

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Present: T Edmunds, J Fletcher, M Mills, D Dean, J Menges, H McFadyen  
Also present: 2 Parishioners and NNDC rep N Dixon and NCC rep R Price  
Not in attendance - M Oakden

A welcome was given to H McFadyen by the Chairman. H McFadyen completed and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Minutes of the last meeting were received and approved as a true record, and were signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Councillors' interests - None declared

A welcome was given to P Drake, invited to talk about future farming diversification. Mr Drake advised that Berry Hall Farm had been in the family for 150 years in a Trust fund through three generations. The intention is to keep the farm going as an entity particularly as he is now a partner in the farm, with his Dad. The aim is to carefully and gently bring the farm up to date and to make it viable. The new grain store was erected to store the grain for longer than is possible at the older farm buildings. There are no housing estates proposed by him for the village. His amended planning application for 3 shepherds huts places them closer to the new barn and will not be visible from the road, to bring income to the farm. He is open to ideas from the village to support the community, ie Christmas trees. The aim is to encourage wildlife with boxes for barn owls already in situ.

Matters Arising

New Victory Hall. Everything is very positive. Hire rates are to be reviewed at the next meeting with the booking system already changed. With the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> September, plans are to be put in place for events such as wellie throwing, classic car event, barn dance and many more activities.

BA 24 hour mooring lease at Barton Turf and Irstead. The Chairman handed over documents to the Clerk to archive. The approved and final lease from the Broads Authority is awaited.

Highways. Councillor Mills proposed the ranger visit the villages to address poorly visible road signs, various potholes instead of requesting specific potholes at each meeting. The Clerk advised that the ranger visits every three months and would request a further visit. Mr Price is to contact the Highway Department to highlight the above concerns.

Gay's Staithe quayheading. G Neave continues to be in contact with the Broads Authority to resolve the quayheading issue, and the Clerk has contacted Solicitors in Great Yarmouth to find the third Agreement relating to the quayheading on the east side.

Irstead Staithe tree works. Three quotations were obtained to remove dead wood from a tree for safety reasons. The Chairman and Clerk agreed to accept the cheapest quote from L J Trees and the work has already been completed satisfactorily at a cost of £100.

NPTS training for new Councillors - D Dean and H McFadyen attended one evening out of the two and asked if a booklet could be purchased at the second meeting for reference use by all Councillors. The Chairman agreed to the purchase at £4 each.

NNDC representative - N Dixon

The Parish Council now falls within the Hoveton and Tunstead Ward in which there are eight parishes covered by 2 District Councillors. Following the elections in May the District Council has swung from a hung Council to 30 Liberal Democrats and 10 others, 6 Conservatives and 4 Independents. It was not expected to have huge changes to parishes but the Parish Councils would be kept well informed.

Mr Dixon noted that there was not Police presence at the meeting. He would get in contact with the local PC to make contact with the Clerk.

NCC representative - R Price

Mr Price covers 13 parishes. The elections have brought huge changes to the County Council, which has moved from a Committee Government to a Cabinet Government. Mr Price sits on various committees, one of which is the Norfolk Health Scrutiny Committee, endeavouring to push to see progress is being made and adapting best practices, by meeting with CCGs and hospitals. Childrens' services are now focused 60% on service, being inspected with a very open process.

#### Finance

The Chairman checked the internal audit report and completed and signed pages 4 and 5.

Payments made since the last meeting:

New electronic equipment for the Clerk	£666.48	Cheque No.
NPTS training for new Councillors	£96.00	Cheque No.
Payment to L J Trees for removal of dead wood at Irstead Staithe	was approved. £100	Cheque No.

#### Planning:

Wayside	No objections
3 Shepherds huts	No objections

#### Any Other Business

Adopted Telephone Box - Councillor Mills reported the broken missing pane of glass has been repaired by a local resident who also has offered to make good the door and paint the kiosk. The Council expressed thanks to the resident. Mr Drake has offered cement to raise the floor to prevent future flooding.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the Black Shed.