

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Present: T Edmunds (Chair), G Neave, M Mills, M Oakden, D Dean and J Menges.

Also present: 2 parishioners (items 1, 2, 3 and 6 only) and County Cllr Richard Price

Apologies from J Fletcher, Diane Bradley (Clerk) and District Cllr B McGoun

The Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to the Councillors. The Council agreed it was a true record, and the Chairman signed the Minutes.

Declarations of Councillors interests: None.

Part of Item 6 on the agenda - Planning

It was agreed to bring this item forward within the meeting given two members of the public had attended to specifically hear the consideration of a particular planning consultation received from North Norfolk District Council.

PF/18/1351 The Halt, The Street - erection of two storey front extension and creation of two parking spaces following demolition of outbuilding.

The Chair invited the members of the public present to offer any comments they may have about the proposed development, and gave Councillors the opportunity to ask questions relative to the matters raised. The Chair thanked the members of the public for attending and then started the Council's formal consideration of the planning application received.

Cllr Mills advised that since the Site Notice had been displayed earlier during the day that he had been visited by 5 local residents expressing concerns with the proposed development. The matters that had been raised with him were summarised as:

- Proposal extended beyond the land controlled by the applicant to include Common Land. Concerns expressed that the 'boundary' hedging that exists was on Common Land, and the actual boundary between the site and The Common was the fence line on the property side of the hedge and not the hedge itself.
- Concerns about loss of light to neighbouring properties.
- Over development of a constrained site, that has already been subject to various extensions over the years.
- Statements made in the planning application about the two storey nature of the existing dwelling over stated the nature of the existing building. The reality being that the existing property is modest in scale and the upper floor has very restricted headroom. The existing property perhaps should be more accurately referred to as one and half storey (not two).
- Adverse visual impact, which will have a detrimental impact upon the character of this part of the village, including The Common. The proposed external colour of the two storey extension (Black cladding) was also considered out of character with the adjacent properties (which are white painted brick).
- The nature of the building design proposed was of concern. It appeared to be a 'Tower' and not reflective of the dwellings in that part of the village.
- No information about the provisions for catering for the increased foul sewerage demands were provided with the application. Concerns about whether the site was sufficient to accommodate any upgrades to the existing arrangements, or any expectation on the Applicant's part that new arrangements or discharges would

take place on adjacent Common Land (which is not legally available for that private purpose).

Councillors considered the application and resolved after a vote of none in favour, 5 against and 1 abstention to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that:-

- 1) it will give rise to an adverse visual impact on a sensitive part of the village which provides the 'back drop' to The Common immediately adjacent the site, caused by over development of a constrained site and an unsympathetic 'over bearing' design, and
- 2) in the absence of any information to the contrary the potential trespass of Common Land and / or environmental harm due to potential increased foul sewerage discharges to The Common.

It was also resolved to seek advice, from the District Council (who may need to liaise with the County Council who hold the register of Common Land), as to the extent of boundary between the application site and The Common (which is registered Common Land), and further information on the existing and any proposed foul sewerage arrangements.

*Note: Members of the public left the meeting at this point and the meeting returned to published order of agenda items.*

#### Matters Arising:

##### Broads Authority 24 hour mooring lease

No further update to the position agreed at the last meeting.

#### NVH Update

There had not been a NVH meeting since the last parish council meeting, nothing to report other than to note that remedial works to the external render on the hall is currently under way.

#### NIBCHG

19 Sept - Military research evening at NVH 7.30pm to encourage people to write stories of their relatives who served during WW1 for display in November.

17 Oct - Neatishead School 7.30pm. Presentation "Journey of a WW1 wounded soldier from The Front to Home" after AGM. It would be great to have new ideas, new projects and new people to join and help with admin of the group and make plans for 2019. Any suggestions to be given to any member of the Committee.

WW1 Event 9-11 November. Details to be in NIB.

