

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD 28th September 2023 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

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

116 Appoint a Chairman	Appointed Cllr Thorogood as Chair
117 Appoint a Vice-Chairman	Appointed Cllr Jones as Vice-Chair – Cllr Jones led the meeting
118 Apologies - with approval for apologies	Cllr Thorogood – holiday Cllr Thompson - holiday
119 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None
120 Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held 27th July 2023 approved and signed by the Chair
121 Matters Arising	None
122 Planning	<p>The Parish Council were joined by Steve Hill who address the PC on behalf of the Strategic Review of Scotch Corner. Please see his report below:</p> <p>THE CASE FOR A STRATEGIC REVIEW OF SCOTCH CORNER DEVELOPMENTS</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me to address the committee. I represent a group of residents from Middleton Tyas and surrounding villages, who have growing concern about the lack of a strategic plan covering the many developments around Scotch Corner, and the piecemeal approach to processing planning applications.</p> <p>At busy times, Scotch Corner roundabout becomes grid-locked causing major traffic delays, and the forecast 4m footfall per year for the approved Designer Outlet Village (DOV) and Garden Centre will make the situation significantly worse. In May, the NYCC planning committee approved the creation of a 37 unit warehousing and distribution facility on the former caravan park, which will increase the number of vans and HGVs entering the roundabout.</p> <p>There are plans to create 4 fast food drive thru restaurants at Scotch Corner, another petrol station, an amenity centre, expansion of the DOV by 50%, a film TV unit, and a Rolls Royce advanced engineering facility. Add to this, the A66 upgrade scheduled to start in 2024 with a forecast increase in traffic of 35% travelling between Scotch Corner and Penrith.</p> <p>If all these developments gain approval, the largely agricultural and rural landscape will be destroyed, there will be an increase in noise and pollution, and the Scotch Corner roundabout will become overwhelmed and have a major impact on both local residents as well as travellers on the strategic highway network.</p>

Currently, there is no process in place to examine the holistic impact on the area of each of the planning applications in the pipeline.

The plans to create a Motorway Service Area (MSA) at J52 of the A1 at Catterick is directly related to the development plans at Scotch Corner. If this proceeds, why would there need to be all the planned fast food outlets 5 miles North?

Additionally, the DOV plans to offer 27 cafes and restaurants to customers making nearby fast food outlets less viable. A crucial issue for all the proposed facilities at Scotch Corner is the recruitment of employees, as the Richmond area currently enjoys full employment and retail shops are having problems obtaining staff. The DOV alone needs to attract over 1000 employees. This means attracting employees from further afield, such as Darlington, which then increases the numbers travelling by car putting further pressure on the roundabout.

Aligned with this is the need to provide adequate public transport, and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.

All these factors generate the need for a strategic assessment of the impact of all current applications together with those approved but not yet in operation.

This should focus on the transport problems associated with Scotch Corner roundabout, public transport, employee recruitment, an assessment of the local retail market and the effects of creating new facilities on local towns, plus the impact on the landscape and environment. Whilst this strategic assessment is taking place, a hold should be placed on all current applications affecting Scotch Corner. This will also allow an accurate assessment of the impact of the DOV on traffic flow around Scotch Corner.

Cllr Burn raised concerns about litter that would be created if the MacDonald's Drive thru went ahead. Cllr Dobinson raised the issue that there is already a need to detour through Melsonby/Gilling West when the traffic on the Scotch Corner round about gets backed up due to many factors. It was also commented that there would be major engineering works being undertaken that would add to the congestion, delay and inaccessibility and congestion of that whole area. These works could start as soon as next year if some plans are approved.

The PC agreed to register an email to North Yorkshire Council (NYC) to object to these plans and to request to be updated on any changes/updates to the planning applications. Cllr Thompson has also expressed concerns for these plans as outline in his report below. It was noted by the PC that there is no objection to new outlets and job opportunities within our local area, but the

	<p>infrastructure is just not in place to support such quantity of Planning and works in the Scotch Corner Area.</p> <p>Cllr Wool highlighted that not everyone has access to the internet to email/raise an objection online. Cllr Wool suggested a petition that could be signed in the Village Shop.</p> <p>The list of plans that were discussed to object to are as follows:</p> <p>22/00402/OUT - Mc Donald's drive thru restaurant</p> <p>22/00047/ OUT - Dalesway Lodge development</p> <p>22/00787/OUT - Rolls Royce Advanced Manufacturing Facility</p> <p>23/00006?OUT - Film & TV unit</p> <p>22/00790/OUT - Extension to DOV</p> <p>21/00959/FULL - Amenity Centre</p> <p>The PC agreed they will also email the two Planners at NYC concerned with these works to object as a Parish Council. Parishioners are encouraged to do the same if they hold objections to these works. Please see the email addresses below.</p> <p>Bart.milburn@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>Fiona.hunter@northyorks.gov.uk</p> <p>Please copy Cllr Thompson into the email</p> <p>cllr.angus.thompson@northyorks.co.uk as per the report in item 124</p> <p>If you do not have access to email and you wish to object, please write to:</p> <p>Fiona Hunter Planning Services North Yorkshire Council Mercury House Station Road Richmond DL10 4JX</p>
<p>123 Police & Crime Update</p>	<p>Crime Reports received from North Yorkshire Police are summarised below:</p> <p>July: 11 crimes. 6 Violence against a person, 3 vehicle offence and 2 burglary's</p> <p>August: 4 crimes. 2 Violence against a person, 1 theft and 1 vehicle offence.</p>

124 NYCC Update

Cllr Thompson gave apologies prior to the meeting. Please see his report below:

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT AUGUST 2023

The problems at Scotch Corner are ongoing and almost certainly won't go away in the foreseeable future. An upgrade of the roundabout has been promised when the A66 duelling project gets underway. Doubt has been cast as to the prospect of this actually commencing next year because of escalating costs. This doubt was stoked up by a front page article in the D & S recently. However, I have had sight of a letter from Rishi to a constituent who wrote as our MP to the DfT asking if the upgrade is still planned to commence next year. The answer came back as yes. The file is going to the Minister concerned for sign off by the end of November latest, but possibly before that.

Motorists who use Scotch Corner often will be painfully aware of the regular traffic jams and delays due to the sheer volume of traffic using the roundabout. Residents of Middleton Tyas and surrounding villages like Moulton are particularly frustrated on a regular basis. It has been suggested that a 'Strategic Review' of the Scotch Corner area is needed prior to any further Planning Applications being granted. It is estimated that when the Designer Outlet is up and running, the increase in traffic using Scotch Corner roundabout will increase by 30% if the present live Planning Applications in the area are granted.

Having said that about the Designer Outlet, many have commented on the fact that all work appeared to stop about a couple of months ago when the safety nets disappeared from around the steel structure meaning that no further work above eave height could go on. Many rumours are circulating but it may be sometime before we know the exact position.

Not all residents it has to be said are against widespread development in the Scotch Corner area. I would encourage anyone who has views on this to write into the Planning Dept. at Mercury House to tell the Planning Officers what they think of the proposals. There are 7 live applications at present.

Do you want Scotch Corner to be a 'Growth Point' is the question? The email addresses of the 2 senior planning officers at Richmond is given below. Please copy me into any email you send.

Litter in our area is a major concern to me. I have through my Locality Budget paid for 8 Highways Signs to used within my Division which goes from Croft Bridge to just before showing Barningham.

They will say:

Littering is a Criminal Offence. Bag it, Bin it, Take it home.

These signs are now ready for use I understand and will be deployed where we see fit. Whilst not a perfect solution they appear to have worked well in Co. Durham, so let's give it a go.

