

## Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2016

Present: T Edmunds, G Neave, G Murrells, L Wall, M Oakden, T Dean and D Bradley (Clerk)  
Norfolk County Council representative – Mrs Allison Bradnock  
Apologies for absence from S Lamb, B McGoun and PC Boardman

Mrs Bradnock was welcomed by the Chairman, and introduced herself to all at the meeting.

Declarations of Councillors' interests – None

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, and signed by the Chairman as a true copy.

### Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall update – Mrs Murrells reported that the Christmas Fayre had raised £1500. The interior of the hall is to be decorated in the first week of January.

NIBCHG update – The two year lottery grant expires at the end of January. The group is looking to continue as a history group and to be self-funded. It was asked that the Parish Council minute thanks to all those involved in the overwhelming research and information recorded.

Highways - Concerns had been raised over the festive period by parishioners about the worsening condition of the road surface along School Road, Barton Turf, which is in need of attention. The Clerk will highlight it again to Highways Department (and County Councillor Bradnock will follow up to see if the road can be added to the County Council's highway structural maintenance programme). Hedgecutting has begun in the village. Mrs Wall raised the issue of stickers over some signs which need to be removed and which are too high to reach. Clerk to follow up with Highways Dept.

Grasscutting contract 2016/17 for Irstead staithe - The contractor offered to cut the Staithe for the same price as 2015/16. The work had been completed satisfactorily and the Clerk was asked to write to confirm their acceptance for the work to begin in March/April.

Norfolk Constabulary Report – PC Boardman sent a report to the Clerk which confirmed that there had been no crimes reported in either village between 6/11/15 and 3/1/16.

1894-1958 Parish Council minute book – Mrs Murrells informed the meeting that a copy of the book had been downloaded to a memory stick by M Brandon-Jones. The Councillors were happy for M Oakden to place the information on the Parish Council website, and there were no objections to the information being published on the history group website. It was agreed that the book should go to the Norfolk Record Office for safe keeping.

NNDC LDF Planning Workshop feedback – Three Councillors and the Clerk attended the workshop which had been very interesting, and highlighted the process in which the District Council assessed proposed planning application forms. More meetings on a local basis would be welcome.

### BTCC update

There was still a need to address the area near the door of the Black Shed. A work party had taken lily roots out of the dyke.

NNDC's decision relating to the continuation of use of the **waste bin compound** is still awaited. Once the position is known about the future of the 'boat waste bins', work will be commissioned to remedy the 'muddy puddles' in front of the bin store.

The **boundary on the common** with Claypits had been investigated, and it was found and agreed with the property owner to be correct and mirrors that of the Land Registry map.

A request was received to improve the condition of **the ponds on the Common** to restore a body of open water. It is proposed to clean ponds as part of the working party on the Common in the Spring.

Chairman's Report – A response is awaited from A Leeper from the Broads Authority regarding the

draft contracts for the maintenance of quay-heading. The Chairman asked Councillors for suggestions to be brought to the next meeting with ideas for a (inter) village 'Fun Day' i.e raft race, 'Its a Knockout' etc.

Finance:

<u>Payments made since the last meeting :</u>	£	Cheque no.
Clerk's salary	322.00	
Tax (to Chairman)	80.60	
Grasscutting (Common)	544.00	
Grasscutting (Irstead Staithe)	200.00	

Income received since the last meeting :

Irstead bottle bank (recycling) £53.55

Councillors approved payment to Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau of £100.00 Cheque No.

It was agreed to gather more information about other charities that Parishioners benefit from, before considering further contributions sought from charities seeking funds from the Parish Council.

Planning :

There were no planning applications received.

Any Other Business – the Clerk provided dates for the **meetings in 2016** which were noted and accepted by Councillors:

16<sup>th</sup> February  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Parish Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Council Meeting  
21<sup>st</sup> June  
2<sup>nd</sup> August  
6<sup>th</sup> September  
18<sup>th</sup> October  
29<sup>th</sup> November  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting.