

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council Extraordinary virtual meeting, held on Tuesday 26th January 2021.

Present on screen: G Neave, J Fletcher, M Mills, D Dean, H McFadyen, S Maxwell and D Bradley as Clerk.

Also Present: NNDC representative - G Mancini-Boyle

The meeting was held:

1. To review the temporary closure of the Staithe car parks at Irstead, Gaye's Staithe and Barton Turf.

It was felt that the signs had been effective as there had been less visitors parking. There were still fishermen seen at all the staithes but it was not known how local they were.

The Chairman checked the Angling Trust rules which state fishing is to be kept LOCAL to the person's place of residence. The Government travel guidelines during lockdown state that travel should not be outside a person's village, town or city, other than for work and medical reasons.

The signs are to discourage visitors, in an endeavour to protect the residents within the parishes during the Covid19 pandemic.

The majority voted in favour for the signs to remain in place. This will be monitored again over the next two weeks.

2. To discuss and respond to the complaint received by email.

The Chairman spoke with the complainant who sent an email to the Council. An apology was sent on behalf of the Council on the basis of the email content, before the case was investigated. For future claims, the Clerk is to send a confirmation of receipt of complaint with the assurance that the Council will investigate and discuss the contents, rather than send an apology.

There currently is no Complaints Procedure in place, but a draft has been drawn up

which will be sent to the Councillors to check and discuss at the next meeting.

The Chairman stressed that it was important for each Councillor to identify themselves and explain why it was necessary to speak with any resident.

The Chairman agreed to send a further email to the complainants.

3. A note of resignation was received from Cllr Menges. The Chairman sent her an email saying how sorry he was to hear of her decision. He was very appreciative for all the work and support given to the Council during her role as Councillor.

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting.