

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead PC meeting held on November 29th 2016

Present: T Edmunds, G Murrells, S Lamb, G Neave, T Dean, M Oakden and D Bradley
Also present: Mrs B McGoun NNDC representative and Mrs A Bradnock NCC representative
Parishioners present: 1

Apologies for absence - None

The Chairman welcomed Mr M Mills to the meeting following his application and interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. The Chairman proposed the Council co-opt Mr Mills and all voted in favour. Mr Mills accepted and was given forms to complete for NNDC.

Minutes of last meeting - the Minutes had been circulated and the meeting agreed it was a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

Declarations of Councillors' interests - None

Matters Arising:

NIBCHG - Mrs Murrells advised that Friends of NIBCHG has been launched with membership leaflets available. The group would be using the noticeboard in the Black Shed in the New Year and asked if pictures off the walls could be borrowed

New Victory Hall - Mrs Murrells reported that a premises manager had been appointed - Mr Martin Mills. The next major event was the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December 9.30-12. Also a big community breakfast brunch in aid of the air ambulance on Saturday 14th January 9-11.

Highways - Mr Oakden reported that large vehicles had been parked on the highway blocking the road for a considerable amount of time, and which could have prevented emergency vehicles getting through. A letter would be sent to all local farmers asking that they and their contractors take extra care not to unnecessarily block roads while carrying out their business.

BA Forum meeting Flood Management - Mr Neave had read the paperwork provided before attending the meeting at which three main areas were discussed 1. Eccles to Winterton 2. Potential flood barrier in Yarmouth 3. Salt water invasion in upper Thurne. The main conclusion was that it was important to engage with the public, making them aware of the increased danger of flooding. Significant issues are raised by increased risk of rising sea levels, increased rainfall (and surface water runoff to rivers) and sea water soaking through under the sand dunes / sea defences into the upper Thurne area. The opportunity for significant funding to address all the risks is unlikely as priority for funding is given to areas with larger numbers of properties at risk of flooding.

Queen's 90th birthday medals - the Clerk advised only 4 had been distributed as the age of some residents was still to be checked and confirmed. The Clerk would complete the list of residents over 80 years old once known, and the Chairman would arrange for Councillors to deliver the medals to them and the children within the villages of Barton Turf and Irstead.

Poors Trust - S Lamb reported that at the recent meeting everything was going well. Nobody had requested help with finance. Dredging was progressing on Barton Fen with English Conservation Plan. A person had been approached to become a new Trustee.

Better Broadband - Mr Dunham had contacted the Clerk as he had raised questions with NCC but nobody was able to respond as "it was in the plan". New information given to the Clerk stated that it was proposed to install a new cabinet on the "patch" at the bottom of Mill Road. Further information has also been received from the County Council about the

timescale and extent of improvements planned for Barton Turf. A shortened version of the information received would be put in to NIB.

BTCC update - At the meeting in September it was reported that the use of the new bins had not been abused much. Managers of the boatyard had agreed to pass on savings to the Charity following collection changes being equal to the Charity. Quotes from R Penstone-Smith had been received and required approval after this meeting. Questions had been raised about a local pie seller trading from his boat to visiting boat owners - his own insurance needed to cover him for public liability. Broads Authority had been informed that there was no objection to stern on mooring on the staithe. A box is to be added to the new notice board for donations from visitors towards the upkeep of the staithe.

Mrs B McGoun NNDC rep - reported the unsettling changes that had occurred with three senior managers of District Council moving to Great Yarmouth Council.

Correspondence received :

Removal of BT payphone kiosk - Councillors had voted in favour of adopting the kiosk. The Clerk had written advising the same and had enquired what the next steps were.

BA - concrete pad at Gay's staithe - the email was expected to be discussed at the October meeting which did not take place. NNDC had reported that rubbish was being left on the old waste bin concrete pad after the bins had been removed. Mr Neave, as Gay's Staithe Committee agreed that BA could remove the pad. All Councillors were in agreement.

NCC- road closure in Irstead.

NNDC - planning letter. The Clerk would be attending a meeting on December 8th at the District Offices in relation to a new planning application procedure. If she was not able to get to the meeting it was suggested to speak to another local Clerk.

BA Broads Plan 2017 Consultation - distributed by email to all Councillors.

BA - Draft Broads Flood Risk Consultation - distributed by email to all Councillors.

Finance:

2017/18 Precept - the Clerk provided figures to show balance to date and proposed year end figure. Councillors proposed the precept is increased to allow for the Council's contribution towards the salary of the NVH caretaker, provision for the cost of boat waste refuse collection and the cost of IT equipment for the Clerk. The precept has not been increased for the last 5 years and Councillors wanted to ensure any rise would be less than £10 per household. Agreed Chairman would check to see what the current Parish Council element for individual households is, and email all Councillors asking them to consider either Option 1) increasing the total precept to £5,500 or Option 2) an increase to £6,000. The Clerk would respond with the majority vote.

Monies paid since last meeting in September:

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| Indigo Waste Services Ltd | £37.20 | Cheque No. 100746 |
| Clerk's three months' salary | £323.17 | 100747 |
| T Edmunds (tax) | £80.80 | 100748 |
| C Barrett - grasscutting Common | £544.00 | 100749 |
| R Carr - grasscutting Irstead staithe | £330.0 | 100750 |

Payments approved and agreed by the Councillors:

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| Barton Turf Parochial Church Council | £250.00 | 100751 |
| Irstead Parochial Church Council | £200.00 | 100752 |

No payments to charities were approved or agreed.

Planning:

Berry Lodge

Ref: NP/16/1302 - Prior notification of proposed erection of agricultural building for storage.

The Parish Council objected to the proposal.

The new building has a significant visual impact in the landscape of this part of the parish and there is not sufficient justification provided as to why the new building has to be immediately adjacent the dwelling. There is adequate storage and cattle sheds on the family farm which is away from other houses. In addition the road is too narrow to cope with turning farm machinery in and out of the driveway.

Ref: PF/16/1295 - variation of condition 7 of planning permission ref: PF/15/1542 to use first floor of detached garage as hairdressing salon

The Parish Council objected to the plans as it is a diversification away from the agricultural premise for which the original plans were approved. There would be an increase in traffic on the narrow road, including extra noise to local residents.

Any Other Business

Discussions on 'Devolution' continue - A Bradnock. Some district councils were in favour. NNDC decided it was a non-starter and have opposed the deal offer by Central Government. A public consultation is due to take place on the location of a third river crossing at Great Yarmouth.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is Tuesday January 10th 2017.