

## **BARTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting Date:** Thursday 5th October 2017 starting at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillor G Jolliffe (Chairman) M Thorpe (clerk)

**Councillors:**

J Parker

T Tomlinson

J F Bleasdale

**In attendance:** Parishioners as per attendance book.

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE**

Cllr S Whittam (Borough Councillor) Cllr H Lees, Cllr S Thompson (Borough Councillor)

The chair informed the meeting that Elinud Ikin had tendered her resignation with immediate effect. It was acknowledged what a great contribution Elinud had made to the parish council and how much she would be missed by her fellow councillors.

The Parish Council will now begin the process of looking for a new Parish Councillor and will seek advice from Preston City Council on the process for doing this.

### **2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The minutes of the previous meeting of Barton Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Parker.

### **3 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

There were no personal or prejudicial interests declared.

### **4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The clerk gave a brief demonstration to parishioners present on how to access the parish council website and where to find meeting dates and other documents.

Parishioners expressed concerns about the commencement of development on the wainhomes site adjacent to the Kopper Kettle despite some of the planning conditions not being discharged. The parish council were awaiting some

information back from Preston City Council regarding the discharge of the conditions associated with planning application and requested by the inspector at the appeal.

It was agreed that communication should have been better from Wainhomes about the date for the works starting and about general work on the site. Going forward it was suggested by the chair that we look to arrange a meeting with Wainhomes to work with them now and going forward to ensure that we get the best outcomes for the village and its residents.

Councillor Jolliffe had requested from Preston City Council a full list of all conditions and where they were up to in the discharge process.

The question was asked as to whether a blue heritage plaque could be erected on the Boars Head and other significant buildings in the parish. Catherine Lund-Barker offered to look into this matter further and feedback at a later meeting.

A query was raised as to whether Poppies could be sown into the grass verges in the parish to mark the end of World War 1 next year and to provide a colourful display in the village. Melissa to approach Barton Grange to ask the question of whether this is possible.

## **5 MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed that in light of Elinuds resignation, Cllr Helen Lees would be asked to be one of the representatives for Barton Parish Council on the War Memorial Committee.

## **6 FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The balance of the parish council's accounts at 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were:

Current Account £5903.80

NS & I Investments £7648.91

The clerk updated Councillors on the results of the external audit of the parish council accounts which had been carried out by BDO. The Parish Councillors accepted the points raised by the audit team and agreed to put measures in place to address these issues for next year. The audit documents will now be uploaded to the parish council website.

A payment of £2229 had been received from LCC towards grass verge maintenance which will be paid to Barton Grange towards the cost of their invoice once submitted.

£200 had been paid to Barton IT services for the purchase of a laptop & scanner for the parish council to enable us to start to comply fully with the transparency code. This was paid from funding received from the Transparency Grant that the parish council successfully secured. £40 remains to be spent from this grant. This equipment has now been added to the parish council asset register.

A payment of £84 to BDO was approved for the external audit fee.

## **7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **Applications Approved by PCC since 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

- **06/2017/0427 – Glenlea, Station Lane, Barton, PR3 5HA**  
Single Storey Rear Extension
- **06/2016/0875 – 771 Garstang Road, Barton, Preston, PR3 5DQ**  
Outline application for up to 34no dwellings (access applied for only)(access only within Preston City Council boundary)
- **06/2017/0503 – Treetops, St Michaels Place, Preston, PR3 5DS**  
Two Storey Extension following demolition of existing kitchen extension
- **06/2017/0638 – Oak View, Jepps Lane, Barton, PR3 5AQ**  
Detached garage to the rear

### **Applications still awaiting decision by PCC & Wyre BC as @ 9/9/17**

- **16/00625/OUTMAJ – Land off Garstang Road, Barton, Preston, PR3 5DQ**  
Outline application for a mixed use development of up to 72 dwellings and up to 320sqm (gross) retail floor space (Use class 1) with associated access from the A6
- **06/2016/0625 – Inglemere Station Lane, Barton, Preston**  
5no dwellings and associated works following demolition of existing dwellings – ***None determined***
- **16/00807/OUTMAJ – Land rear of Shepherds Farm 771 Garstang Road, Barton**  
(resubmission of 15/00549/OUTMAJ)
- **06/2017/0582 – 934 Garstang Road, Preston, PR3 5AD**  
2 No Dwellings
- **06/2017/0604 – 2 Planks Cottage, Garstang Road, Preston**  
Conversion of Garage to 1 no dwelling  
(part site within Preston City boundary)

- **06/2017/0734 – Barton Grange Hotel, 746-768 Garstang Road**  
Removal/variation of condition no 5 of planning approval 06/1995/0831 to allow public use of hotel leisure facilities

#### **Applications Refused since 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

06/2016/0391 – Land off Garstang Road – Appeal Dismissed

### **8 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE & FORMATION OF BARTON STEERING GROUP COMMITTEE**

A steering group now needs to be assembled to take forward the neighbourhood plan to its next stage. Up to 12 people will be on the group and this will be made up of 8 Barton members and 4 representatives from Myerscough & Bilsborrow which would be nominated by Myerscough & Bilsborrow Parish Council.

Cllr Parker asked that any individuals who were interested in being part of the neighbourhood planning group please contact the clerk.

Once the steering group is assembled a meeting will be held to discuss the next steps and establish roles and timescales. The group will be a separate committee to the Parish Council but will contain a couple of parish councillors and the Parish Council will be the accountable body for any funding held by the steering group.

It is anticipated that the steering group will remain in place for 2 years and will be disbanded once the plan is in place.

Cllr Parker explained that the assembly of a group and production of a plan is an opportunity for parishioners to be catalysts and push forward what they want for the local area.

Cllr Jolliffe reminded councillors present that Wainhomes had expressed an interest in being spoken to and engaged with. The Parish Council agreed to look into whether there is a positive way to engage them in the process that will benefit Barton.

### **9 PARISH PLAN (VILLAGE MAINTENANCE)**

The clerk informed Councillors that Barton Parish Council had responded to Broughton Parish Council to confirm that we are interested in looking at a joint parish lengthsmen scheme and we now await the costing's and details about potential opportunities for joint working.

## **10 & 11        BILSBORROW FLOWERS & PRECEPT**

Cllr G Jolliffe had previously expressed his disappointment at how the village looks in comparison to other villages in particular Bilsborrow which looked exceptional this year after receiving a grant towards planting for the village in bloom competition.

The point was well made that Barton shouldn't be particularly proud of having such a low precept if it doesn't allow the village to benefit from projects that would help parishioners and make the village look well kept and in order.

Once again the point was made that in the near future the precept may need to be raised to help achieve any actions arising from the parish plan and to ensure that some services continue to be available to the village despite cuts at the National, County and local level of Government.

## **12        PARISH LENGTHSMEN SCHEME UPDATE**

Broughton Parish Council had approached Barton Parish Council about the possibility of running a shared parish lengthsman scheme across both parishes. Barton Parish Council discussed the benefits of having a parish lengthsman and it was agreed in principle to go forward with a scheme subject to discussions with Broughton Parish Council about the detail.

Melissa has contacted Broughton Parish Council to let them know of Barton Parish Councils interest in a shared future arrangement and we await their response.

## **13        A6 SPEED LIMITS**

Lancashire County Council had issued a consultation document looking at changes to speeds limits in Broughton following the opening of the new bypass. The document showed Barton remaining at a 40mph speed limit.

Barton Parish Council had objected to the proposals to keep Barton at a 40mph proposing that it be made a 30mph in line with changes at Broughton and recent speed limit changes at Bilsborrow. Several parishioners and Cllr Smith & Cllr Whittam had all objected to the proposals on the same basis.

We now await the response from LCC.

The issue of speed limits on Station Lane was once again raised and the question was asked of what could be done to slow traffic down. The Speed Indicator device will soon be available once it has been repaired so it was suggested that this could be put down station lane to discourage speeding and also to record speeds down the lane over the next couple of months.

As part of the Wainhomes Planning Application for the houses behind the Kopper Kettle a crossing will be built on Station Lane but as yet we are not sure of the location of the crossing.

#### **14 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

Councillors discussed the current locations of the defibrillators and whether there was a need to purchase anymore for the village. It was agreed that what was currently offered was sufficient, however parishioners would be reminded via our social media page of the location of the Automated External Defibrillators at Barton Village Hall and Barton St Lawrence Primary School.

#### **Any other business**

- **BOARS HEAD UPDATE**

The parish council had received a letter from Preston City Council informing us that the current owners of the former Boars Head Pub had requested that Preston City Council consider removing the ACV listing recently assigned to the building.

Cllr Parker had written to our local MP Ben Wallace to ask that he speak with Preston City Council on the matter and both Cllr Lona Smith & Cllr Sue Whittam had been in contact with Preston City Council to strongly object to the request for the de-listing. 737 parishioners had signed a petition to be sent to Preston City Council objecting to the request and this will be accompanied by a 15 page document from Barton Heritage Group citing reasons why the request is inappropriate at this time and should be refused.

Catherine Lund-Barker had received legal advice which stated that Preston City Council had no legal basis on which to remove the asset of community value and on this advice it was agreed that Cllr Parker would compose a letter to be sent to Preston City Council highlighting the legal advice that had been received. It was agreed that nothing has changed since the building received its ACV listing and therefore the decision to list the building as an ACV should stand.

A decision on this by Preston City Council is expected around the 13<sup>th</sup> of October.

Many thanks to Catherine for her continued work on all matters concerning the Boars Head.

- **Preston City Council Refuse collection consultation**

The parish council had been made aware of an important consultation taking place by Preston City Council in relation to its Refuse Collection and the closing date for the consultation is the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Parishioners are encouraged to have their say on this consultation and the link will be posted on the parish website and the facebook page and is also on Preston City Councils website.

**12 Date of next meetings**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017, Barton St Lawrence Primary School  
7.30pm