

MINUTES OF BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 January 2022 - 7.15pm Douglas Room Barton Village Hall

Present: -

Cllr S van Daesdonk (Chairman)	Cllr A Jones	Cllr J Weaver	Cllr L Young
Cllr J Taylor	Cllr E Sharkey	Cllr I Gilbey	

In attendance: - Mrs S Rumsby (Clerk); Parishioners: 1

1. **Chairman's Welcome and Record of Apologies for non-attendance**
Apologies were accepted from Cllrs G Hughes, S Severn, D Lord, L Bennett, J. Jessel, B Ashcroft.
2. **Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda**
None declared.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 2 December 2021.**
Subject to a minor noted clarification on item 7.1, it was resolved that the Minutes were accepted to be signed as a true record by the Chairman.
4. **Parishioners Forum**
A resident reported that lorries and trailers have appeared near Bombardier car park on the A38 transport yard. The Planning Committee will query with ESBC. St Modwen's drainage areas, whilst empty last month, were now backing up and were 9" from the top of the inlet. Catholme signs have been knocked down and these have been reported.
5. **Police, County and Borough Council Reports**
 1. **Police** –
PCSO Tim Leathers report had been circulated.
 2. **County Council** – nothing to report. Julia had asked for more information on the incident in Main Street with the telephone wire being pulled down by a lorry. This will be raised at the Divisional Highways Meeting on 20th January along with the inadequately located HGV restriction sign. Cllr Sharkey will liaise with our Lengthsmen to enquire when the gully team would be making their due visit and what would happen about gullies that couldn't be opened last time.
 3. **Borough Council** – nothing to report.
6. **To discuss and accept the following Committee Reports as circulated and annexed:**
 1. **Finance**
Final budget figures had been circulated with slight revision to the precept request following ESBC calculation of the tax base.

Resolved: Finance recommendations and circulated reports noted and approved.

2. Planning

(Cllrs referred to the Planning Schedule as circulated and annexed within meeting documents) –

Cllr Gilbey referred to the consultation on Removal of Permitted Development Rights from C3 (Dwelling House) to C4 (Small House of Multiple Occupation) in Burton on Trent. Whilst this would not really affect Barton, the Committee felt there was some contradiction in ESBC policy and therefore R. Bell had prepared a detailed response regarding the imaginative use of Article 4. All agreed this should be sent. Cllr Sharkey remarked that housing of multiple occupancy could be problematic depending on location – splitting a house up can cause problems with parking, storage of bins etc.

Dunstall farm shop proposal - Cllr Gilbey advised Barton Parish Council were not statutory consultees but can send comments. The traffic plan was discussed and Cllr A Jones felt the village would be impacted at our own peak times. Their traffic report contained low counts due to JTHS having limited opening at the time the survey was conducted. This was not reflective of 'normal' pre-Covid times. Queuing wasn't done during school leaving time. A traffic routing agreement should be sought if approved. A joint response with neighbouring parishes may be useful. Walks across Dunstall may also be impacted, permissive paths could be incorporated. Cycle routes would also have additional traffic. Traffic counts from Speedwatch could be provided as well as those taken during Better Barton from the Node report. Comments should focus on transport issues in relation to Barton and Dunstall Road. Delivery vehicles would also impact Barton. R Bell to be asked to assist with comments.

Resolved – All items on the Planning Schedule noted and ratified.

3. Parks and Open Spaces –

Cllr Sharkey advised the grounds maintenance contractors had provided satisfactory insurance documents and certificates. A formal letter of appointment to go out. Thomas Holland had asked about additional works.

Fishpond – it was reported that a few jobs would be priced up.

4. Burial Ground – The Committee were due to meet to review the situation with unsafe headstones and would also discuss the consultation on the government proposals for extending plot sizes. M Fitchett to be asked review list of unsafe memorials.

5. Human Resources

Nothing to report.

6. Allotments

Currently 5 on the waiting list.

7. VEC -

Thanks were expressed for all efforts regarding the village Christmas tree.

7. Administration

1. Correspondence -

Cllrs referred to residents' concerns re overflowing bins outside the Junior school on Gilmore Lane following the removal of bins from the Marina site. Cllr J Jones is requesting a bigger bin.

R Bell had drafted a further letter on planning matters in the conversation area. This will be sent to the same Parishes for their support.

Church Railings – St James PCC would be engaging further work following on from replacement of the gates. Quotes had been received for restoration of the railings. Parish Council support in principle was sought to assist in fundraising approaches. Cllrs would like to see community involvement with ongoing maintenance. It was **resolved** all agreed to send a letter of support.

Christmas Star – Cllrs were advised St James' PCC considered the star was coming to the end of its life. Cllrs felt that as the star is PAT tested, there was no reason to replace it as yet. If there was a problem with getting up into the tower, Cllrs could provide volunteer help. If the Church wanted to make alternative arrangements such as projecting an image onto the tower, they could follow this up. Cllrs were satisfied Barton Parish Council made enough effort with the Village tree and lights switch on event.

Queen's Canopy – James Leavesly had spoken to Cllr Sharkey about providing fruit trees to create community orchards. Cllr Sharkey advised this was not a simple idea with regard to maintenance of such an orchard and land availability. The Bellways allotment plot was mentioned but this is still a long way off being transferred. No formal request for use of the Bellways land had been received from the Rugby Club nor timescales expected.

Resolved: All correspondence items noted.

2. **Electronic Decisions** – none made.

8. **Outside Bodies**

1. **Speedwatch** – none

9. **Councillors Reports:**

1. **Flood Risk Group** – Cllr Sharkey referred to the Barton Brook. A letter from the Environment Agency delivered to the land owner for consideration. The EA will pay land agency fees. An Hydrological model is now with the EA and they are looking at it. By next meeting we should have update.
Chris Archer had been chased about drainage through St Modwens. Legal guys were chasing Land Registry information which is now in but he had not got the detail. The Full Brook and Barton brook go through these flood retention areas. The EA should get full cooperation from County about land ownership. A further update will be provided at the next meeting. Cllr Sharkey will email Cllr Jessel to bring up to date on issues.
2. The Red Lion landlord was aware of the pancake race on Shrove Tuesday and were offering more involvement for Mardi Gras. It was agreed to put him in touch with the Infants School and Vic Trigwell, Churches Together. It was suggested asking him for involvement in Platinum Jubilee events.
3. Cllr Taylor reported on her attendance at the recent ESBC Parish Council forum – Richard Rayson had updated on what County had been doing in each village. Cllr Taylor bought up speeding in the village and the weight limit, drains jetting and buses using Catholme junction. Enforcement was an issue with the weight limit. Highways England needed to address the signage. Drains – Cllr Taylor was informed that County were only responsible for cleaning gullies, Severn Trent had responsibility for the pipes. Cllr Sharkey remarked that some drains are Highways responsibility. Cllr Taylor suggested these authorities link

together. Richard Rayson was concerned about the bus route and Bernard Peter will be tackling this and will involve police. Wychnor are looking for support from Barton in their objection to the Kids Village application.

10. The meeting closed at 8.50pm. Date of next meeting – 2022: 3 February, 3 March