

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council Meeting held after  
Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Present on screen: G Neave, M Mills, J Fletcher, S Maxwell, D Dean, H McFadyen and D Bradley (Clerk)

Also present: 3 parishioners

Apologies received from NNDC representative G Mancini-Boyle

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated, and Councillors agreed it was a true record of the meeting. The Chairman is to sign them at the next formal meeting.

Declarations of Councillors' interest: None declared

Matters Arising:

BA 24 hour free mooring lease and Black Shed – An Extraordinary meeting has been arranged with Barton Turf Community Charities, as this has become an issue far greater to deal with than anticipated and it is felt enough to warrant a joint meeting, as it overlaps both Charity and Parish Council.

NVH update - It is hoped that the Hall will be able to open fully by June 21<sup>st</sup>, with staged openings from April 12<sup>th</sup>, depending on Covid19 lockdown easing of restrictions.

Highways – Staithe Road flooding – The Council waited six months with three dates given but without attendance. The Chairman, A Wilton and Cllr Mills cleared the gulley, and the day after Highways attended to flush out the drain. A small drain section/hole was cut into the quay heading to help alleviate the flooding by the Black Shed, completed by A Wilton and Cllr Mills.

Damaged street sign – the new Staithe Road street sign is still awaited from Highways.

Overhanging branches – Emails sent to the landowner of the trees over the road at the top of the common had not been answered. Two possible options are to get Highways involved, or the boatyard may request a tree surgeon.

Highways have attended to and ground down the tree trunk opposite Coronation Cottages, but have left all the roots above the ground as a trip hazard. Highways are to be informed.

Sam2 – Council agreed that the sign should be positioned on two separate sections of Hall Road, along School Road and near Ikons Farm on Smallburgh Road. The sign is to be shared and owned with Neatishead Parish Council, alternating the positions within both villages. Cllrs Mills, Fletcher and Maxwell agreed to be trained to install the sign. Further information about data and posts is to be obtained once Highways have approved the positions on the highway.

Boardwalk signs – Council agreed to wait to see if this Summer created any problems and if further fingerposts were necessary.

Gay's staithe quay heading – NIBCHG have checked and advised the correct spelling is Gay's staithe. The Clerk is to inform the Broads Authority and request the staithe sign is

amended. The owner of Wherry Cottage is to meet on site with the Chairman to discuss various issues. The Committee is to hold a meeting about the quay heading.

#### Adoption of Complaints Procedure

The Council approved and agreed to adopt the Complaints Procedure. A Copy is to be placed on the Parish Council website.

Webinar – Cllrs D Dean and H McFadyen had attended a webinar meeting which had been organised by Idox. This turned out to be a method to access a database that led to possible grant funding. The cost to register to apply for external funding for Parish Councils required a subscription of £998, it was decided this was far too expensive and probably was for councils looking for 100's rather than 10's of thousands of pounds, even if shared with two other Councils.

Cllr McFadyen reported that she had also attended the Broads Future Initiative webinar. This looks at the long-term flood risk management, involving various large organisations such as Internal Drainage Boards, NFU, District Councils, Wildlife Trust to work together to seek ways to prevent the area from flooding.

Parish Council Vacancy. Notices had been posted on the parish noticeboards, with the deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> April for 10 electors to write to NNDC to request an election to fill the vacancy. NNDC advised that there had been no requests and that a co-option could take place. The Clerk had received one application in writing from a parishioner. The parishioner was one of the attendees to this meeting, Mr A Wilton. The Chairman proposed that the Council co-opt him as his father and grandfather had previously been on the Parish Council and Andrew had a good knowledge of the village. Cllr Mills seconded the proposal. All voted in favour to accept Mr A Wilton as a Councillor. A co-option pack is to be sent to A Wilton for him to complete and return. The Clerk is to provide an up-to-date contact list of the Councillors.

Broads Local Network - Cllr McFadyen had been in contact with the Clerk of Thorpe Green, another Council which also manages a staithe. Their Council are forming the Broads Local Network, which includes a Broads Community Forum on which Councils share information and offer advice about issues relating to the Broads Authority and other organisations. The Chairman proposed the Council joins the Network when able. All Councillors voted in favour. The Clerk was asked to email the Network of the decision.

Reports – none received from Norfolk County Council and PC Gibbs.

NNDC representative G Mancini-Boyle had sent a brief report – (a) Fix your bike voucher scheme is available on Government website - £50 to service the bike; (b) NNDC have employed 2 full time and 2 part-time social prescribers. Their main purpose is Doctor referrals for vulnerable people.

#### Correspondence received and forwarded to Councillors:

##### NCC – 1 million trees for Norfolk initiative

Cllr Dean advised that the local Wildlife East group are looking at planting trees in Barton Turf, and the Wildlife Trust is being asked to visit the village to get information about the

correct work being done on the common and to get approval of the Parish Council before proceeding.

NNDC Public Space Protection Order Consultation – The Order is up for renewal for another three years from 1<sup>st</sup> May. The District Council proposes to continue to prohibit dog fouling across the entire district on public land.

Finance:

The Clerk requested approval of payment to NPTS for 2021/22 subscription of £70.00 which is 1% of the precept. Council approved. Cheque No. 100875

Following the last meeting, the Council has become a member of the Broads Society at a cost of £16.00 per annum, paid by Standing Order. Council approved.

The Clerk reported that a recycling credit had been received from NNDC of £253.51, of which £36.22 related to Irstead Staithe collection, £217.29 for Barton Staithe. This payment relates to the year 1/4/19—31/3/20. The cost of collection for the same period amounted to £64.80

Appointment of Internal Auditor – Mr P Read had agreed to carry out the internal audit for 2020/21. The Council approved the appointment.

Planning

Works to Trees BA/2021/0037 Staithe Lodge, Hall Road	No objection by Council
Works to Trees BA/2021/0052 Barton Villa, Hall Road	No objection by Council
PF/21/0001 – 10 School Road – 1 <sup>st</sup> floor extension to rear	Permitted by NNDC
BA/2021/0034/FUL – Grove House -various amendments to existing outbuildings and part demoltion of existing grain store.	Approved by BA
PF/21/0291 – Primrose Cottage – two storey rear extension	Permitted by NNDC

An Extraordinary Zoom Meeting is arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm to discuss the BA 24 hour free mooring lease and the Black Shed.

The Annual Council Zoom Meeting is arranged for Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.