and 2pm on the Playing Fields. As the weather, hopefully will be good and on the basis that the playing fields are extensively used at that time of year, will result in a more positive engagement with residents, than last time. This gives us 2 months to advertise and promote the event.

Ralph Rawlings

8th April 2024.

Barrow-cum-Denham Neighbourhood Plan Update – Points to cover presented at Parish Council Meeting 8th April 2024.

Reg 14 Consultation

Since the last meeting on 4th March 2024, it came to light that the response from Stantec (on behalf of Bloor) had not been downloaded in its entirety, which was an oversight on our behalf and should not have occurred. This was corrected and the full response was uploaded onto the dedicated website on the 8th of March 2024 (see Appendix 3, Part 4, page 75).

I wrote to Stantec to apologise for this error.

Neighbourhood Plan

We have completed the final draft of the NP, incorporating the changes made as a result of the consultation and produced a schedule detailing these amendments. These have been circulated to Councillors to consider and to make any comments, which can then be included. Once the NP is approved, then a Basic Conditions Statement will be added.

When these elements have been added, the NP will be submitted to West Suffolk Council, together with supporting documentation, including the Consultation report. We anticipate this will be done by the end of April 2024. Furthermore, these documents will be uploaded onto the dedicated website for public viewing.

West Suffolk will then conduct a consultation (Regulation 19) which will enable residents to make further representation. Responses will be collated by WS.

When the consultation period has ended, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to an independent Examiner for inspection. Once the plan is approved, the final step is for the Parish Council to conduct a referendum with the residents voting on whether or not to accept or reject the plan. At this stage we are unable to predict a timeframe when this can occur.

As has been stated in the past, we understand there is a potential risk of both sides being approved, however, it should be noted that we will only accept 165 dwellings and as a Parish Council, will not accept twice this number. Our emerging NP needs to be inspected by the Examiner as does West Suffolk's emerging Local Plan, so it is not a foregone conclusion that both sites will be developed.

At the last meeting I reported that there was ambiguity regarding Aecom's SEA report in that their initial site selection analysis. We have written to Aecom but as at today's date have not received a reply.

Ralph Rawlings

8th April 2024