

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2017

Present: G Murrells, G Neave, S Lamb, M Mills, M Oakden, D Bradley. T Edmunds entered 15 minutes late.

Apologies from: B McGoun, T Dean, A Bradnock

Declarations of Councillors' interests - None

In the absence of T Edmunds Mrs G Murrells as Deputy Chair chaired the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record and signed by the Deputy Chair.

Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall - Mrs Murrells reminded Councillors that the Big Community Breakfast is to be held on Saturday 14th January in aid of the Air Ambulance. A few tickets are still available for the Nick Crane Evening. The Committee reported they are very pleased with their new caretaker, Mr Mills.

NIBCHG - Mrs Murrells and Mrs Lamb represent the Parish Council on the Committee. As the group no longer obtains lottery funding Mrs Murrells asked the meeting if she should continue to represent and report to the Parish Council. Mr Neave proposed they both continue to represent the Parish Council, and update the Council on proposed events. Thanks were given to Mrs Murrells and Mrs Lamb for their work and commitment to the Group.

Highways - Mrs Murrells had been asked to report the deep pothole on Smallburgh Road and provided a photograph from a parishioner. The Clerk would report it as it was not obvious how deep it is when full of water.

Common Road - Mr Mills advised that a petition by residents on Common Road had been drawn up about two years ago requesting the name of Common Road be changed to The Common. The Parish Council was unaware of the petition and T Edmunds advised that the Parish Council has no authority regarding changing road names. The District Council deals with road names and the County Council with road numbers which are published to a body overseen by Ordnance Survey. It was unlikely that the Parish Council, if asked, would request the change from Common Road to The Common.

Blocked drain at junction of Hall Road and Staithe Road - a resident had attempted to unblock the drain/ditch. Despite requests to Norfolk County Highways work had not been completed. The Clerk was asked to chase Highways.

Queens 90th birthday medals - These had been handed out to the children and residents over 80 years of age within the villages of Irstead and Barton Turf. Some messages of thanks had been received.

BA Broads Local Plan 2017 Consultation - The Clerk reminded Councillors that this was still in progress and they should submit their comments online.

NNDC - new Planning application procedure. The meeting which the Parish Clerk had agreed to attend on 8th December was cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Better Broadband update - the Clerk had received notification that a cabinet is to be installed at the rear of the verge outside the Bowling Green to serve residents and

businesses within the surrounding area. The new cabinet is expected to be offering services within a year.

Finance:

2016/2017 Precept - Councillors agreed to increase the precept to £6,000 to cover costs of additional equipment for Clerk due to increasing on-line work and the new planning application procedure going forward.

Payments for approval:

Indigo Waste Ltd (bottle bank) No. 100753	Approved	£13.20	Cheque
Zurich Insurance Renewal Premium - Options given LTA 1 year and LTA 5 year £515.86.		£548.75, LTA 3 year £532.30	
Councillors agreed to enter LTA 5 year Term at £515.86. No. 100754	Approved.		Cheque

Planning:

PF/16/1295 - variation of condition 7 of planning permission ref: PF/15/1542 to use first floor of detached garage as hairdressing salon. This application has been withdrawn and no further action will be taken upon it by the District Council.

Any Other Business

Bus Shelter - Mr Mills advised he had cleaned out gutters and advised a few tiles had slipped in to the gutter. This would be looked at and dealt with by G Neave and M Mills.
NNDC Change of Ward boundaries - It is proposed to move Neatishead into the Hoveton Ward, but Mrs M McGoun will fight to keep the three villages of Neatishead, Barton Turf and Irstead together and in the same ward of St Benets.

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting, with the next meeting agreed on February 21st 2017.