

## BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

31st October 2024 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

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

Members of the Public: Ms Allan and prospective buyers of 25 Kettle End

Charlotte Liversedge-Gell Parish Clerk

<b>54 Apologies</b> - with approval for apologies	Cllr Dobinson – work commitments
<b>55 Declaration of Interest</b> – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None declared
<b>56 Minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting held 27th September 2024 approved and signed by the Chair
<b>57 Matters Arising</b>	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none
<b>58 Correspondence</b>	<p><b>58(i)</b> 25 Kettle End – correspondence received regarding access to the property over land that is Village Green. The land is a good leasehold title that was granted in 1966 for a term of 99 years. The property is being sold and as there are only 41 years remaining on the term of the lease, the Parish Council were asked whether they would be willing to enter into a Deed of Variation to extend the terms of the lease. Chair Walsh explained that the PC would need to refer the matter to the Common Land Governing Body. In 1977 all Parish Councils were given the opportunity to register green spaces – this then effectively took authority away from the PC to grant access/extensions of leases across any areas that are listed as Village Green. An example of this was when the PC requested that a footpath be put to the Chapel door at the Church for ease of access into the Church. This meant having access over the Village Green and it was not granted.</p> <p>With regards to 25 Kettle End the PC would grant a lease extension/lease of easement and want to support the access to the property and the sale but need to ensure their actions are legal.</p> <p>Ms Allan has a copy of the current leasehold certificate and will forward it onto the PC. Cllr Cross suggested indemnity insurance for the access; Ms Allan confirmed that their Solicitor had already told them that indemnity insurance would not be suitable in this instance.</p> <p><b>58(ii)</b> Marygate Bridge – PC received contact from NYC regarding the footbridge over Barton Beck at Marygate. The Bridge in a state of disrepair and in urgent need of refurbishment. The Bridge is owned by NYC and not the PC. The PC has contacted NYC on numerous occasions about the need for work to be done, particularly to the railings and footpath. A NYC County Bridge Engineer advised the PC that work will commence on the Long</p>

	<p>Bridge in March 2025. This will involve removing the existing timber rails and replacing them with metal railings. The engineer has a brief to carry out works which will address safety concerns whilst significantly reducing ongoing maintenance costs and maintaining an appropriate aesthetic appearance. The PC is unable to adopt the bridge. The costs relating to refurbishment, repairs and ongoing maintenance, as well as public liabilities, would run into many thousands of pounds over the years. Such sums could only be raised through a significant rise in the village precept, which would place a considerable annual cost burden on every household. The Parish Council appreciates that these proposed changes to the bridge as we know it may come as a concern to some residents but NYC priority is to maintain a safe walkway within the cost constraints it has to manage across all services. Furthermore, the engineer's stated aim is to undertake a sympathetic restoration which will stand the test of time and keep the village looking smart for many years to come. If you would like to discuss the future plans for the Bridge everyone is welcome to attend the next PC meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 7pm at the Village Hall.</p> <p><b>58(iii)</b> Norman Hughes contacted the PC about the Village Christmas Tree. He has a field of Nordmann Fir trees near Richmond that are selling for £6/ft. The PC agreed that this was more cost effective than the current supplier. Clerk to request a 12-14 foot tree be reserved. Cllr Wool confirmed Rob Skelton can put it up for the PC</p> <p><b>58(iv)</b> Cllr Lee updated the PC on the property that is being renovated on St Cuthbert's Green. The Housing Group who is responsible for the property have said that it should be available for new residents by December.</p> <p><b>28(v)</b> Half Moon Pub Asset Community Value Application. NYC confirmed they had received the email from Barton PC regarding the rejected ACV nomination and queries that the PC had regarding this decision. Due to work commitments NYC had a delay in response but this would be addressed by mid-November. Clerk to update on receipt of further correspondence from NYC on the matter.</p>
<b>59 Public Participation</b>	This was covered in item <b>58(i)</b> 25 Kettle End
<b>60 Planning</b>	<p>To consider the planning applications within Barton Parish <b>21/00419/FULL</b> Full planning permission for extension to existing fuel filling station to form new amenity building together with a revised parking layout and other associated works including provision of new and altered access arrangements with the A6055 - revised description, submission of a Design and Access Statement and updated ownership form (documents added to the Case File on the 17.10.24) at Barton Motorway Truck Stop Junction 56 A1(M)BartonDL10 6NA – AMENDED</p>

	<p><b>22/00479/OUT</b> Outline Planning Permission with all Matters Reserved apart from Access for the Construction of a Motorway Service Area Comprised of an Amenity Building; Petrol Filling Station; Drive-Thru Coffee Shop; Parking Facilities; Internal Access Roads; Services Areas and Other Associated Facilities Including Landscaping and Amenity Areas with a New Roundabout Junction and Other Highway Works on the A6055 (documents added to case file on 17/10/2024) at Barton Motorway Truck Stop Junction 56 A1(M)BartonDL10 6NA - AMENDED</p>
<p><b>61 Police &amp; Crime Update</b></p>	<p>No crimes within Barton Parish in September 2024</p>
<p><b>62 NYC Update</b></p>	<p>Cllr Thompson attended the meeting and explained that the Planning Applications listed above will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee at County Hall in December along with the Planning Application for the Motorway Services at Catterick. Chair Walsh commented it would be preferable to have purpose built and managed facilities rather than what is currently at Barton Lorry Park. Cllr Cross agreed to seeing no reason to object. Cllr Wool asked where does the proposed round-a-bout feature in the plans. VC Jones explained that the current plans show that the round-a-bout is pushed into the actual service area and the road remains flush adjacent to the Lorry Park. Cllr Thompson explained that the two Planning Applications to be considered are either for the Lorry Park OR the Motorway Services – they can't both be granted.</p> <p>Chair Walsh proposed to indicate PC support for the Lorry Park. VC Jones seconded. Chair Walsh commented that if the Lorry Park went ahead we would have a firm point of contact for litter issues around that area. Cllr Thompson explained he had a meeting last year with Moto to stress that Communities were not to be expected to deal with the rubbish and mess left as a result of the Lorry Park.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson explained to the PC that the Boundary Commission are currently working within the Region. There are currently 6500 electorates in Cllr Thompsons remit which is above what it should be so some areas are being reassigned. This will not affect Barton. Cllr Wool asked if this would affect Cllr Thompsons involvement in the A66 dualling – Cllr Thompson confirmed that he does not know at present.</p> <p>Cllr Thompson addressed the home to school transport situation. This is a huge expense for NYC that is increasing unsustainably. In 2019 the bill was £19m, this year it is £51m. NYC will now pay for children to attend their nearest suitable school – this will save £4m a year.</p>

	<p>Cllr Thompson spoke about Planning and the difficulties that have been faced due to a National shortage of Planning Officers. Agency staff have been used – at a greater cost to NYC. Shared Services have been used since the creation of the Unitary Council but staff shortages within this area has created issues for NYC.</p> <p>The PC thanked Cllr Thompson for his contribution towards the new Noticeboard from his County Budget. This is a £10,000/annum budget for Community Projects that is available.</p> <p>Cllr Cross asked Cllr Thompson his thoughts on the new Government ambition to build more houses and how would this affect Planning. Cllr Thompson told the PC that NYC had to build 1100 house per annum; this has now been increased to 4300. Cllr Cross explained how Planning had been approved for housing in Barton but no building has started.</p> <p>Cllr Lee asked if there had been an update on Scotch Corner Retail Park. Cllr Thompson spoke to the developer three months ago and they stated they had experience financial difficulties but they had received further financial backing and were meant to be starting building again 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – but there has been no movement yet.</p> <p>Cllr Wool highlighted to the PC issues that some residents had had with Arriva buses being full by the time they reached Barton on a morning so children weren't able to get on the bus to school. Residents are concerned as they have paid for an Annual Bus Pass but were not able to access the services. Cllr Wool spoke to Aviva and it seems to have improved as Arriva have been sending double decker buses rather than single. This shall be monitored.</p> <p>The PC thanks Cllr Thompson for his time taken to attend the Parish Council Meeting.</p>
<p><b>63 Play Area Inspections</b></p>	<p>Annual Inspection of the Play Area has taken place by an independent company. The Play Area passed and is in good condition. Points to consider for the future are that stones are coming through the floor surface at the goal mouth. Cllr Wool asked about the tarmac coming up by the gate. Chair Walsh confirmed it would be very costly to repair and that as this was an advisory on the inspection – it was deemed an acceptable risk.</p>
<p><b>64 Lottery Funding Application</b></p>	<p>Lottery Funding has been applied for up to £21,000 to install a Sports Wall and all weather surface within the Play Area. Clerk to pass on any update when it is received.</p>
<p><b>65 Barton Village Signs</b></p>	<p>Barton Village signs replacement – There are 'Barley Town' signs at the entrances to the Village were purchased thanks to funding received in 2000. Chair Walsh highlighted that these signs have</p>

	now started to rot away and that he has asked DL10 Bathrooms & Joinery if it will be possible to mount the signs onto a metal frame or legs and to provide a quote for the works
<b>66 Village Hall Path</b>	Village Hall tarmac path repair – Cllr Wool confirmed that Cllr Dobinson is liaising with the Village Hall about the repairs. Chair Walsh to speak to the VHC and Cllr Dobinson to establish the next steps.
<b>67 Financial Matters</b>	67.1) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable - £271.36 Clerk Salary & £4.25 stamps £300 Tyne & Wear Play Ltd - Play Area Annual Inspection £1300 DL10 Bathrooms & Joinery – new noticeboard £790.80 CE Walkers – grass cutting 67.2) Current bank balance £9823.32cr
<b>68 Next Meeting</b>	To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 28th November 2024 at 7pm held in the Village Hall