	<p>Amanda Dyson and her team who work from Richmond do a great job of litter picking, but prevention is normally better than cure. The only area of Litter where Amanda’s team have struggled is the single carriageway section up the A66 where there are safety implications for the workforce when the road is open. Dramatically reducing the amount of litter on a national basis is the long term answer.</p> <p>We had as an authority success recently in prosecuting a fly tipper at York Magistrates Court who was fined £2,475 and after a contribution to NYC costs of £867.20 and a victim surcharge of £247.50 was fined a total of £3,589. Very good news! We will win the battle against all who litter and fly tip but still have a long way to go.</p> <p>However, if you employ someone to get rid of your waste, you must ensure that they are authorised to accept it and you must obtain documentation showing what waste has been transferred, to whom and when. Otherwise if it is fly tipped you could be held liable.</p> <p>My Locality Budget is still available for grants for Community Projects with a minimum award of £300. Please get in touch with me if there is anything you would like me to consider. It could be anything from dog poo or litter bins to equipment for your village hall.</p> <p>Congratulations to Moulton on winning the Best Kept Village Competition. Also congratulations to Dalton on Tees on a wonderful display of flowers as you enter the village from the north end. They are beautiful!</p> <p>Best wishes, Angus Thompson. Richmond Planners email: Bart.milburn@northyorks.gov.uk Fiona.hunter@northyorks.gov.uk My email cllr.angus.thompson@northyorks.co.uk Please note Cllr Thompsons comments about the Locality Budget: My Locality Budget is still available for grants for Community Projects with a minimum award of £300. Please get in touch with me if there is anything you would like me to consider. It could be anything from dog poo or litter bins to equipment for your village hall.</p> <p>If you have any ideas please speak to a Parish Councillor or contact the Clerk 07743733438 or bartonparishcouncil1@gmail.com with any ideas you may have and these can be applied for through Cllr Thompson</p>
125 Play Area Inspections	Cllr Jones carried out the Annual Inspection with representative from Tyne & Wear Play Ltd. Mr Walsh also provided a report on

	<p>the repairs necessary to the Play Area following the Annual Inspection. The Parish Council agreed to ask Mr Walsh for a quote on the necessary repairs. Clerk to contact Mr Walsh and feedback to the PC.</p> <p>The PC passed on thanks to Mr Walsh for his efforts with the inspection and the upkeep of the Play Area</p>
126 Tree Survey	<p>Oliver Tree Services carried out the Tree Survey. The PC considered the report and the works that were advised to be undertaken. The total cost would be £860+VAT</p> <p>The PC is happy to agree in principle to the works. Financial outgoings for the rest of the year need to be considered. Clerk to look at rest of this year's outgoings and communicate with the PC.</p>
127 Allotment Rents	<p>Invoice received from E. Hall for £500. Cllr Wood explained that the PC needs to send an invoice to the Allotment Committee (AC). Clerk to consult previous minutes to ascertain correct amount and issue invoice to the AC. Cllr Jones suggested this invoice could be split and sent twice a year if it helps the AC. Clerk to consult with the AC. Cheque to be issued for E. Hall</p>
128 Correspondence	<p>128.1) Letter received from Barton Village Institute Management Committee in relation to the Minutes circulated from the Annual Parish Meeting July 2023. The letter was discussed and the issue is now resolved. The figures on the Charity Commission website were amended on 17th August which and the PC considers the matter resolved.</p> <p>As this matter is in relation to the Annual Parish Meeting, the minutes at the next meeting in May 2024 shall be updated. The Parish Council would like to thank the BVIMC for all of the work that they do to benefit the residents of Barton.</p> <p>128.2) Beck Bridge- following a letter sent to NYC regarding the state of repair of Beck Bridge, the following response was received:</p> <p>Barton Footbridge The site has been inspected and although there is no immediate danger to the public a works order has been issued to replace some of the timber on the structure again. The wood being used is tanalised so I would not wish to paint this immediately but once it has weather consideration will be given to whether it is painted in white to match the rest.</p>
129) Second Village Defibrillator	<p>A Second Defibrillator is being installed at St Cuthbert's. The Parish Council would like to thank Michelle Hurrell for all of her hard work in getting the defibrillator arranged and installed.</p>
130) Public Participation	<p>No public present.</p>

<p>131) Financial Matters</p>	<p>111.1) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable Clerk Salary £266.97 September and quarterly expenses £25 £1974 CE & CM Walker grass cutting services £275 Annual Playpark Inspection £120 Oliver’s Tree Services Tree Survey =£2635.97 expenditure Income: NYC Precept £6012.50 111.2) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance – Balance £6685.20</p> <p>Clerk to calculate outgoing until the end of the Financial Year and report to the PC</p>
<p>132) Next Meeting</p>	<p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED 8.25pm</p>