

minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on 7th August 2018

Present: T Edmunds, G Neave, M Mills, D Dean, J Menges, D Bradley (Parish Clerk)

Also present: 2 parishioners and A Leeper (Broads Authority representative)

Apologies from M Oakden, J Fletcher and B McGoun

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to the Councillors. The Council agreed it was a true record, and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

Declarations of Councillors interests: T Edmunds and J Menges - shared access to Barton and Irstead staithe respectively.

Broads Authority 24 hour mooring lease

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Leeper to the meeting who had come to discuss the prospective 24 hour mooring lease for Barton Turf & Irstead staithe. The Broads Authority took over from the Great Yarmouth Port & Haven Commissioners, when most staithe were in a poor condition. BA have renewed some piling and placed bylaws for mooring 24 hours, with the aim to increase use of the waterways. At Irstead there is controversy about launching canoes. The Parish Council does not want commercial groups launching canoes, as it causes problems with trailers left on the car park, and the road access is narrow, but is happy for individuals to take a canoe and launch from the staithe. Maintenance of the staithe is between the Poors Trust and the Parish Council, and the Broads Authority is to manage the quay heading. The Parish Council seeks to manage the BA land at Irstead as a wildflower meadow, with a suitable management regime allowing also a suitable pathway for access and the needs of local reed cutters. The Parish Council also seeks to request the ladder at Barton Staithe to be moved from the point of the quay heading in front of the Black Shed in order to provide an extra mooring space for visitors. The Council proposed and agreed that T Edmunds and G Neave are involved with the finalization of the new lease, which will provide a 50-year lease with the Broads Authority maintaining the quay heading on both staithe. Gay's staithe is subject to separate arrangements.

NVH update

T Edmunds attended the meeting of the NVH trustees. The list of activities can be found in NIB magazine. He reported that there is no longer one caretaker, but the role is split between different people. The Parish Council was asked to continue to support their decision to contribute towards 'caretaker costs'. No current action is required. There is an issue regarding access to the Hall and currently Trustees are looking at newer technology to allow remote access etc. The rendering at the rear of the building is to go up a grade, providing a 30-year guarantee, and which will cover the entire building.

NIBCHG

The Clerk had been advised that on 11th August at the Farmers Market NVH there is to be a display of "Summer Events" - past fetes, picnics, raft races etc. The Group continues working towards the WW1 Remembrance Weekend Celebrations 9-11th November.

Highways

Flooding at Bittern Crescent. NCC had visited the properties to inspect the pipework, and were removing silt, with further work needed to unblock another pipe.

Potholes. Those in Irstead are to be checked if filled in. Further ones reported to the Clerk - close to the radar station and the care home.

Irstead Boardwalk signs. J Menges advised that paintwork had been renewed.

New NWT signs on staithe

Further information is awaited relating to the production and installation dates of the signs.

Better Broadband

The Programme Director has advised that the work recently undertaken in the village is associated with cabinet 9. Once live, most properties will be served from that cabinet and the status will change from “planned” to “available” on their website link. Some School Road properties cannot be served from that cabinet. A survey process is underway for a further fibre solution planned and implementation is expected by the end of March 2019 (may be delays if issues arise).

Correspondence received:

BA Article 4 Direction

The Broads Authority is reviewing the 24 existing Article 4 Directions within the Broads area, mostly inherited from the district and borough councils prior to the Broads Authority being established. The following Article 4 Direction is applicable:

“Retail sales from moored vessels requires consent” at Barton Turf.

The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Broads Authority Planning Committee, and it was resolved to support the retention of the Article 4 Direction.

North Norfolk Local Plan Update events

Dates had been circulated to the Councilors of dates in October and November. Councilors were not able to attend.

Finance:

Change of cheque signatory. Barclays Bank have finally confirmed the change of cheque signatory. The three Parish Council cheque signatories are Mrs D Bradley, Mr G Neave and Mr M Mills.

Payments made since the last meeting:

Indigo Waste	26.40	Cheque No. 100801
Mrs D Bradley Salary Feb to April	328.78	
100802		
T Edmunds (Tax)	82.36	
100803		
C Barrett (half year grass cutting on Common	544.00	
100804		

The Clerk requested approval of payments to:

Clerk’s expenses (Feb 20 th to August 7 th)	103.69	Cheque No.
100805		
Barton Turf Community Charities (Recycling credits)	616.58	
Norfolk Punt Club donation re waste disposal	40.00	
Use of Black Shed for meetings held 2016 + 2017	60.00	100806

Council approved payment and cheques were raised.

Planning:

Barton Hall - Internal and external alterations to provide secondary utility, kitchen and WC
No objection by Parish Council

BA/2018/0249 - Honeysuckle Cottage, The Shoal - erection of timber frame double garage with gravel hardstanding. No objection to the garage but objection to cutting down mature trees

BA/2018/0243 - Land adjacent The Old Rectory, Hall Road, Irstead - install 9.5m of new quayheading.
No objection by Parish Council

Any Other Business

Speeding in the village

Concern was raised about speeding along the road past the Care home through to Neatishead. This would be monitored, and any gathered information is to be brought to the next meeting.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday September 18th at 7.30pm in the Black Shed.