

Minutes of Barton turf & Irstead PC Meeting held on 2nd August 2016

Present: T Edmunds, G Murrells, S Lamb, L Wall, T Dean, M Oakden

Also present: Mrs B McGoun – NNDC representative

Parishioners present: 1

Apologies from G Neave and PC Boardman.

Minutes of last meeting had been distributed, all present agreed they were a true record and the Chairman signed the original copy.

Declarations of Councillors' interests – none

Matters Arising:

New Victory Hall update – Mrs Murrells advised that the ongoing repairs should be completed by 31st August. The Committee are still discussing the rate of hire for the hall. The Parish Council are asked to consider payment towards a salary for a caretaker for the Hall. It was agreed to look at the budget and to bring back to the next meeting.

NIBCHG – Currently a display is at the Neatishead radar station. The Group has requested if a small display can be placed on the noticeboard inside the Black Shed. The Parish Council were in agreement. The Clerk requested more details in order to enquire about insurance if a bigger display was to be available within an open and unmanned Black Shed.

Irstead environmental issue – Mrs McGoun reported that dye tests had been taken by the Environmental Health department, and the owners of the property had contacted their insurance company. Mrs McGoun was waiting a reply from the EHD but would not be earlier than 15th August.

Irstead Parish Noticeboard – Mrs Murrells had been reminded that the parish noticeboard had been requested in March. The Chairman advised that renewed signage was to be installed the same time as the new bin signage on all the parish staites.

Highway issues – three large deep holes near Gunns Corner required attention. Although these are within Smallburgh parish council boundaries the Clerk would contact Highways and at the same time request attention to an area outside Varwood Farmhouse. It was proposed that J Timewell (Norfolk County Council representative) is told that an extra cut of the grass verges is welcome, but would be asked if it is possible to have more frequent cuts?

Parish Partnership – The Chairman had sent in a bid for work to be considered for kerbing at the corner around the village sign, and for the area along Mill Road to be widened to prevent more accidents.

Queen's 90th birthday medals – The Clerk advised that only a handful had been given to local children, with no further requests from parents. A list was drawn up by the Chairman which amounted to around half the number of medals purchased. He proposed that all residents over the age of 80 might appreciate receiving one of the medals. The Council agreed, so a list would be drawn up and brought to the next meeting.

Correspondence circulated:

NNDC Electoral Review of ward boundaries – Mrs McGoun advised that the consultation was to reduce the number of wards down from 48 to 40, but it would not affect the local ward.

NNDC consultation – Devolution and Combined Authority to Government – Mrs McGoun advised that NNDC had unanimously voted against the combined authority.

Finance

Annual audit - The Clerk advised that the documents had been sent for audit and awaited their response. Notices of Electors' Rights to view the accounts had been placed on the notice boards.

Payments made since the last meeting:

C Barrett (grasscutting on common)	£544.00	Cheque no. 100742
Indigo Waste	£20.40	Cheque no. 100743
Mrs D Bradley (3 months' salary)	£325.88	Cheque no. 100744
T Edmunds – tax re Clerk's salary	£81.40	Cheque No. 100745

The Chairman informed the meeting that payment to the Clerk included back payment for the increase in salary from 1st to 25th April 2016.

Planning

None received.

Any Other Business

PCC representative

M Oakden informed the meeting that he had been nominated to represent the Parish Council at the Parochial Church Council. None of the Councillors, or the Clerk, had been notified as the Chairman had referred the representative without it being brought to the Council. Councillors who have been on PCCs for many years had never known of a PC rep for PCC meetings.

Gay's Staithe

Water tap - Mr Neave had requested that small jobs be given to a local handyman. A couple of local names were given to the meeting. The Chairman offered to make contact to discuss the work and rate if interested.

Funds - Mr Dean raised the question as to why such a large amount of funds was held in the account by Gay's Staithe Committee, but the Council representative was not present to respond.

Norfolk Constabulary report. - PC Boardman had sent a report to the Clerk which stated there had been no crimes reported between 10th May and 1st August.

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting was closed. The next meeting is to be held on September 6th at 7.30pm.