

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on 9 May 2017

Present: T Edmunds, G Murrells, M Oakden, T Dean, M Mills and D Bradley (Clerk)
Parishioners present: 1

Apologies from G Neave, S Lamb and B McGoun

Minutes of last meeting

They were approved as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Councillors' interests:

None

Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall - A recent Fashion Show was successful with money raised being split between the New Victory Hall and Air Ambulance. A quiz night and supper is to be held on 29th May.

NIBCHG - A Heritage Group Doomsday Project is to commence at Neatishead School on 13th May at 7.30pm. Heritage Group displays continue at the Farmers Markets. T Edmunds suggested that they add the Group's website to the public notice boards, especially for visitors to look at whilst in the area. He also mentioned a software which enables points of interest to "pop up" on smartphones when the owner walks past.

Highways - no problems reported

BTCC - G Neave not present.

New Norfolk Wildlife Trust signs on Gays' Staithe and Barton Staithe - The Clerk is to request a site visit with Norfolk Wildlife Trust. The old BA signs on the staithe have been removed.

Ward Boundary change - NNDC have accepted Barton Turf, Irstead and Neatishead as one community.

Gay's staithe honesty box - A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr R Plummer for his help with making the box.

Irstead Staithe Grass Cutting - The contractor used last year is no longer contactable. Mr T Manning has been appointed for 2017/18 with the cost of £30.00 per cut and £30.00 per strim agreed. The contract is subject to review. The first invoice has been received, with an addition of trimming back a tree which was not agreed with Mrs Murrells. The Council agreed to pay the invoice but the Clerk is to request that no additional work is undertaken without agreement from Mrs Murrells or the Chairman. A cheque was raised for £70.00 in payment. Cheque No. 100762

Irstead Staithe replacement of old signs - T Edmunds advised that the signs are to be replaced once the adjacent land presently owned by BA has been finalised with the Parish Council. All signs will be in the same style, lettering and colour on all three staithe.

NCC obstacles on verges - A Bradnock had questioned "*If a vehicle was damaged by an obstacle placed on the verge, where would the liability for damage lie ; the driver, the person who placed the obstacle or the council?*"

Highways response "*Once we are made aware of items placed in the highway, we will take a view on whether it is appropriate to enforce their removal. If the items present no risk to users it is unlikely we would react. Once that risk factor begins to increase, we will contact land owners reminding that this is an offence, and they they should remove them. We would also insist that the liability for damage sits with them now they are*

aware they should not have them in the highway. If however we we were not aware of an encroachment, injury or damage took place as a result, we would deny responsibility through our Section 58 defence. From that point, there is a very real chance of civil proceedings toward the person who placed the items in the highway by those affected.”

Correspondence received and circulated:

BA - Draft Broads Landscape and Landscaping Guide Consultation - It runs from 28.04.17 to 09.06.17.

Finance:

Monies received:

NNDC first half of precept and grant - total equals £3,039

Payments made since the last meeting:

Indigo Waste Ltd	£30.00	Cheque No.	100759
T Edmunds (salary tax)	£80.80		100760
D Bradley - 3 months' salary	£323.17		100761

The Council approved the payments.

Planning

None received

Any Other Business

None

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meetings are to remain as:

20th June Annual Council Meeting

1st August

12th September

24th October

5th December