

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

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

**29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Charlotte Liversedge-Gell Parish Clerk**

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| <b>01 Apologies</b> - with approval for apologies  | Cllr Burns, Cllr Thompson   |
| <b>02 Declaration of Interest</b> – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation | None declared   |
| <b>03 Minutes</b>  | The minutes of the meeting held 24th April 2025 were approved and signed  |
| <b>04 Matters Arising</b>  | Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none  |
| <b>05 Correspondence</b>   | <p><b>05(i)</b> 22 Kettle End – email received with reference to the Village Green not being cut outside this property. Chair Walsh confirmed it has now been cut back in keeping with the rest of the Village Green.</p> <p><b>05(ii)</b> Parish Council insurance renewal received from Zurich for £1938.35. This is up from £1863.50 in the previous year. VC Jones commented it is a small increase on the amount we pay. Renewal was agreed</p> <p><b>05(iii)</b> The Rivers Trust has been in touch informing us that Flow Monitors have been installed on the Beck. The plans for the proposed outdoor nature studies and natural science site/pond on the plot opposite the school were also discussed. These have been forwarded to the Rivers Trust and they are keen to discuss in greater detail. Cllr Dobinson happy for them to contact her. Cllr Dobinson also explained her Father had paid for the plans to be drawn up/printed – the cost of which shall be passed to the Clerk. VC Jones asked if this project was linked to the school, Cllr Dobinson confirmed that it was but the teacher involved has since left. The Allotment Committee and School are both keen to help should the project get up and running.<br/>Clerk to circulate plans to the rest of the PC.</p> <p><b>05(iv)</b> Traffic Survey emails were received from NYC about upcoming surveys being carried out within the Village. Clerk circulated to PC and they were kindly circulated on the Barton Village email network</p> <p><b>05(v)</b> Feedback received that the hedge at the School was impeding pedestrians. Chair Walsh wrote to the School who informed him their Estate dept were looking into it.</p> <p><b>05(vi)</b> Cllr Lee is able to obtain traffic data from the Matrix Boards but needs to access the boards to turn a switch to be able to gather the data. This is wo be arranged.</p> |
| <b>06 Public Participation</b>   | No members of the public present.   |

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| <b>07 Relocation of the Listening Bench</b> | <p>The bench has now been relocated and is in position on the grass island before waterfall Terrace. The PC is looking to install plaques on the bench with numbers/contacts for people who may need help/someone to talk to. Cllr Wool suggested a QR code that linked to a document with all of the numbers on. Chair Walsh was concerned the plaques may become over crowded/lose the original message we want to get across.</p> <p>Clerk to send plaque wordings and quotes to PC</p>  |
| <b>08 Planning</b>                          | No planning applications received   |
| <b>09 Waterfall Terrace</b>                 | <p>Discuss the overgrown vegetation at Waterfall Terrace – Chair Walsh reported the issue to NYC Highways. It was discussed that the PC could get our grass cutting contractors to cut it or we rely on NYC and this would only happen twice a year. It had been cut back at the time of the meeting. Cllr Lee asked on behalf of a Parishioner if the hedge is to be cut as well.</p> <p>Chair Walsh asked if there were regulations as to when hedges can be cut – Cllr Lee had researched this and informed the PC that if the hedge is blocking a public footpath, it can be cut at any time. The field is owned by E. Hall but it leased out, Cllr Lee to contact Mr Hall to see if he or the field tenant plans on cutting the hedge. Chair Walsh is to ask Walkers for a quote to possibly add the verge to their current Village Green schedule.</p> <p>Clerk to write to NYC regarding the verge to ask if they would consider cutting the verge more frequently or would they reimburse the PC/give extra funding should we undertake the work.</p> |
| <b>10 Police &amp; Crime Update</b>         | <p>Two crimes within the Parish:</p> <p>1 x assault with injury</p> <p>1 x assault without injury</p>   |
| <b>11 NYC Update</b>                        | Cllr Thompson sent his apologies  |
| <b>12 Play Area Inspections</b>             | <p>The Parish Council are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant of just over £19,000 to go towards improvements at the Play Area. The grant is a National Lottery Community Fund which enables us to install a sports wall and all weather surface in the playpark.</p> <p>The works will take one week but we don't expect the park to be closed during the works but that area will be inaccessible.</p> <p>Cllr Dobinson noted that one of the picnic benches was starting to lift and did they need treating. Chair Walsh stated he will have a look to repair it.</p>  |
| <b>13 Half Moon Pub ACV Update</b>          | <p>Cllr Cross spoke to the PC to provide and update on the Half Moon Asset for Community Value (ACV) application.</p> <p>The second application is almost complete which will be circulated</p>   |

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|                             | <p>to the PC. There is a lot of written and photo evidence collated to be included with the document. Events, quiz night, duck race, leek club and so forth – all evidence of the way the pub is being used by the Community.</p> <p>The specific concern/objection received from Punch Taverns with the first application has been addressed.</p> <p>It has been very useful to use the evidence from the Village email network as this highlights all of the Community inspired events that take part at the Half Moon. Chair Walsh noted that the Clerk address needs changing on the application.</p> <p>Cllr Lee noted that a lot of effort has been put into the document and thanks Cllr Cross for this effort and time.</p> <p>The PC is to add their input to the document to assist with the application and it can then be submitted via the Clerk.</p> |
| <b>14 Financial Matters</b> | <p><b>14.1)</b> Salary Payment &amp; Accounts Payable</p> <p><b>14.1)(i)</b> Clerk Salary £271.36, Walkers £624 ref invoice 25410, Zurich Insurance £1938.36, NYC Rent £100</p> <p><b>14.2)</b> Bank Balance £26935.64</p>   |
| <b>15 Next Meeting</b>      | <p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 26th June 2025 at 7pm held in the Village Hall</p>  |