

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on 26th February 2019

Present: T Edmunds (Chair), M Mills, M Oakden, D Dean, J Fletcher and J Menges.
Also, present: 1 parishioner and Cllr Nigel Dixon.

Item 1: Apologies: G Neave and Diane Bradley (Clerk).

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.

Item 2: Declarations of Councillors' interests: None.

Item 9: Community Consultation: Mains Foul Sewers for Barton Turf

It was agreed to bring this item forward within the meeting, given a member of the public had attended specifically to hear the consideration of the matter.

Response to Open Letter to residents in Barton Turf was majority in favour of supporting an application to Anglian Water to investigate the feasibility of bringing mains foul sewerage to the parish. Thanks was expressed to those that distributed the letters to parishioners on behalf of the Parish Council. The resident present, who had raised the matter in the first instance, noted the results of the consultation and advised the Council that he, together with at least one other resident, would now formally advance an application to Anglian Water.

The Council agreed: To provide the resident with a letter from the Council advising of the consultation that had taken place, providing a copy of the consultation letter, and reporting that the majority of responses received expressed support to investigate the feasibility of bringing mains foul sewerage to Barton Turf.

Item 6: Reports from County / District Councillors - Neither County or District Council representatives were present and no reports had been received.

Councillor Nigel Dixon attended the meeting to explain, following the reorganization of District Council ward boundaries, that he proposed standing for election to one of the two District Council seats in the forthcoming North Norfolk District Council elections for the new Hoveton and Tunstead Ward (which includes the parish of Barton Turf and Irstead) on 2 May 2019. Cllr Dixon kindly set out his background in local Government at both District and County Council level, and his views on the importance of the role of the District Council and its engagement with parish councils and local residents. Cllr Dixon confirmed that he lives in Hoveton, and while not representing Barton Turf and Irstead, previously had knowledge of the kind of matters that a rural community within the Broads Authority area faced.

The Council thanked Cllr Dixon for attending the meeting and sharing his views on local government. The Council wished him well in the forthcoming coming District Council elections. Cllr Dixon left the meeting at this point (to attend another local Parish Council meeting).

Note: The meeting returned to published order of agenda items.

Item 4: Matters Arising

New Victory Hall Update

Preparations for AGM on 25th March well advanced. All councillors invited to attend. The general synopsis is that the NVH remains a much used, well maintained, high quality local facility, which is financially sound in line with the Business and Management Plan agreed by its Trustees.

Forthcoming events of particular note:

April 13th 'James Bond Casino Evening'

July 14th 'Tea Party' kindly being hosted by Mr and Mrs Lamb at their home in Barton Turf.

September 21st 10th Anniversary Celebrations - A day of celebrations to mark the first ten years of the New Victory Hall. Ceilidh Band in the evening, both local Parish Councils asked to work together to provide 'village fete' activities during the day.

NIBCHG

Saturday March 9th, Farmers Market, a display of NABS past and present to coincide with the Pantomime weekend.

Wednesday 20th March, Neatishead School at 7.30 pm, a presentation by Ivan Cane on "North Walsham and Dilham Canal 1826 - 2016.

Broads Authority 24 hour mooring lease

Draft lease for the staithe at Barton Turf circulated. Cllrs Edmunds and Neave to review and respond to the Broads Authority. Draft lease for Irstead Staithe awaited.

Highways

Cllr Menges reported concerns about a pothole within the carriageway on Irstead Street outside Hill Fen House. The current 'pothole' appears to be a failed previous repair and potentially dangerous to road users being in excess of 6 inches deep. The Clerk would be asked to report the matter to the Highways Department

Speeding in the village

Cllr Mills reported back on the question of seeking improvements to length of the 'permissive paths' running adjacent to Hall Road, which offer a traffic free route for pedestrians. Agreed due to differences in levels between the field and the road that extension of the current paths appears impracticable.

It was agreed that no action is available to the Parish Council, over and above that agreed with County Councillor Price in respect of improved signage and more enforcement by Norfolk's Safety Camera Partnership.

Barton Turf Community Charities - No report received.

Honesty Box - Irstead

It was proposed and agreed to proceed with its provision, together with the renewal of the Parish Council signs at the staithe.

Item 5: May Elections

All Councillors wishing to stand for election to advise the Clerk, and complete and return nomination papers to the District Office by 4pm on 3rd April.

Item 6: Finance Payments made since last meeting:

T Edmunds (tax) 100821	£86.00	Cheque No.
Neatishead & Barton Pre-School 100822	£60.00	Cheque No.
Clerk's 3 months' salary 100823	£344.08	Cheque No.

Item7: Planning:

PF/19/0203 - Teal Point - Proposed Single Storey first extension to dwelling

Agreed: NO OBJECTION

PF/19/0198 Halt, The Street, Barton Turf - Erection of one and a half storey front extension + creation of 2 car park spaces following demolition of outbuilding + installation of septic tank.

The Council was heartened to see that concerns expressed previously appear to have been addressed in this latest application, following the withdrawal of the previous proposal.

Agreed: NO OBJECTION

PF/19/0262 Land adjacent, Berry Hall Road, Barton Turf

The proposed development, 3 Shepherds Huts, appeared a relatively small-scale development. The supporting information set out perhaps a wider strategy for the diversification of the use of this part of the Berry Hall Farm.

Agreed: NO OBJECTION to the provision of 3 Shepherds Huts in principle, but that the Parish Council would like to extend an invite to the applicant (and their advisors) given they are an important part of our rural community, also owning much land within the Parish, to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss their aspirations, to help the Council place in context what appears a move away from simple farming activities.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7pm in the Black Shed.