

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting 29th June 2021
At Barton Turf Cricket Pavillion

Present: G Neave, H McFadyen, M. Mills, D Dean

Also Present: R Price (NCC Cllr), G Mancini-Boyle (NNDC Cllr) C Penstone -Smith (Neatishead, Irstead & Barton Turf Community Heritage group - NIBCHG)

Apologies: A Wilton, J Fletcher, S Maxwell, D Bradley (Clerk)

In the absence of D Bradley (Clerk), Councillor H McFadyen was nominated to act as Clerk for the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting: Approved and signed

Declarations of Councillor's interests: None declared

Matters Arising:

BA 24 Hour Mooring lease Update – A letter has been received from The BA declining to pay any rent for a new lease. A separate Council meeting will be arranged to discuss this further. Date TBC.

Black Shed Update – Mr P French (Surveyor) has kindly agreed to come to the Black Shed to see if he can offer us any assistance with the survey needed. Cllr D Dean will meet him. Mr B Wilkins (Structural Engineer) has also re-affirmed his interest in helping the PC. Any consideration of improvements to the facilities at the Black Shed will be discussed following the receipt of a repair valuation. The hole cut into the Quay-heading at the Staithe appears to be helping with the drainage issue at the door of the building.

New Victory Hall Update - The Hall AGM will be held on the 8th July. Many of the user groups have been able to return to the hall following the latest Covid guidelines. Full use of the Hall for Private events will hopefully be possible after the next Government Easing of Restrictions date.

Highways - The following will be reported to Highways:

The tree stump on Staithe Rd has still not been removed, large grass mounds on Alderfen Rd, collapsed Ditch on Berry Hall Rd, Potholes on Irstead Street and Hall Rd / Smallburgh Rd junction. High grass at Mill Rd/ Smallburgh Rd junction obstructing drivers view. The general lack of Grass cutting along the road verges will also be highlighted to the Highways dept. Cllr McFadyen asked Richard Price (NCC) to let us know if quoting a "What 3 Words" reference would be helpful to highways in locating the potholes. Gay Staithe sign- Claire Penstone - Smith from the NIBCHG and the PC have contacted both The Broads Authority and Highways regarding the correct spelling of Gay Staithe on their notices. SAM2 speed monitors– The Memorandum of Understanding from the Highways dept regarding the siting and use of the SAM2 monitors has been received and signed. The date for a SAM2 training day is still awaited. The County Council have agreed to pay for the Monitor and any accessories required, one option being the ability to collect data (date, time and number of speeding detections) for publishing on the PC website

Trees- 3 quotes for remedial tree work on The Common and Staithe car park have been received but further clarification is needed before a contractor is chosen. No other tree issues have been reported.

Wildlife East update- A meeting of around 30 interested residents was held at Barton Turf Common. Gemma Walker (NWT) explained how a survey of species is taken and several residents have offered to collect data over the summer. Gemma (with the assistance of several other wildlife professionals) will then produce a management plan for the PC to consider.

The county Council may be able to help with funding for any works we choose to do.

Broads Local Network Group- No further action is required

PC Website Updated- Mark Oakden will update the site as necessary including the annual accounts.

Wartime Map- A Map of all the WWII incidents and events in the 3 villages was painted by John Yaxley many years ago and is currently being stored by the Community Heritage Group until such time as it is safe to return it to The Black Shed. Claire Penstone-Smith of NIBCHG informed the Council that they have kindly been given permission by Mr Yaxley's family to have a copy of the map made so that it can be displayed at future NIBCHG events and it will also be scanned and stored for future records. The Parish Council are very grateful to the Heritage Group for all their hard work in acquiring so much local history and keeping it for generations to come.

On Saturday 18th September the Heritage group will be holding a 'WWII Memories Day' at the NVH.

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2-5th June 2022

The Chairman G Neave suggested that we give a nice quality china commemorative mug to all the primary and below school children in the villages (this was done for the Golden Jubilee) with extras to sell.

Cllr Neave will speak to Neatishead PC to see if they would wish to join us in this idea and if there are any other celebratory ideas we could run together.

Reports

No report from PC Gibbs.

Richard Price of Norfolk County Council- Covid rates in N Norfolk at date of meeting are 17 in 100,000 (12 last week and 5 at time of last meeting) with 19 new positive cases reported last week (up 63 since last meeting). The regional rate is 64 per 100,000 and England 138 per 100,000.

Cllr Price also informed us that a Parliamentary Boundary Review is taking place which will affect some Parishes in N Norfolk as they will be moved to GT Yarmouth DC. Barton Turf & Irstead will remain in N Norfolk.

Gerard Mancini -Boyle of N Norfolk District Council- Cromer Pier will be lit up on 24th July in support of the NHS and St John's Ambulance. All beaches in the area have been awarded Blue Flag status. The Cedars building in N Walsham has been awarded a £3million grant for redevelopment. NNDC have received Government funding of £32K towards helping rough sleepers.

Finance

Annual AGAR documents approved and signed by Council

Monies paid – Irstead Grass cutting X3 cuts= £135

Cheque No. 100880

Monies received- NCC Glass recycling between 1/4/2020- 31/12/2020= £405.35

Planning

BA/2021/0130 – Wherry Arch, Irstead. Erection of wood landing stage on bank of dyke – Approved by BA

New- BA/2021/0225 – Grove House, Irstead. Replacement of Front Door – No Objections.

Any other Business

The car at Barton Turf Staithe belonging to a Live-aboard still has no MOT and is of concern to the Council for the safety of residents. The PC will write to the Police regarding their concerns.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Date of Next PC Meeting

Tuesday 10th August at 7pm – venue TBC