

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 10th June 2019 starting at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr J Parker (Chair) M Thorpe (clerk) Cllr Roger Hacking, Cllr Helen Lees (from 8.30pm)

In attendance: Cllr Keith Middlebrough & parishioners as per attendance list

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN - The meeting did not have Quorum so this item will be moved to the next meeting and Cllr Parker will chair the meeting as current chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE- CHAIRMAN - The meeting did not have Quorum so this item will be moved to the next meeting

3. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE

Cllr Tomlinson. Cllr Lees was due to arrive late to the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 26th March 2019 were approved as a true and accurate record. *Proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Hacking.*

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Cllr Lees and Cllr Tomlinson are unable to comment or vote on matters to do with the Village Hall or Barton St Lawrence Primary School.

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 5.1 Preston City / Parish Councils Joint Consultative Committee
- 5.2 BB&M War Memorial Committee

Due to lack of quorum and two current vacancies on the parish council at this time it was decided that this item will be left until a later meeting once the parish council is up to full strength.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Colin Dickinson had registered to speak at this point in the meeting. Colin expressed his concerns about the lack of communication from Story Homes and the Parish Council regarding the proposed development on Land North of Jepps Lane. Colin had spoken to many residents about the issue and asked Councillors directly what the outcome of the meeting between the Parish Council and Story Homes had been.

Cllr Parker explained to Colin and parishioners present that Story Homes had approached Barton Parish Council directly to engage them in a (non-statutory) consultation on their proposals for the Land off Jepps Lane which at the time of the meeting was not yet subject to a planning application. Parishioners had also be informed of the consultation process being carried out.

Cllr Parker explained that it is the role of the parish council to engage with developers where possible to put forward the parish's views and to ensure that the parish's needs are addressed, understood and listened to where development is proposed especially at a time when Barton is

subject to high levels of housing development. The Parish Council informed Story Homes at the meeting held with them in May that they would be objecting to any application that may come forward for the site.

At this stage as this was not an official planning response the Councillors present at the meeting discussed issues with Story Homes around potential housing types, landscaping, access issues, highways issues, ecology issues, CIL, public footpaths and cycleways and the scale of the development in general. The Parish Council had then formally written to Story Homes to outline the issues discussed and this was uploaded to the Parish Council website.

Cllr Parker gave Colin Dickinson a copy of the response that had been sent to Story Homes and read out the response to everyone present.

Parishioners were disappointed about the delay in Story Homes sending letters out to residents about the consultation. The Parish Council had informed parishioners via social media about the delay as soon as they were aware of it and asked parishioners to let friends and neighbours know the email address to send responses to and to not wait for the letter before submitting comments. Parishioners contacting the parish council were also advised to continue sending in comments to the consultation email beyond the deadline date identified and indeed right up to the date that any formal planning application might be submitted.

Parishioners were overwhelmingly against the development and Cllr Parker reminded parishioners to be constructive and targeted in their responses and to devise concise, relevant and policy driven responses to Story Homes and indeed any future planning application responses to give them the best chance of being heard.

In response to the opinion that the parish council were in support of the development and would not be stopping it going ahead as parishioners hoped, Cllr Parker reminded everyone present that the parish council do not determine planning applications and that this was the role of Preston City Council. He also reiterated that this was not a formal planning process at this stage so objections did not count and that when/if a formal application is submitted by Story Homes to Preston City Council then the Parish Council would be submitting a response based on the information received at that time as a statutory consultee and into an official planning process. The Parish Council response to the Story Homes consultation was an attempt to engage positively with the developer to gain the absolute best from the development should it unfortunately receive planning permission at a future date.

Cllr Keith Middlebrough spoke at this point to remind parishioners that when responding to any future planning applications they should not be emotive in their response where possible, although difficult, but should instead try to cite legal, concise, evidenced, policy driven reasons for their responses.

Cllr Middlebrough also outlined the importance of having a neighbourhood plan in place where possible and that Broughton were already starting to see some positive results from theirs. Cllr Parker reminded parishioners that a neighbourhood plan group exists for Barton and that any parishioner wishing to become involved in the group would be most welcome and they need every

bit of help that they can get to ensure a robust plan can be produced that reflects the needs of the parishioners.

Councillors present felt that If a planning application is submitted for the site then a public meeting would achieve very little and instead urged everyone present at the meeting and in the parish as a whole to register on the City Council's website for alerts for planning applications in the area and to respond individually to applications within the timescales provided by the City Council but to copy in the parish council so that we are aware of their concerns.

Parishioners present requested that the Parish Council look into the possibility of applying for a tree preservation order for the trees on the site. The Parish Council agreed to look into this.

8. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council has been made aware by Wainhomes to expect an application for Land off Cardwells Farm being submitted to Preston City Council in the coming weeks. Once the application is received and the details are known then the parish council will submit a response within the timescales provided.

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL – 30TH APRIL 2019 The Chair is asked to verify that the finance and bank statements have been reconciled.

Cllr Parker in his current position of Chair and all councillors present verified that the finance and bank statements have been reconciled.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AND RECEIPTS Members are requested to agree the following payments :

Zurich Insurance: **£374.16 – agreed**

Members were requested to NOTE receipt of the Precept of **£11440**

11. BALANCE OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS AS AT TH 10th JUNE 2019

The balance of the accounts as at 10th June was £65,254.24

12. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2018-19 Members are requested to consider approving the Internal Audit Report for 2018/19 financial year. Following the Internal Audit, all the required documents will be sent to the external auditor.

The internal audit report for 2018/19 was approved.

13. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/19 FOR BARTON PARISH COUNCIL – Members are requested to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 (Section 1) and the Chairman is requested to sign the appropriate documentation.

Councillors approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 (Section 1) and the Chairman signed the documentation.

14. EXTERNAL AUDIT ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2018/19 FOR BARTON PARISH COUNCIL- Members are requested to consider for approval the Accounting Statements 2018/19 in relation to Barton Parish Council. The chairman is requested to sign the appropriate documentation.

Councillors approved the Accounting Statements for 2018/19 in relation to Barton Parish Council and the chairman signed the appropriate documentation.

15. APPROVAL OF BARTON VILLAGE HALL 2018 ACCOUNTS

Councillors present at the meeting approved and accepted the 2018 accounts for Barton Village Hall.

16. 2019-20 INSURANCE

The insurance quotation for 2019/20 was accepted and agreed.

17. CIL FUNDING REQUEST – Barton Village Hall

Due to a lack of quorum at the meeting this item was deferred to the next meeting.

18. NOTE NEW CORRESPONDENCE - No new correspondence was noted.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Wednesday 3rd September 2019 @ 7.30pm Barton Village Hall

Wednesday 13th November 2019 @ 7.30pm Barton Village Hall

Wednesday 15th January 2020 @ 7.30pm Barton Village Hall