

# Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council virtual meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

Also present: R Price (NCC) and G Mancini-Boyle (NNDC)

Apologies from PC Gibbs

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were taken as a true record. They are to be signed at the next formal meeting.

Declarations of Councillors' interest: None declared

Matters Arising:

BA 24 hour mooring valuation: The Chairman had a site meeting with BA Planning Officer to discuss changing from 24 hour free mooring to parish mooring. The Officer sent his comments an hour prior to this meeting, so they were to be forwarded to the Councillors to digest and comment to the Committee which was formed at the last meeting.

New Victory Hall update: The Hall is now closed due to this latest Covid19 lockdown. The Christmas Fair and Market raised £1,140 on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Highways - Staithe Road flooding - the gully at the bottom of Staithe Road still requires cleaning. The heavy rainfalls are impacting on the Black Shed as the drainage is not efficient.

Staithe Road trees - there had been nothing heard from Highways external arboricultural contractor.

Potholes - the Highways link for people to report issues has been included in NIB, and given to each Councillor.

Boardwalk signs - the Clerk is to chase Highways.

Mud on roads - the majority of the roads within the two parishes are still very muddy, though those along Shoals Road have been cleared following the Council's request. With the pandemic restricting people to exercise locally, the issues have been highlighted even more by pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. The Clerk is asked to write to all local farmers and to also place a notice in NIB. Cllr Price is to be kept up to date with progress.

Village sign, including payment - The village sign is now complete, with the invoice paid of £1,205. Payment was unanimously approved. Cheque No.

100869

Grasscutting contract on Common - the Contractor confirmed the term and price is set for the next three years.

Irstead staithe car park - Following much debate the Council agreed to put up a sign at each of the three staithe, stating the car park is closed to all visitors, and for use only by residents of Neatishead, Irstead and Barton Turf. This has been a difficult decision but it is to keep the residents safe by discouraging visitors during this third Covid lockdown.

Angling is permitted for those who live local to the waters, for mental wellbeing. PC Gibbs regularly monitors the car parks, checking numberplates. Broads Authority would be asked to close the boardwalk car park.

The stricter lockdown rules may mean visitors will not be parking in the area, but the staithe car parks will be monitored for the next two weeks, when it will be discussed further at an Extraordinary meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Cllr McFadyen will be providing A3 size notices for each of the staithe.

NNDC - Cllr Mancini-Boyle

The District Council is not closing their car parks but if there are complaints from local residents then it would be reconsidered. Cllr Mancini-Boyle is happy to support closures so if there are problems he would appreciate a letter requesting such action. The lockdown

rules need to be made clearer to ensure the virus does not get spread to the vulnerable areas. It is important that people are made more aware of the rules and to be more careful following more recent spikes of positive cases. Total deaths in North Norfolk between March 25<sup>th</sup> to December is 1949. Notification was sent that vaccinations were to commence in Hoveton Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> January. This has been put back to 16<sup>th</sup> January due to a problem with supplies. It is hoped that 200,000 people will receive the vaccination per day.

#### NCC - Cllr Price

Cllr Price had a meeting with Duncan Baker MP and PC Gibbs following local shops being invaded by Covid rulebreakers. In this lockdown the car parks owned by NNDC have not been closed which has encouraged visitors to travel to the coast for exercise. In North Norfolk the Covid infection case rate had risen to 389 per 100,000 with 82 deaths. Local pharmacies may be called on to help with the vaccinations. Thanks is given on behalf of the whole Norfolk population to PC Gibbs for his work over the Christmas period, and for the fines given out to those visiting St Benets Abbey and the seals at Horsey, and numerous other incidents where people continue to disregard social distancing in shops, and are making non-essential journeys.

At this point both Council representatives left the meeting.

#### Report from PC Gibbs

A report was forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. The police are dedicated to deal with the bulk of the reported Covid19 breaches, and are continuing to educate people or enforce the rules on a daily basis. Reporting of any suspected breaches should be done via the force control room on 101 so that incidents can be logged.

#### Correspondence received - Local Covid 19 vaccinations

The information received from Hoveton surgery had been forwarded to the Councillors and notices placed on the local noticeboards. The Clerk had since been advised the date will need to be amended to 16<sup>th</sup> January, instead of 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Finance:

Acknowledgements from both Barton Turf and Irstead Parochial Church Councils had been received for payments sent to them.

#### Payments presented for approval:

The Council approved payment for the Clerk's new quarterly salary of £521.95. Cheque no. 100870

An invoice had been received by the Clerk on the day of this meeting from Indigo Waste, for a sum of £25.20 for two collections of glass from Barton Staithe between October and December 2020. The Council approved payment. The Clerk was asked to find out when a collection had last been made from Irstead staithe.

Cheque No. 100871

2021-22 Precept The Clerk provided figures to the Council in order to agree the precept for 2021-2022. The Chairman proposed that an increase from £6,620 to £7,000 was necessary due to costs likely to be incurred at Barton staithe, tree cutting and work needed on the Black Shed. Seconded by Cllr Fletcher, and the Council voted in favour. The Clerk was to email NNDC before the end of January deadline.

#### Planning

PF/20/2368 - Long Road, Irstead - Erection of general purpose agricultural building with associated hardstanding to front, soft landscaping and access improvement. The Clerk requested an extension to the deadline as notification had not been received, which was approved by the Planning Department. The Council could see nothing different from the previous application, so their comments were to be reiterated about the network of roads around the area being too narrow with too few passing areas, and the proposed access for large vehicles being too close to the boardwalk car park.

BA/2020/0370 - Tweenways, Callow Green - conversion of existing Stable Block in Amenity Rooms. Approved by the Broads Authority.

Any Other Business

Phone box in Barton Turf - The Chairman and Cllr Mills propose to sort out the drainage problem around the base of the phone box, once the wet season is over. People were unable to access the box to get their NIB magazines because of the large puddle surrounding it.

WildEast challenge in December NIB - The Chairman proposed that the Council consider taking up the WildEast challenge by making the village wildlife friendly. The Council voted in favour with further discussion to follow at a future meeting.

Trees at Gravelpits - The Chairman has advised that as the Gravelpits do not receive any income, it will be necessary for the Parish Council to assist with costs to cut down trees on the edge of the Gravelpits.