

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th August.

Present: M Mills, D Dean, J Fletcher, S Maxwell, A Wilton and D Bradley (Clerk)
Apologies from G Neave and H McFadyen

In the absence of the Chairman, M Mills Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated, were approved and signed.

Declarations of Councillors' interests – None were declared.

Matters Arising:

BA 24 hour mooring lease – the Staithe Committee are to meet in September to discuss plans going forward.

Black Shed – Awaiting further contact from the Structural Engineer who had a backlog of work following the pandemic. The Council proposed and agreed to chase again in two weeks' time.

New Victory Hall – It was reported that the Hall was financially sound following the lockdown, with a steady number of bookings.

Highways:

Protruding root stump on Staithe Road. The Clerk is to chase Highways Department again.
Sam2 signs. The sign is due to be delivered soon. The Clerk is to chase Westcotec to ensure volunteers will be available for training.

Gay staithe signs – The confirmed correct spelling of the name (Gay) means that the boards and signs need to be amended but although the Broads Authority have been notified, nothing heard to date.

Barton Common – A willow tree has been felled. A note is to be placed in NIB advising of free wood for parishioners to collect.

Irstead Staithe lease – The Council agreed and proposed that the Chairman speak to Barton Turf Charity for Relief in Need relating to the agreement set up between both parties.

Irstead Notice on staithe – The Council agreed and proposed that the unsightly sign on the Staithe should be replaced. Three quotes are to be obtained by Cllr McFadyen.

Wildlife East Group (1 million trees for Norfolk) - Cllr Mills reported that the Chairman had attended a local meeting held by the Group. The Parish Council has no land designated for tree planting. It was brought to light that there are very few trees in the parishes that have Tree Preservation Orders. Information is to be posted in NIB about TPOs.

Parish Council website – The website has been updated with further documents added.

Liveboards – A black car with no MOT belonging to a liveboard has been removed from Barton Staithe. A second liveboard has a boat moored on 24 hour free mooring at Paddy's Lane.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 – The Chairman is to attend a local meeting to discuss ideas for joint village celebrations. Cllr Wilton agreed to help the Chairman.

Reports from NCC, NNDC and PC Gibbs – No reports or apologies had been received.

Correspondence received by email:

NCC -Infrastructure & Development Select Committee (435 page document) – No comments made.

NCC – Verge Management – The Council questioned the possibility of the parish managing verges. The Clerk was asked to get more information about the financial support mentioned by NCC Cllr Price.

Broads Authority – Adoption of Residential Mooring Guide – Information only, no comments made.

BA Consultation – Marketing & Viability Guide – applicable to tourism and commercial planning.

Finance:

Monies paid since the last meeting:

Broadland Computers	£84.00	Cheque No. 100881
Countrystyle Recycling (Irstead staithe)	£22.68	Cheque No. 100882

Monies received since last meeting:

NCC – recycling credit (Countrystyle)	£49.74
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The Clerk requested approval of 3 months' salary (less a week when work on the laptop was not possible whilst it was being checked at Broadland Computers) of £481.80. Also recent expenses of the laptop anti-virus renewal and new printer cartridges totalling £78.37.

Total of £560.17	Cheque No. 100884
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A willow tree on the Common had been felled. It was agreed the Parish Council would bear the cost as the Common has no income.

Irstead Staithe grasscutting x 3	£135.00	Cheque No. 100883
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The Council approved the above payments.

Cricket Club donation request. The Parish Council has used the Cricket Pavilion for the last three meetings as social distancing was not possible in the Black Shed. Cllr Mills agreed to speak to the Cricket Club Chairman and Secretary before a decision could be made.

Planning:

BA/2021/0245 – Marsh House – rear extension, new porches etc. No Objection by Parish Council

BA/2021/0153 – Wyndale, Hall Road, Barton Turf – rear extension with mezzanine in vaulted ceiling.

Approved by BA.

BA/2021/0278/FUL – Demolition of part existing barn at Grove House, and construction of new barn on land at Grove Cottage. No Objection by Parish Council

Any Other Business

Grasscutting contractor – The present contractor retires at the end of the year. The Clerk was asked to contact local Parish Councils about the contractors they use.

Irstead Staithe benches – A regular visitor to Irstead Staithe kindly offered and completed work on the two benches. A note of thanks is to be sent by the Clerk.

On-line work – The Clerk confirmed that progress was being made on-line regarding salary and VAT claim.

There being no further business to discuss the Vice Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 14th September at 7pm in the Black Shed.