

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2017

Present: T Edmunds, T Dean, G Murrells, M Mills , M Oakden, D Bradley (Clerk)
Also present: B McGoun, NNDC representative
Apologies for absence: S Lamb

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated, were approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Councillors' interests: None

Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall update - A letter was received and read out regarding the appointment of a new Caretaker. The Council agreed that a grant of £600 for 2018 would be given as proposed for three years in 2017. G Murrells reminded the meeting of the Big Community Breakfast on 13th January from 9.00am. T Edmunds felt that there appears to be an increase in community spirit which has been witnessed by the attendance at the light switch-on in Neatishead Street.

NIBCHG - G Murrells advised that N Khumbatta is talking about a nostalgic trip around the Northern Broads, on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30 in Neatishead Primary School.

Highways - The Clerk advised that Highways had been contacted regarding overgrown hedges, blocked pipe at Pennygate, potholes on private road in Pennygate at edge of the tarmac. The hedge along Hall Road had been cut but a reminder would be made about Staithe Road. The Clerk is to request a new footpath sign on the edge of School Road and report deep potholes at the top of Mill Road.

Irstead Staithe

Grasscutting - a quote had been received but due to the figure the Council are to request a further two quotations for a fixed price.

Repairs - Confirmation by email was received that repairs were made to the waste bin compound, and a broken mooring post was replaced by a resident.

BA lease of land to the Parish Council - T Edmunds advised that BA is requesting the right to launch dinghies and canoes from the staithe. The Parish Council does not want to encourage commercial use because the road to the staithe is not big enough to cope with extra traffic.

New NWT sign for Barton Broad at Gay's staithe - T Edmunds and G Neave had a site visit with NWT and agreed that a new sign would be placed at Gay's staithe and Barton Staithe. After discussion NWT are looking to change their proposed V shaped sign to a flat sign.

NNDC - B McGoun

B McGoun reported that the Big Society contributed to play equipment at Neatishead. She had nothing else to report to the Parish Council.

Correspondence received and circulated:

NNDC - Fly tipping of garden waste - details had been posted in the parish magazine to discourage fly tipping garden waste, as it is still an offence to illegally deposit it under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 33.

NNDC Concession Opportunitites - details relating to car park concessions in North Norfolk had been circulated but it was felt that it was not relevant to the Parish Council.

Finance:

Payments made since the last meeting:

T Manning (Grass cutting on Irstead staithe) £40.00 Cheque No. 100781

C Barrett (Grass cutting on common)
100782

£544.00 Cheque No.

External auditor for 2017/18 accounts - The Clerk reported that the named auditor was PKF Littlejohn LLP

Insurance renewal - The council approved payment of £527.01 to renew insurance for the second year of the 5year LTA. Cheque No. 100783

2018/19 Precept - After discussion it was approved and agreed that the Precept for 2018/19 is to be increased by 3%. The total to be requested from NNDC is £6,180.00. The Clerk and Chairman signed the request form.

Planning:

BA/2017/0306/COND - Cox's boatyard - To allow the use of steel sheet piling. Granted.
BA/2017/0291/FUL - Cox's boatyard - Basin and trackway for 30t boat hoist. Granted.

Any Other Business

Local Plan for Broads - the Clerk reminded the Councillors that a drop-in session is to be held at Potter Heigham Village Hall on 9th December 10-12.

Phone Box at Barton Turf - G Murrells requested an update regarding the position of the phone box. It was not yet decommissioned and therefore not able to be used by NIBCHG.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on 9th January 2018 in the New Victory Hall Community Room.