

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

25th July 2024 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chair Walsh, Vice Chair Jones, Cllr Burns, Cllr Wool, Cllr Lee, Cllr Cross

Parish Clerk: Charlotte Liversedge-Gell

27 Apologies - with approval for apologies	Cllr Dobinson
28 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None declared
29 Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held 27th June 2024 were approved and signed by Chair Walsh
30 Matters Arising	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none
31 Correspondence	<p>31.1) The PC request on 03/07/24 to NYC for the 30mph zone to be extended to the Playing Fields has been turned down 23/07/24. NYC explained that there has to be a certain level of development in depth in terms of houses, premises and accesses adjacent to the road in order that motorists can understand why the limit has been introduced and react accordingly and with specific request to this location it did not meet this criteria. Cllr Lee has requested a site visit with the Council to discuss the matter. If it is still turned down the request for a Footpath to be installed would be considered by the PC. Chair Walsh highlighted that this criteria isn't suitable for rural developments.</p> <p>31.2) Email received from the Charity Commission for the PC to create an account with them. Chair Walsh confirmed that his name is on the deed of the Village Hall Trust, Vice Chair Jones is a Custodian of the building within the Constitution of the Village Hall. The PC is not a Charity so it was agreed that an account did not need to be created.</p> <p>31.3) Email received from Parishioner regarding builders materials and tools being left on the Village Green at Kettle End. The materials and tools have been removed – this matter is resolved.</p>
32 Public Participation	No public present
33 Half Moon Pub	Cllr Cross gave an update on the Half Moon Pub and the PC's application for the Pub to gain Asset of Community Value (ACV) Good communications had been created with Mark Robson at NYC and there had been every indication that there would be a good outcome to the application. Towards the end of the Consultation period (8 weeks) NYC asked for more specific information in relation to the application – it needed to tell more of a story around how the Community will use the Pub. This request was made the night before the Council's decision meeting for the ACV application. An objection was also submitted from Punch Taverns.

	<p>Mr Robson recommended Cllr Cross withdraw the application for the ACV to allow the sale to proceed and to start the ACV process again after the sale has completed. Cllr Cross asked if this recommendation was being driven by the objections received from Punch Taverns, Mr Robson said it was not and that it was down to technicalities. The Application has been in for almost 8 weeks - the PC had been given one evening to provide this extra information before the decision meeting taking place. VC Jones asked why this need for extra data came apparent the night before the meeting following an 8 week consultation period. Chair Walsh asked if the decision meeting could be postponed for two weeks whilst we gather this information. Cllr Cross had been told the meeting could not be put back.</p> <p>Cllr Wool suggested the PC withdraw the application as the Half Moon is being sold to be used as a Pub and that if an application came through for it to be made into a residential building the PC could object at that point. Cllr Cross explained that the ACV would not hold up the sale.</p> <p>Chair Walsh suggested gathering the rest of the technical data that has been asked for regarding the ACV application and to resubmit the application. Cllr Cross and VC Jones to work together to gather this information on the Community use of the Pub with clubs and teams and Community events. Cllr Cross to contact NYC to state that the PC is gathering further evidence and that the application is not being withdrawn. The PC passed thanks onto Cllr Cross for all of his work towards attempting to achieve and Asset of Community Value for the Hal Moon Pub.</p> <p>The PC would like to note that the ACV does not affect the sale or future sales of the Pub nor does it affect the speed of any sale of the Pub. The PC is striving to get the best outcome for the Village – that is for the Pub to be sold for its intended use – as a Pub.</p>
<p>34 Planning</p>	<p>ZD24/00378/CLP PROPOSAL: Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed to Confirm that the First Floor of the Existing Garage Block on the South Side of the Site has all the Relevant Permissions to be used as a Bedroom, Annexed to the Main Dwelling LOCATION: Walton House Barton Kneeton Lane Middleton Tyas APPLICANT: Mr Coverdale No objections from the PC</p> <p>Variation of Condition No 1 Attached to Planning Permission 20/00489/FULL to Change Roof Type on Garage from a Pitched Roof to Flat Roof Location : 52 Silver Street. Decision notice - refused permission. Cllr Wool asked why the PC received this permission notice 24/07/24 when the letter is dated 14/05/2024. Clerk to enquire.</p>
<p>35 Police & Crime Update</p>	<p>June 2024 – 8 crimes. These covered Barton, Newton Morrell, Cleasby and Stapleton.</p>

	<p>1 x drug offence, 1 x sexual offence, 1 x theft, 1 x burglary, publication offence, 1 x assault without injury, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x cohesive/controlling behaviour</p> <p>There was a recent burglary on Marygate – outcome not known.</p>
<p>36 NYC Update</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">North Yorkshire Councillor’s Report July 2024</p> <p>North Yorkshire and York Combined Authority. A Combined Authority is where a group of councils work together across a larger area. The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has been created by the City of York Council and North Yorkshire Council. It is a legally recognised single body. Its role is to use some of the money and powers that up to now have been held by central government, and work with local leaders and communities to invest in ways that will help make York and North Yorkshire a better place to live, work and do business.</p> <p>The Mayor David Skaith is chair of the authority. Also, there will be two councillors from the City of York and two Councillors from North Yorkshire. The two North Yorkshire councillors are Carl Les who is leader of NYC, and Gareth Dadd who is deputy leader of NYC.</p> <p>The Chair of York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Business Committee also sits on the Committee. This is an advisory role and is a non-voting member.</p> <p>The role of the Mayor is to work alongside local leaders to create a long term vision, secure more money and be a strong voice and champion for the region. The Mayoral Investment Fund is worth £540 million over 30 years. Funding will be devolved from central government to the region. In addition to this the Police and Crime Commissioner’s functions will join the Combined Authority, which includes funding from the existing precept within council tax. Jo Coles has been appointed deputy Mayor with responsibility for policing, fire and crime.</p> <p>Richmond Area Constituency Committee. Each of the 7 Westminster Seats within the county has an Area Constituency Committee which is a North Yorkshire Council Committee on which the MP has a seat. The Committee deals with local issues and problems into which the MP can have a significant and helpful input.</p> <p>Two examples of problems which I have taken to the Richmond ACC are flooding in Melsonby village (about 4 years ago) to which a representative from Northumbrian Water was despatched. Also, litter up the A66, especially ‘the tunnel of shame’. Amanda Dyson, then head of Street Scene at RDC attended and although we didn’t get the total litter pick we wanted because it can only be done when the road is either closed or at least cordoned off to protect the workforce, significant progress was made.</p> <p>We now have a situation where 2 constituencies in the county are no longer blue following the recent elections ie. Scarborough and Harrogate, but the leader of the Council has made it absolutely</p>

clear that we will work in close harmony with the new MPs to achieve the best we possibly can for residents of North Yorkshire. The same applies to the Mayoral Authority.

Home to School Transport.

A complete review of home to school transport has taken place this year together with a public consultation. The law requires the local authority to arrange free home to school transport for children to their nearest suitable school.

The changes that we are proposing will come into effect in September 2025 and won't effect children already in the system. Under the new rules, funding will be available for children only from home to the nearest suitable school. At present, the funding the county is providing does not state nearest school, but rather the school of choice.

There are a number of important points to make regarding these changes.

- 1) These changes are being implemented in order to save money. The saving is estimated to be £4.2 million per annum.
- 2) If these changes are implemented then it will simply bring North Yorkshire in line with the policy being implemented by most other authorities throughout the country.
- 3) If we don't implement these savings then we will be faced with the stark choice of withdrawing front line services. This may well mean closing reception classes in certain schools. Not a pleasant position to be in.

Questions have been raised regarding various schools including Richmond. Are they going to face a fall in numbers which could potentially cause them damage? What about children on the county boundary?

At present, for every child who goes across the border to a school in the neighbouring county, two come across the border to North Yorkshire schools.

I also wish to point out that the present proposed changes to transport between the Middleton Tyas and Eppleby School sites are not part of the homes to school to transport proposals. I have tried to find out from Middleton Tyas School where they are with the changes which may or may not occur in terms of pupils' transport between the sites, but despite parents approaching me, information has not been forthcoming from the school.

Planning Matters and Scotch Corner.

The planning committee for our area ie. the area covered by the Richmond and Northallerton political constituency, excluding the national parks area who have their own planning committee, is there to determine more controversial applications or ones where the councillor in whose division an application lies, considers it to be divisive or not in keeping with the surroundings etc.

However, whilst more may be revealed on Wednesday in the King's Speech, from what has been stated historically by the government when in opposition, planning committees are unlikely

	<p>to survive. I sit on the Richmond Committee and consider it to be a good scrutinising committee with authority to overturn officer's recommendations where considered appropriate.</p> <p>Whilst I do not wish to use this report for political purposes, given the agenda of the new government in terms of house building and encouraging the expansion of building not only into brown field sites, but green field sites too, the many including myself who have put so much effort into 'protecting' the area around Scotch Corner and immediately to the south, may find that we have no avenue to go down to have applications refused or subject to a review. My gut reaction is that it looks as though the concreting over of the countryside could well happen at an early stage around Scotch Corner.</p>
<p>37 Play Area Inspections</p>	<p>Chair Walsh reported that the Play Area is in good working order. Repairs to the Seesaw have been successful. The beam on the climber has come loose; Chair Walsh will repair with genuine parts. Minimal litter/bottles to collect – Chair Walsh will formalise the Play Area monthly checklist.</p> <p>Clerk has started funding application from the Lottery Community Funding and is working with Chair Walsh to attempt to secure funding for further developments within the Play Area.</p>
<p>38 Financial Matters</p>	<p>38.1) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable Clerk £271.36 salary CE & CM Walkers £592.80 Invoice 24146 grass cutting</p> <p>38.2) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance £6228* awaiting statement</p> <p>Chair Walsh explained there will be an invoice from Rob Skelton for the removal of a limb from the lime tree.</p> <p>Chair Walsh has walked around with Walkers grass cutters to ensure that what the PC are paying to be cut is actually being cut.</p> <p>Cllr Lee highlighted that Waterfall Tce needs the grass cutting as it is overgrown an impassable again. Cllr Wool asked if the PC grass cutting contractors could do the cut. Chair Walsh explained a rough cutter would be needed – this is different to the cutters that Walkers use. Ideally it needs to be resolved with NYC highways at it is their remit to carry out the cutting. If the PC overstep the mark and cut it then the financial liability will lie with the PC for all future cutting. Chair Walsh will write another letter to NYC requesting it be cut asap.</p> <p>Meeting Close 8.10pm</p>
<p>39 Next Meeting</p>	<p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 7pm held in the Village Hall</p>