#### Highways

A pothole is reported within the carriageway at the junction of 'Anglers Hill' and Irstead Street. Also, overhanging hedge on Irstead Street outside Hall Farm House causing obstruction to forward visibility along the road and traffic to erode the highway verge opposite. The Clerk is asked to contact highways to seek remedy.

It had been reported to the Parish Council that works to the road frontage of a property in Pennygate had allegedly included a narrowing of the carriageway and the enclosure of part of the highway. It was noted that the Parish Council had no jurisdiction in such matters and that the Clerk should report the matter to the County Council as Highway Authority for their consideration and action / remedy.

#### New NWT signs at Barton Staithe and Gayes Staithe

Cllrs Neave and Edmunds confirmed that they had met representatives from NWT and had agreed location and nature of the new NWT signs that are to be provided. It was also confirmed that the NWT signs positioned on the banks of the River Ant entering Barton Broad were due to be renewed as well during the coming months.

### Speeding in the village

The question of excessive traffic speeds along roads within the Parish was also discussed, in particular Staithe Road, Hall Road and routes through Pennygate, together with possible courses of action. Namely requesting some formal police enforcement, the use of temporary speed activated signs (that are loaned by the Norfolk Safety Camera Partnership), local letter drop / item in the NIB and discussion with the boatyard (given most occurrences appear to be 'local' people or regular visitors to the staithe or Cox's Boatyard).

The use of the permissive paths along Hall Road, which offer a traffic free route for pedestrians was also discussed, noting that the pathway does not extend the whole length of Hall Road, is not well signed and as a result while used by local residents is not used by visitors walking between the public moorings and facilities in Neatishead.

Resolved to place item in the NIB and speak to Cox's Boatyard, and to explore the possibility of improving the signage and extent of the permissive path along Hall Road.

### Finance

No income received or payments made since the last meeting.

### Planning

BA/2018/0243 - Land adjacent The Old Rectory, Hall Road, Irstead - NOTED that planning permission for 9.5m of new quay headed had been granted by the Broads Authority.

BA/2018/0193 - Reserved matters (following outline application) for a replacement dwelling with outbuilding and alterations to existing converted barn, Irstead Manor, Hall Road, Irstead.

Resolved NO OBJECTION.

### Any Other Business

#### NIBCHG Remembrance events

Following the Council's previous decision to provide financial support to the NIBCHG's programme of remembrance events to celebrate the end of WW1 the Council had received a letter from the heritage group setting out that they would be very grateful to receive support towards the cost of providing refreshments during the 'Victory Afternoon Tea Party' on Remembrance Sunday. Resolved to delegate authority to the Chair to discuss and agree an appropriate contribution with the heritage group, but to report the matter back to the Council's October meeting if such contribution would be likely to exceed £50.

### Broadband

Noted that faster broadband speed now available in some parts of the parish, either via connections to exchanges in Horning or Smallburgh. While this is most welcome, and long overdue, it was also noted that many parts of the parish, including in particular large parts of Irstead remain a broadband 'not spot'.

### Boat waste - Gayes Staithe

It had been raised with Cllr Mendes that boat waste was being deposited in and adjacent to the 'Dog Waste' bin near to Gayes Staithe, following the removal of the Boat Waste refuse bins by the District Council. It was agreed it was a wholly disappointing matter, but there was little chance of getting the District Council to reverse their decision to remove the Boat Waste refuse bins. The fact that the Dog Waste bins were located near to Gayes Staithe was most probably a factor why people knowingly left refuse there, it was assumed they thought the people who emptied the Dog Waste bins would at least remove their 'illegally' placed waste as well. It was noted that the Dog Waste bin, together with two others within Neatishead, had been provided through kind donation of a local resident in Neatishead, and that they and a small band of volunteers emptied the bins and disposed of the waste. It was resolved that perhaps considering relocating the Dog Waste bin

further away from Gayes Staithe may reduce the incidences of Boat Waste being left in this area.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Black Shed.