

**BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED**

**23rd January 2025 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present: Chair Walsh, Vice Chair Jones, Cllr Burns, Cllr Lee, Cllr Cross, Cllr Dobinson**

**Members of the public: Mr Steve Boddy**

**Charlotte Liversedge-Gell Parish Clerk**

<b>83 Apologies</b> - with approval for apologies	None
<b>84 Declaration of Interest</b> – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None declared
<b>85 Minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting held 28th November 2024 approved and signed
<b>86 Matters Arising</b>	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none
<b>87 Correspondence</b>	<p><b>87(i)</b> Jane Clayton emailed to confirm the Allotment Rent invoice paid in full for the year</p> <p><b>87(ii)</b> Email from the office of Rishi Sunak MP to ascertain if any Public events taking place this year that he may be able to attend. After discussion it was suggested the opening of the refurbished White Bridge could be a good event for him attend and combine a Mardis Club morning with it's opening so that he could attend both. Clerk to reply</p> <p><b>87(iii)</b> Power Cuts being experienced within the Parish – Cllr Cross contacted Northern Power as an individual to complain about the frustrating and frequent power cuts being experienced in and around Barton. It was suggested to send an email on behalf of the PC to register our concerns. VC Jones explained it may be linked to the weak circuit.</p> <p>The plan had been that when work was carried out at Scotch Corner roundabout, a new circuit would be installed. As there are Planning Applications for significant development in the area – including the Motorway Service Area (MSA) this could put even more strain on the weakened circuit and create more problems. Cllr Wool explained that it is not just due to the recent storms we have been experiencing – the problems with power have been ongoing for years.</p> <p>Clerk to send email to Northern Power and invite other local PC's to add their Council's to the complaint should they wish.</p>
<b>88 Public Participation</b>	Mr Boddy present to observe the meeting
<b>89 Planning</b>	<b>ZD24/00321/FULL</b> Planning Permission for Demolition of Conservatory and Construction of 3 Extensions and Conversion of Roof Space – GRANTED by NYC

<p><b>90 Long Bridge Repairs</b></p>	<p>Chair Walsh updated the PC that he met NYC Bridge Engineers with VC Jones and passed on all of the comments and concerns that had been raised by Parishioners and the Parish Council. These concerns were accepted by the Bridge Engineers and they explained that they are looking to paint the arches underneath the bridge, lay a new top surface, install new curbing and wooden fencing.</p> <p>NYC asked if the PC would be willing to paint the fencing – Chair Walsh confirmed that the PC would be happy to absorb that responsibility/cost.</p> <p>It is unknown at this point if the Lime Tree adjacent to the bridge will remain – the issue with it is that the wind is causing the tree to sway and this swaying motion levers down and has been creating movement with the bridge. Cllr Burns disagreed with this suggestion and would rather the Lime Tree stayed.</p> <p>NYC are discussing it with their arborists and will update the PC in due course - if it does have to be removed it will be replaced.</p> <p>Cllr Cross commented that if the Bridge repair is stringent to the tree being removed it would be the right compromise.</p> <p>Chair Walsh stated that the PC will not adopt the Bridge as had been previously suggested – after discussion it with the PC Insurers, they were very reluctant for the PC to take on the liability of the Bridge.</p> <p>Chair Walsh said that following the meeting he is optimistic and positive about the best outcome possible for the White Bridge which will be good news for the whole Village. We shall wait to see what budget is assigned for Bridge Works.</p>
<p><b>91 Half Moon Pub Sale/ACV</b></p>	<p>Cllr Cross gave an update to the PC around the sale of the Half Moon Pub. Following intervention from Punch Tavern owners (Forest) it is possible that the sale of the pub is going to fall through. They wish to add a 'Selling On' clause whereby if the pub is sold in the next 5 years then Forest want 50% of the profit – it is not unusual to have a Selling On clause in such a sale.</p> <p>Cllr Cross explained that the PC that they need to decide if they are going to resubmit the Asset of Community Value (ACV) application. It would be a new, separate application to the last under its own merit with more weight behind how and when the Community utilise the Pub as this was something NYC stated they needed further information/evidence on.</p> <p>Cllr Cross highlighted that the PC also needs to plan for the inevitable objections that will come from NYC. Chair Walsh asked if Rishi Sunak MP might write a letter in support to the ACV.</p> <p>Clerk to add this to the return letter regarding his potential visit. It was also noted that although Barton has the Village Institute for Community events, it is very busy and often fully booked so the Village does need the Half Moon to hold its own Pub/Village activities.</p> <p>Interests are in fact aligned as the added Selling on Clause if the pub is sold in five years coincides with the PC and Community wish for the Pub to remain exactly that.</p> <p>Cllr Cross is happy to progress with the application if we can tap</p>

	into local knowledge to quantify the objections and questions that NYC had with the previous attempt. Draft application will be drawn up by Cllr Cross for the PC to consider/input. Cllr Wool stated we need to do as much as we as a PC to protect the Half Moon.
<b>92 Motorway Service Area at Barton Lorry Park</b>	<p>Planning permission for the new Lorry Park at Barton was withdrawn shortly before a Strategic Planning Committee Meeting that was taking place for that and the proposed new Motorway Service Area (MSA). The Committee went on to approve the plans for the MSA. VC Jones suggested writing a letter to other PC's in the area voicing Barton PC concerns to the proposed MSA. This would be a large development.</p> <p>Cllr Wool asked if the MSA would still have HGV parking – it will but not as many as it currently does. This is a concern – as HGV's will still need places to park up to remain within their driving hours. VC Jones explained that there will be some provision for them at the proposed Catterick Service Area but the reduction at Barton is a concern as it is well used.</p> <p>Chair Walsh highlighted how there are other business that have entrances/access where the MSA will be.</p> <p>VC Jones to draft letter to neighbouring PC's with potential to invite to the next PC meeting to discuss in further detail.</p>
<b>93 Police &amp; Crime Update</b>	<p>7 Crimes in December:</p> <p>2 theft, 2 criminal damage, 1 obscene publication, 1 theft of a vehicle, 1 assault without injury</p>
<b>94 NYC Update</b>	Cllr report to follow next month
<b>95 Play Area Inspections</b>	Clerk has resubmitted grant Application for £20K to go towards new Play Area equipment. Process can take up to 12 weeks. Clerk will update in due course
<b>96 Financial Matters</b>	<p><b>96.1)</b> Salary Payment &amp; Accounts Payable  Clerk Salary £271.36, Grit Bin Refil NYC £90, CW Walkers Inv 24346 £592.80, DL10 Bathrooms &amp; Joinery Barley Signs metal legs purchase and install £160  Christmas Tree £94.00</p> <p><b>96.2)</b> To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance: £9614.19</p>
<b>97 Next Meeting</b>	To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 7pm held in the Village Hall