

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD 26th October 2023 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

Present; Cllr Jones, Cllr Burn, Cllr Wool, Cllr Thorogood, Charlotte Liversedge-Gell - Parish Clerk

County Councillor Angus Thompson. Members of the public Mr Frank Walsh

133 Appoint a Chairman	Appointed Cllr Thorogood as Chair. Cllr Thorogood explained he will be standing down as Parish Councillor following the November 2023 meeting
134 Appoint a Vice-Chairman	Appointed Cllr Jones as Vice-Chair
135 Apologies - with approval for apologies	Cllr Dobinson - illness
136 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None
137 Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held 28 th September 2023 approved and signed by the Chair
138 Matters Arising	138 (i) The Tree Survey works were discussed by the PC following a review of the cashflow for this Financial Year. It was agreed to go ahead with the suggested works. Clerk to inform Oliver Tree Services
139 Correspondence	139 (i) BT & NYC Phone box removal consultation. A consultation is taking place for the removal of several phone boxes within Richmondshire. The PC voted against the removal of the Barton Village Phone Box. Clerk to inform NYC
140 Public Participation	None
141 Planning	ZD23/00541/VAR Change of roof type from pitched to flat at 52 Silver Street. No objections
142 Police & Crime Update	Crime Reports received from North Yorkshire Police are summarised below: September: 4 crimes. 2 x violence against a person, 1 x public order offences, 1 x sexual offence. Chair Thorogood commented that crime in general seems to be on the increase. Cllr Wool explained how he had been called by a Parishioner who was concerned about a cold caller who had been harassing the resident for coffee/money. The cold caller had left and then came back. It was in a remote part of the Village and the Parishioner was rightly very concerned. Cllr Wool was also concerned and drove to check that she was safe. Chair Thorogood commented this could be dangerous when dealing with some of the people that are cold calling and raised the question of whether

	<p>there was a Village Response group for these kinds of situations and that it may be worth creating a Neighbourhood Watch/Plan. The Village as a whole are still being affected by Cold Callers despite it being a no Cold Caller Zone. There is some frustration at the responses from North Yorkshire Police when these scenarios arise.</p> <p>Mr Walsh commented on a survey that he took part in for the appt of the new Chief Constable and what the public thought their priorities should be. Visible Policing was at the top – due to the lack of physical presence of the Police. Cllr Jones commented he can arrange further updates on the Village email network regarding Cold Calling. The PC thanked Cllr Wool for attending. Clerk to Contact NYC to arrange attendance at a future PC meeting to address some of these issues.</p>
<p>143 NYCC Update</p>	<p>County Cllr Thompson attended the meeting The Lorry Park at Barton Interchange was discussed. MOTO's preferred option is to leave Barton Services as a Lorry Park but to submit Planning Permission to demolish and rebuild. It was agreed that it is untidy as it stands. This development depends on the outcome of the other Planning Applications that are ongoing for Scotch Corner. Barton Lorry Park cannot be developed into a full services as it has shared access with another business. Cllr Thompson has complained to MOTO about the litter created from the Lorry Park, a litter picker goes out twice a week but it is not enough. Cllr Wool also commented that some lorries park overnight in the Village as they don't want to pay the fees at the lorry park.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson also explained about how the plans at Scotch Corner will have a detrimental effect to Barton. New plans to be submitted to NYC on 15th November earmarks it as a growth area. Cllr Thompson is on the Planning Committee for it. The PC is encouraged to write to Carl Les – the Leader of the Council, about the lack of consultation around the plans and the absence of strategic thought to the infrastructure of all of the proposed developments.</p> <p>The round-a-bout will not be able to cope at certain times and there has been no decision from National Highways around what they propose to do about the round-a-bout. The latest suggestion has been for 3 lanes but how this would be achieved is unknown. Chair Thorogood agreed that long-term planning hasn't been incorporated or taken into account.</p> <p>Clerk to write letter with PC approval and send to Carl Les</p>
<p>144 Play Area Inspections</p>	<p>Mr Walsh has carried out some investigations into costs for repairs to the Play Area. Quote of £380 to fix the timber blocks on the climbing frame. Mr Walsh explained that composite blocks will be used to prevent them rotting in the future as they will not rot, split, twist or splinter. Street Scene are doing some of the work</p>

	<p>free of charge. This has been arranged via Mr Walsh – the PC passed on their thanks for his continued invaluable work. Parish Council agreed to the £380 quote for the climbing frame.</p>
<p>145 Precept 2023/24</p>	<p>Precept for 2024/25 was discussed. Chair Thorogood circulated cashflow that had been and Asset Register. Things highlighted included Ivy needing to be removed from the bus shelter, noticeboards at the bus shelter and St Cuthberts removed as not fit for purpose. The board at the Village Hall is in a state of disrepair and needs refurbishment. Mr Walsh reminded the PC of Cllr Thompsons Locality Budget that could possibly go towards the noticeboard and that most Villages only have one noticeboard.</p> <p>Mr Walsh informed the PC he has put flowers into the stone trough. Chair Thorogood suggested a forward programme of one Village bench a year being maintained to prevent damage to them. Marygate bench needs repairing or removing – Mr Walsh explained this is an old District Council bench.</p> <p>The second defib has been installed and is now an Asset – it will need new pads every two years along with a replacement battery every 5 years. These costs also need to be added to the forecast.</p> <p>VAT has not been claimed for the previous two years – Clerk to arrange as these funds are to be accounted in the cash flow.</p> <p>Cllr Jones agreed with the work that Chair Thorogood has produced on the cashflow and Asset Register. Mr Walsh highlighted that contingency needs to be considered along with what legal duties the PC has to fulfil. It's within these areas the Parish Council cannot under estimate the funding that is required for the following Financial Year.</p> <p>Mr Walsh and Chair Thorogood agreed that in the future funds should be compartmentalised to start building a contingency fund. 10% or 15% uplift on last years Precept plus a £1000 contingency was suggested. The Parish Council are conscious of the financial pressures on everyone at the moment so it is important to forecast ahead by using the Asset Register and forecast outgoings for the next five years.</p> <p>PC to consider these figures and make a decision at the November meeting.</p>
<p>146 Haulage Depot</p>	<p>Barton Parish Council have sold a piece of land that crosses the Village Green at the entrance to the upcoming development where the Haulage Depot stands. It has been de-registered as Village Green and sold for £2000. The £2000 was for the de-registered part of the Village Green.</p> <p>The remaining part will stay classed as Village Green – it has been legally guaranteed that this will remain as Village Green.</p>

	<p>Full paper and email-trail will be backed up for archive purposes. The Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Thorogood for all of the effort and work that has been levied towards this project.</p>
147) Financial Matters	<p>147.1) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable £241.97 Clerk Salary for October & £10 Village Hall key cutting £564 CE & CM Walker grass cutting services £500 E Hall Allotment Ground Rent Income £1000 allotment rents 147.2) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance – Balance £6549.53</p>
132) Next Meeting	<p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 30th November 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend</p> <p>MEETING CLOSED 8.25pm</p>