

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th September

Present: M Mills, D Dean, J Menges, J Fletcher, H McFadyen and D Bradley (Clerk)

Also present: 1 Parishioner and PC Tom Gibbs

Apologies received from G Mancini-Boyle, NNDC representative

Following the resignation of Councillors Edmunds and Oakden, the Council has two vacancies

G Neave had been invited to the meeting. Councillor Mills proposed G Neave be co-opted on to the Council, seconded by Councillor Menges. G Neave accepted, and completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Councillor Fletcher proposed G Neave as he had a wealth of local knowledge relating to the area, seconded by Councillor McFadyen. G Neave accepted.

The minutes of both the last Parish Council meeting and the Extraordinary meeting had been circulated. Councillors agreed and approved them both as true records. The Chairman signed both.

Declarations of Councillors' interests - None declared

Matters Arising:

PC Tom Gibbs is the Neighbourhood policeman, who gave a report on his role within our community, and his wider patch, and his association with the Broads beat. Since the recent burglaries people are much more vigilant and lessons should be learnt from the incidents, particularly to be mindful of ways to ensure properties are secure. Door stickers are available from him, the Parish Clerk or at the New Victory Hall.

New Victory Hall update - There is currently a Trustee vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Edmunds. The Committee is looking forward to the weekend when celebrations are planned for the 10th anniversary. Councillors agreed that the minutes should be kept up to date at the Hall, proposing the Clerk regularly updates the folder at the Hall.

Gaye's staithe quayheading - The Chairman advised that this is ongoing, and to be resolved when the new lease is drawn up with the Broads Authority.

Adopted telephone box - a quotation was received from NIBCHG for interior shelving to display historical information. The Council are to consider a contribution at the next Council meeting. A letter of thanks is to be sent to the local resident for his continued work updating the kiosk.

BA 24 hour mooring lease (discussed at the end of Matters Arising) - Following a meeting with Angie Connor from the Broads Authority additional amendments were agreed and sent for approval and inclusion in the lease. The Law Department requested Council's approval of further minor adjustments, and after discussion more amendments were proposed by the Council in order to finalise the lease. These were sent to the Broads Authority.

Irstead Staithe 24 hour mooring lease - the majority of the wording will be the same as the Barton Turf staithe lease, with additional wording relating to the land owned by the Broads Authority which is to be checked, discussed and approved when received.

Risk Assessment and Asset Register - The Council has very few assets which the Chairman and Clerk are to discuss. Risk assessments need to be completed by the Council as these are to protect those who use the land or assets.

Programme of Council meetings - The Clerk provided the Councillors with an annual programme of the meetings and items regularly included, together with proposed meeting dates for the next year.

Highways - Councillors were concerned about the lack of action by Highways, despite several requests to them by the Clerk. The Clerk is to refer this to Mr Price our NCC rep to chase the Department.

Venues for meetings over Winter - Cllr Menges provided two portable heaters to be used by the Council in the Black Shed. The Chairman thanked Cllr Menges and it was proposed to see how effective they are at future meetings in the Black Shed.

Parish Council website - the current website is no longer working. Information from North Norfolk District Council had been received relating to compliant websites, and was passed to Cllr Menges who agreed to help with a new website.

Correspondence received and circulated, for discussion:

Register of Deposits + Declarations - relating to Irstead marsh. The correspondence was for information relating to a declaration that no further footpaths were proposed on Irstead marsh by the Neatishead resident.

New initiative by NALC - Wellbeing. The Council agreed that such a small parish already deals with all aspects of wellbeing, with residents supporting and caring for each other.

NCC Charging Policy changes - Disability Network Norfolk Group - changes affecting disabled people who received service from Adult Social Care. Councillors valued the changes as important and encouraged Mr Price to attend the meeting at County level on behalf of affected people.

Report from NNDC representative - Mr Mancini-Boyle - In his absence, the Clerk read out his report which advised funding had been approved for electric charging points within local towns, including North Walsham. The Councillors requested the Clerk to ask for information relating to the installation of charging points particularly at areas such as the staithes, for future use by visitors.

Finance

Payments made since the last meeting:

C Barrett (grasscutting on common) £544.00
Clerk's three months' salary £457.00

Cheque No.100834
Cheque No.100835

Cllr Dean is to obtain a quotation from a local person who could deal with the salary of one employee via HMRC.

Planning

BA/2019/0002/REF Ice House, The Shoal, Irstead - relating to the cladding - An appeal decision is made by the Secretary of State. Appeal reference: APP/E9505/D/19/3221263.
NP/19/1183 Land East of Long Road, Barton Turf - erection of agricultural building. NNDC refused prior notification

New amended application received on this day - PF/19/1175 Merryfields, Berry Hall Road.

- Extension to + conversion of detached double garage to form annexe accommodation.

No objections by Parish Council

Items to be taken to the next meeting

To appoint a Council representative as Trustee to the New Victory Hall Committee

The Chairman closed the meeting having nothing further to discuss. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Black Shed.