

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Annual Council Meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present:** G Neave, T Edmunds, S Lamb, G Murrell, L Wall, newly elected Councillors Mark Oakden and Tom Dean. D Bradley (Parish Clerk).  
Parishioners Present: 3

**Apologies for absence** from B McGoun, D Thomas and PC Boardman.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman. Mr T Edmunds was proposed by G Neave and seconded by S Lamb. Mr T Edmunds accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Nominations were requested for Vice Chairperson. Mrs G Murrell was proposed by L Wall and seconded by S Lamb. Mrs Murrell accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mr Edmunds chaired the meeting and welcomed the new Councillors to the meeting. Thanks was given to Mr Turner for all his great service and encouragement to the Councillors, and for his committed help within the community.

**The Standing Orders** were reviewed, with Nos 15 and 16 being amended. Councillors approved and unanimously agreed that they should read:

15. Applications for planning approval received within 10 days of a scheduled meeting will be considered by Councillors at the Parish Council meeting.
16. If the next available Parish Council meeting falls outside the time requirement of the District Council/Broads Authority planning department, the reference of each application will be emailed to the Councillors and the majority view of no less than 4 Councillors will be sent by the Clerk before the due date.

The Clerk will send out up to date copies of the Standing Orders.

**Internal Audit arrangements** were discussed. Nobody had been approached so it was proposed that Mr Paul Read be contacted to undertake an internal audit, as he had helped out in previous years. All in favour.

**Appointment of officers for 2015/16:**

**Gay's Staithe Managers:** Mr G Neave was proposed by L Wall and seconded by G Murrell. Mark Pell was also a Manager. All in favour.

**Responsible Financial Officer:** Mrs D Bradley was proposed by G Murrell and seconded by S Lamb. All in favour.

**Cheque Signatories:** S Lamb, G Neave, D Bradley. All in favour.

**Barton Turf Charity Relief in Need:** Mrs G Murrell and S Lamb were proposed by L Wall and seconded by G Neave. All in favour.

The **Minutes of the last meeting** were taken as read by those who were in office, approved, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**Declarations of Councillors' interests:**

Mrs Lamb and Mr Oakden declared interests in their individual planning applications for Point Farm and Staithe way respectively.

**Matters Arising:**

**Parish Council and District Council elections 2015/16**

Mrs Barbara McGoun had been re-elected as North Norfolk District Council representative. The new Councillors were given an introduction to all the Councillors and Clerk, together with a brief description of the activities of the Parish Council and the associated Barton Turf Community Charities.

New Victory Hall update:

Mrs Lamb has left the New Victory Hall Committee, with the seat for Parish Council representative remaining vacant. This will be mentioned at a future Parish Council meeting, and S Lamb was thanked for attending and reporting back to the Parish Council. Mr Dean would like to see the vacancy filled soon. The Hall is going from strength to strength with 75% of the time already booked.

Highways update:

The Clerk had received a response from Mr Deane of Barton Hall Farms stating that the hedgerow would be cut once a year along Hall Road, and that a tree surgeon would inspect the trees along Dale Road. The Clerk had also written asking Mr Deane for the overgrowth on the bank half way down Mill Road to be cut, following two car accidents in the last twelve months. Although residents are aware of the dangers, visitors to the area appear less likely to slow down despite the hidden danger of oncoming traffic.

Mrs Murrell reported that the potholes in Irstead had been filled in on St Georges Day.

Paddy's Lane update:

The Broads Authority planned to rationalise spending on 24 hour public moorings along Paddy's Lane and to remove the boardwalk. They have now agreed that they intend to maintain the moorings and boardwalk.

Barton Turf Community Charities update:

The last meeting was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April when it was agreed that quotes would be sought for cleaning and painting the interior of the Black Shed and also for a hard area to be placed in front of the waste bin compound on the Staithe.

The village sign will be taken down for shotblasting and painting, and replaced in time for the May Bank Holiday. Posts are to be reinstated alongside the verge to prevent further erosion by vehicles.

NIBCHG update:

The next Open exhibition is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July at the New Victory Hall at 2.30pm.

**Correspondence received:**

Computershare on behalf of HM Treasury. The Redemption of 2.5% Consolidated Stock form was read, completed and signed by both Chairman and Clerk, approved by all Councillors. Total capital amount held by the Parish Council is £38.58.

Go Wild at Barton Turf Adventure Centre. A request was made for the Parish Council to obtain No Parking cones for the Go Wild event to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May. In the past, the Police have placed cones down Staithe Road, but this they will no longer do. Mr Edmunds obtained 9 cones at a cost of £9.00 each, hence the small number on the actual day. Following complaints about the small number, Mr Edmunds proposed that the Council ask both the Norfolk Punt Club and the Adventure Centre if they would be prepared to contribute money so that more cones can be purchased for the respective Regatta and future Go Wild events. Councillors were all in favour. The Clerk agreed to write to them.

**Finance:**

Payments made prior to the meeting:

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| R Carr – grasscutting Irstead Staithe 2015/16 | £200.00 | Cheque No. |
| 100710  |         |            |
| Indigo Waste – bottle bank collection         | £24.00  |            |
| 100711  |         |            |
| Parish Clerk 13 weeks' salary                 | £322.50 |            |
| 100713  |         |            |
| Clerk's Expenses                              | £38.06  |            |

J Turner (Tax re Clerk's salary) £80.60  
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First half of Precept from NNDC £2551.00

2014/15 Annual Audit is due in July 2015. The Council are to approve the Annual Return at the next meeting.

**Planning:**

PU/15/0541 Point Farm – change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse – No objections

PF/14/1421 Staitheway, erection of single storey side porch extensions and addition of pitched roof to detached garage.

PERMITTED.

BA/2015/0102/ADV Neatishead White Horse Pub Ltd – Erection of noticeboards on Gay's Staithe, Irstead Staithe and Barton Staithe (and Neatishead Staithe).

No objections.

LA/15/0531 Hayletts - Erection of rear porch No objections.

**Any Other Business.**

Following the death of ex District Councillor Mr Cyril Durrant, the Council proposed and agreed that the Clerk purchase a Sympathy card and send to Mrs Durrant on behalf of the Parish Council.

There being nothing further to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The next meeting is arranged for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm.