

Minutes of Barton Turf & Irstead PC held on 6th September 2016

Present: T Edmunds, G Murrells, G Neave, S Lamb, L Wall, T Dean and M Oakden, and D Bradley Clerk

Apologies from B McGoun and PC Boardman

Declarations of Councillors' interests – None

Minutes of last meeting

A copy of the minutes had been circulated. The Council agreed they were a true record and were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall update – Mrs Murrells reported that works being carried out on the interior were running behind schedule. The Chairman had received an extract from the NVH accounts which confirmed that it was keeping solvent and how funds were being managed. To employ a caretaker at the Hall a request had been made to the two local Parish Councils, and to this Council to consider contributing £600 per annum. The Clerk had provided figures which confirmed there are sufficient funds for payment in the short term. However, after consideration, the Chairman proposed the Parish Council pay £600 per annum for the next three years, during which time the precept would be reviewed annually. The Council voted in favour, with one abstention.

NIBCHG – Mrs Murrells reminded Councillors that a Questionnaire was enclosed in NIB for completion and feedback. Displays would be held at the farmers market on 26th September.

Irstead environmental issue – Mrs Murrells reported that there was no update. The matter is in the hands of the property owners' insurance company and the environmental department. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

Highway issues – Numerous markings had been seen on the local roads but work was still awaited. Mr Neave asked for a request to be made to Highways to dig down deeper into the ditch opposite the village sign and to unblock the pipe within the ditch. The Chairman also asked the Clerk to request a site visit with Highways to discuss the Parish Partnership recommendations.

Queens' 90th birthday medals. The Clerk produced a list of residents over 80 years old in Irstead and Barton Turf. Councillors added a few extra and three needed to be checked by Mr Neave.

Handyman for small jobs – Following recommendations by Councillors, the Chairman agreed to speak to Mr Penstone-Smith and would report back at the next meeting.

Gay's staithe funds – Mr Neave reported that contributions to grasscutting had in the past been received from Hoseasons and Blakes boatyards. With the closure of both, the only possible costs to the Committee are for grasscutting which the Committee treasurer undertakes free of charge. Work on the track had been completed by the Broads Authority. Funds are being stockpiled for the benefit of residents in Irstead, Neatishead and Barton Turf. When a sufficient amount is raised, after seeking extra funding, the intention is to dredge the dyke out to provide moorings for residents of Irstead and Neatishead.

Correspondence received:

Norfolk CC Highways – notice of road closure in Pennygate. Following a point made by Mr Neave, the Clerk asked that future notices have a map of the affected site(s).

Finance:

Conclusion of audit – The Auditors Mazars had reported that the accounts for 2015/16 had been completed without fault, and without a fee to pay. Notices were to be placed on the website and local noticeboards.

Planning:

BA/2016/0200/OUT Irstead Manor – Replacement two and a half storey dwelling with outbuildings.
Granted

PF/16/1087 Berry Lodge – erection of workers dwelling to include insertion of roof lights, solar panels, and revised position of south roofslope window – No objections by Parish Council.

BA/2016/0001/TPO – Tree Preservation Order on land at Redwater House and Marsh House, Hall Road, Barton Turf – No comment/objections by Parish Council.

Any Other business

Irstead staithe - Mrs Murrells reported that Mr J Stone was going to replace 12 mooring posts due to lack of support from the Parish Council. Mr Edmunds agreed to see Mr Stone to discuss face to face.

Barton Hall trees – Mr Neave reported that another large branch had fallen from a tree growing on the Hall side of the road at the top of the common. This was the third time in recent months, and despite a request to Mr Deane at Barton Farms some six months ago to have a tree inspector on site, it was proposed to ask Highways Department if they could offer advice to the Parish Council and/or inspect the trees.

Resignation of Parish Councillor – Mrs Wall handed a sealed envelope to the Clerk in which was her letter of resignation as Councillor. She has been a Councillor for over 20 years and felt it was the right time to leave. Appreciation of her support and help to the Council, and to those in the community, was given by the Chairman, Clerk and Councillors.

There being nothing further to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting, with the next meeting arranged for 18th October at 7.30pm.