

## Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council virtual meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Present: G Neave, M Mills, J Fletcher, S Maxwell, H McFadyen, A Wilton and D Bradley (Clerk).

Apologies from D Dean and G Mancini-Boyle (unable to join the meeting)

The minutes of the meeting held in November were circulated, and all agreed that it was a true record of the meeting.

Declarations of Councillors' interests: None declared

Matters Arising:

Wildlife East Group – A site meeting with representatives from the Group, Parish Council and Norfolk Wildlife Trust is to take place in the week to discuss work to be carried out by NWT.

BA 24 hour mooring lease update- The Council has advised Broads Authority that their latest offer is unacceptable.

Black Shed update – Information from the Surveyor is still awaited.

New Victory Hall update – All hirers are back using the hall, with the addition of one or two new ones.

Highways – Sam2 The sign has so far been set up in two locations in the village, with data showing no serious speeding problems taking place. The Council shares the sign with Neatishead Parish Council on alternate months.

Hedging on Smallburgh Road – Following a complaint from a resident Highways have been asked to check and deal with the overhanging hedge and new plants and posts at the top of Mill Road, which have exacerbated the erosion of the bank opposite.

Irstead Staithe lease – The newly drafted lease is awaited from the Poors Trust

Irstead Staithe grasscutting 2022-3 – The quotation has been received for £45 per cut which includes weeding gravel, strimming, hedge cutting, replacing posts. The Council duly approved and accepted.

Grasscutting quotations for Barton Common for 2022-3 – Only one written quotation was received and has been approved and accepted by the Council. The cost to cut the common will amount to £1296.00 plus VAT of £259.20. If and when flooding prevents cutting some areas, only costs would be for work completed.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June – Discussions are still taking place about possible events. The Clerk is to check Public Liability insurance for events which may not be

held on parish owned land. Barton Turf Community Charities have agreed a tree is to be planted on Barton Staithe, and discussions amongst residents are ongoing about a tree on Irstead Staithe.

Reports - No report was available from PC Gibbs.

NCC Cllr Price regularly updates all local Councils about Covid. The update for 18<sup>th</sup> January reads:

The total number of cases for North Norfolk is now 13,875, an increase of 156 since 17<sup>th</sup> and of 902 in the last week. The continuing good news is that the infection rate is now 204 per 100,000 compared to 714 yesterday and 1,145 last Tuesday. The 7 day average daily infection rate for those under the age of 60 is now 150 per day and for those over the age of 60 it is 48 per day. It is encouraging that we are now starting a second week of reducing figures and hopefully this pattern will continue. However, we should remember that the current figures are still very high. Please continue to take care, keep safe.

NNDC Cllr Mancini-Boyle had problems attending the meeting and sent his report: Thankfully cases of Omicron have fallen from 1500 down to 800 & hospitalisation is very low. Local Covid centres are being closed down due to the successful vaccine programme. Business grants are being processed around 3,500 company's eligible have been contacted and about 30% have responded to NNDC.

Correspondence received by email:

NNDC suspected planning control breaches – new web-based reporting portal for Parish Councils.

Finance:

The Council approved payments made since the last meeting in November of:

Creative Image (Irstead sign)	£30.00	Cheque No. 100890
C Barrett annual cost grasscutting Common	£1200.00	100891
Broadland First Responders	£200.00	100892
S Stone – Irstead grass cutting	£135.00	100893
New Victory Hall – meeting	£6.00	100894
Countrystyle – recycling Irstead	£25.20	100895
D Bradley 3 months' salary	£521.95	100896

Income received since last meeting :

Barton Turf Community Charities following internal report      £143.62

The Clerk asked the Council for approval of payment to Zurich Municipal of £592 for 2022-3. The Clerk was asked to enquire why there is an increase of 10% from last year's premium.

Payment made to First Responders – the Clerk advised that following a payment to Stalham & Smallburgh First Responders notification was received that a new name had been given to the group. The cheque (number 100889) to the above was cancelled and a further cheque for £200 was made to Broadland First Responders for which an acknowledgement had been received.

### Precept for 2022/23

The Clerk had provided figures to the Councillors. After discussion, Cllr Fletcher proposed an increase of 5% to £7,350, and was seconded by Cllr Neave. The increase is to assist with costs to be incurred by BTCC for work on the Black Shed and staithe. All voted in favour.

### Planning:

LA/21/3290 – Ikens Farm: installation of underground sewage treatment plant.

No objection by the Parish Council

BA/2021/0422 – Irstead Manor: Reinstate existing site access, replace timber field gate with metal and brick piers. Close existing access. Existing service entrance to be enhanced.

Approved by Broads Authority.

Wildwood, Hall Road: The planning application for the extension made in 2006 was granted and work began in 2009.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on 8th March at 7pm in the New Victory Hall.