

Minutes of the Barton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 7.30pm
Barton Village Hall

1. Apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Sue Whittam , Cllr Middlebrough

2. Approval of the Minutes of Barton Parish Council Meeting held on 3 September 2019

Approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Sharples and seconded by Cllr Lees.

3. Declaration of personal and prejudicial interests – Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal/prejudicial or disclosable interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter.

Cllr Tomlinson declared an interest in any discussions taking place in relation to the Bowling Club, Barton Village hall for which he is a trustee or Barton St Lawrence School for which he is a Governor.

4. Barton Bowling Club CIL application

Members of Barton Bowling Club attended the meeting to talk through their plans for improvements to be carried out at the Bowling Club for which they were seeking CIL funding.

The Bowling Club has been in existence in Barton for 94 years and has 65 members.

The club is open to all and membership is £5 per person per year. The club are currently in the process of spending in the region of £17,000 on repairs and restoration to the existing clubhouse and the project for which they are seeking CIL funding will enable them to upgrade the public facilities at the club to make them more accessible.

The eventual aim is that the club will support a 'community hub' in partnership with the Tennis Club and village hall, with upgraded, fully accessible facilities for the village and its parishioners. The requested funding will help to future proof the bowling club facilities to help support the growing village and provide the necessary infrastructure to support a village/recreational hub for the village.

The group were requesting £7946.26 CIL funding from the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors all voted in favour of approving the request for CIL funding from Barton Bowling Club.

Action: MT to draw up grant agreement and arrange to payments to be made.

At this stage in the meeting members of Barton Tennis Club were also invited to speak about their plans to make improvements at Barton Tennis Club which is adjacent to both the village hall and the Barton Bowling Club.

The Tennis club share a vision with the bowling club to create a central sport/recreation hub for the village and to expand the facilities available for parishioners.

The club has been self-reliant for many years and are now looking for external funding to improve their facilities including replacing the current clubhouse and toilets, which are no longer fit for purpose or safe in terms of child protection and safety.

A draft application for funding had been submitted to the parish council for consideration but this wasn't able to be considered at this meeting as no quotations or plans for the works to be carried out were able to be submitted at this stage.

The Tennis Club are looking into all funding options available and are also seeking quotations for works proposed. In order to complete the project the Tennis Club may need to raise around £50,000 so it was suggested that the project could be approached in phases with the toilet block being the priority with the ability for it to serve both the bowling club and the tennis club.

Cllr Parker agreed to support the groups where he could to look at funding options and to pass on useful contacts.

Cllrs agreed that this could be a good project for the village, however CIL funding available has all been allocated so the Tennis Club application would need to be considered when another CIL payment was received by the Parish Council.

Action: The Tennis Club will continue to obtain quotations for the works to be carried out and will also continue to look at funding sources. Application to be presented again at a later date when more CIL funding becomes available and the required quotes have been sourced.

5. Financial Report & Accounts for payment

The Parish Council's account balances as at 15th January 2020 were as follows:

Current Account: **£40,700**

NS & I: **£7743.10**

Payments made since the last meeting included:

- St Mary & St Andrews CIL payment £3614.34
- Website domain renewal £11.16 for one month

The Clerk requested permission to proceed with instructing Pumpkin Design to develop a new website for the Parish Council. Commitment to the new website would be £1078.80 (inc vat) plus £30-£40 a month maintenance so £1198.80 to year end (maximum) then £480 a year maintenance in 20/21 (maximum). The clerk recommended that the full cost of developing the website be pushed into the 20/21 financial year to ensure that sufficient funds were available to cover the cost.

Cllrs agreed to approve the allocation of funds in 20/21 to progressing the creation of a new website for the parish council which will enable us to communicate better with parishioners, provide more information and will be fully managed and resourced by Pumpkin Designs.

The Clerk also requested permission to make the 20/21 greenspaces contribution to Preston City Council of **£1449** which has been requested. All in favour.

Actions: MT to speak to Pumpkin Designs in mid-March to start the process of designing the new website. MT to pay the greenspaces contribution for 20/21.

6. Parish Precept & Budget 20/21

Parish Councillors were provided with a financial summary relating to all spend so far in 2019/20 and budgeted spend in 20/21 in relation to the general parish council account, CIL Funding and Neighbourhood Plan funding.

Parish Councillors were asked to consider setting the annual parish precept for 20/21. The annual precept is currently £11,400 with an anticipated £2733.85 (approx.) surplus at the end of the 19/20 financial year. Calculated outgoings for the 20/21 financial year include a basic of £10,320 which we anticipate will rise slightly. Income without precept is anticipated to be £2767 approx which relates to a verge maintenance grant from LCC.

Cllrs agreed to include in the budget the cost of continuing to fund the services of the Parish Lengthsman, Greg Robinson for the financial year 20/21 which a view to reviewing this once again in 21/22. It was therefore agreed that the Parish Precept request for 20/21 would be **£17,262.20** to reflect the inclusion of this cost in the main parish budget rather than it being funded through CIL.

Action: MT to contact Preston City Council to request a precept requirement of £17,262.20 in line with this decision.

7. Planning Applications & planning issues

Cllr Hacking reminded parishioners present and Councillors, of the email from PCC in December 2019 which is summarised below;

'On 13 December 2019 the Planning Inspectorate issued its decision in relation to an outline planning application for up to 100no. dwellings at 'Land to the South of Chain House Lane, Whitestake, Preston' (Appeal Ref: APP/F2360/W/19/3234070) within the administrative area of South Ribble.

The Inspector dismissed the appeal, and, in doing so, undertook a comprehensive analysis of the housing land supply position in South Ribble. Given the nature of the joint strategic plan-making arrangement within Central Lancashire, the Inspector undertook this analysis mindful of the fact that the conclusions drawn 'may have consequences for decision making by neighbouring authorities' - Preston being one of them.

The Inspector's conclusions on housing land supply in the appeal decision are clear. The decision reaffirms the considerable legal and technical work that the Council has

been carrying out in the background and our proactive approach to establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Statement of Co-operation between Preston, South Ribble and Chorley Councils for housing numbers in the area. Until the conclusion of the current consultation on the MoU, we have updated our Housing Land position to use the standard method to calculate our minimum annual housing need figure, in line with the appeal decision.

As such, with immediate effect, we will use the standard method to calculate our minimum annual housing need figure, from a base date of 2019, for the purposes of monitoring our housing land supply position. Further, with immediate effect, the Council can demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable housing land.'

The Council's updated five year supply position is available on website:

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/1723/Monitoring>

As a result of the above the planning applications listed in the press statement will be reconsidered by the Planning Committee on Thursday 13th February from 10am. Reports will be published on Friday 17th January 2020 and submissions for requests to speak at the Planning Committee meeting will be available following the publication of the reports, which must be submitted by 12 noon Monday 10th February 2020. From now until 31st January 2020 the Council will accept and consider any further representations to the above planning application, and others.

For Barton this had implications in relation to Land North of Jepps Lane (Story Homes) and Land at Cardwell Farm (Wainhomes current application) which had not yet been issued with decision notices by the time of this statement being released.

It was noted that the previous permission obtained for 54 houses at Cardwell Farm will remain unaffected by the above statement and would not be reconsidered by committee. All other applications which had already been granted planning permission and had received decision notices would also remain unaffected.

Barton Parish Council had submitted its objection to the Seddon Homes application for up to 105 houses in Bilsborrow Village. This application was expected to go to committee in February 2020.

An application has been received by Preston City Council in relation to the Boars Head Public House and associated land to the rear. The application seeks permission in principle for up to 8 houses on the land to the rear of the public house. The Parish Council had submitted an objection to the application which can be seen on the parish website.

Other applications lodged since the last meeting include:

- An appeal by Mr J Nixon against Preston City Council's decision to refuse permission for 1 no dwelling at Land At Station Lane, Barton (next to the railway). The Parish Council had objected to this when the original application was submitted.
- St Mary's RC Church, Station Lane submitted an application for handrails and hardstanding. The Parish Council had no objections to this application

Action: MT to register the parish council to speak at the Planning Committee on Thursday 13th February where the applications for Land North of Jepps Lane and Land at Cardwell farm would be reconsidered.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Update

CLlr Parker reported that the Draft Barton Neighbourhood Plan was due to go out to consultation in the next couple of months. As soon as the draft version was available from Kirkwells it would be forwarded to the BVNPG for consideration and comments and would then be published for consultation with parishioners, businesses and interested stakeholders with a 4 week consultation period proposed.

The group is targeting a December 2020 referendum on the final version of the plan.

CLlr Parker reiterated the importance of this plan for Barton which will reflect the aspirations of the village for the next 10-15 years and urged anyone wishing to get involved to contact him or come along to the next meeting of the neighbourhood plan group.

9. Public Participation

A few issues of blocked drains were reported by parishioners, including one outside Barton Mill which causes the whole road to flood. The clerk said that she would speak to Greg Robinson to ask if he could take a look at the road and try to isolate the cause of the water.

Action: MT to speak to Greg to ask him to investigate the various drain blockages to see if these can be resolved or need to be reported to LCC.

10 AOB – that arises after the agenda is issued

None

11. Date of next meeting/s

Wednesday 11th March 2020, Barton Village Hall (small room) , 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th May 2020, Barton Village Hall (small room) , 7.30pm

Wednesday 15th July 2020, Barton Village Hall (small room), 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th September 2020, Barton Village Hall (small room), 7.30pm

Wednesday 18th November 2020, Barton Village Hall (small room) , 7.30pm