

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on 30th October 2018.

Present: T Edmunds, M Mills, M Oakden, D Dean, J Menges, D Bradley Clerk

Also present: R Price, Norfolk County Council representative

Apologies for absence from G Neave, J Fletcher

Declarations of Councillors' interests - None declared.

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. An amendment was requested and completed to read as Hall Fen House under Highways paragraph. It was agreed they were a true record, and the Chairman signed the minutes.

Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall Update - The external render repair work has been completed. The financial year end was looking to be on course, with the hire income target to be met. A new part-time caretaker has been appointed since mid August. Forthcoming events include a Christmas Fayre on

1st December and another Big Community Breakfast on 12th January 2019.

NIBCHG - An invitation was given to the Parish Council for a Councillor and friend to attend the WW1 Drama "Tomorrow is yours" on Friday 9th November. Mrs Dean and Mrs Menges accepted the invitation. Leaflets were handed out to Councillors with details of the WW1 Commemoration Events.

BA Lease - This is ongoing

Highways - No issues to report.

Speeding in the village - M Mills is to speak to local farmers about the possibility of extending the permissive footpath and including one from Irstead Staithe to the boardwalk road.

Correspondence received:

NNDC - Flanders Poppy seeds. A gift of 5 packets of poppy seeds were received and to be sown in commemoration of the Centenary of the World War 1 Armistice. Three packets had been given to NIBCHG marking the three villages, and M Mills and J Menges took the other two for planting in the respective villages.

Grasscutting contract for Common - Mr C Barrett had submitted a quotation for 2019 to cut the grass on the Common for the same price as 2018. All Councillors are very happy with the work completed this year. The quotation for £1,088 was approved.

Correspondence received via website:

Kayak launching. A letter had been received questioning the availability and rights to launch canoes at Barton Turf and Irstead staithe as they were limiting the ability for a young lad to improve the environment with a sponsored clean up of the Norfolk and Suffolk broads by kayak. The Clerk responded advising of the slipways available at Barton Staithe and that "no launching" signs were endorsed by the Parish Council.

Broadband information. Following details of a recent installation of fast 4G broadband at a property within our two parishes, the Council has requested the installers to send details of the Better Broadband Scheme to NIB to enable all parishioners to see them.

Beware of suspicious vehicles. Notification of a suspicious vehicle had been given to the Parish Council (White van NU18 VEK). It is important to report to the Police of any suspicious vehicles seen within the villages.

Finance:

Payments made since the last meeting:

Mr S Stone (grasscutting on Irstead staithe)	£120.00	Cheque No. 100807
Indigo Waste	£ 19.20	Cheque No. 100808

Payments were agreed and approved.

Monies received since the last meeting:

NNDC Second half of the precept	£3090.00	
NNDC Second half of the grant		£36.00

2019/20 Precept - The Clerk advised that this needs to be agreed and requested at the next meeting. The figures will be brought following payments to be agreed at this meeting.

Payments agreed and approved:

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Barton Turf Parochial Church Council	250.00	Cheque No. 100809
Irstead Parochial Church Council	200.00	100810
NIBCHG relating to WW1 weekend	50.00	100811
Stalham First Responders	100.00	100812
New Victory Hall	600.00	100813

Planning:

PF/18/1351 - The Halt, The Street - erection of two storey front extension + creation of 2 parking spaces. Application

Withdrawn.

PF/18/1773 - Yew Cottage, Hall Rd, Irstead - erection of single storey rear extension + detached cart shed, conversion of existing carport into utility/workshop. No objections by Parish Council.

NP/18/1982 - Berry Hall Farm, Prior notification of intention to erect agricultural storage building.

The Parish Council objects - inappropriate to have a building in the proposed location.

Any Other Business:

2019 meetings - The Clerk provided dates of the proposed 2019 meetings.

Cycle ride - Mrs Dean advised that over 400 people stopped for water bottles whilst on a cycle route through the villages. The Council proposed notification of future cycle events goes in NIB prior to the event.

Verge cutting - Mrs Menges enquired about the cutting of highway verges and a campaign to encourage flowers. The Chairman advised that if there is an area special to the community these should be flagged up. Mr Price advised that NCC funding was not sufficient to maintain the ENR programme which included 111 outstanding.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm.