

BARTON BENDISH PARISH COUNCIL

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2016 commencing at 7.05pm in Barton Bendish Village Hall

Present:

Cllr PAJ Carter Chairman
Cllr L Kinsey
Cllr AV McAlister
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr W Tasker
Cllr Dr TM Webster
Miss SJ Thorpe Parish Clerk

3 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr W Chapman.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Tasker declared an interest in item 8d.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 13th January 2016, having been circulated to all prior to the meeting, were agreed as correct and signed following a proposal by Cllr McAlister, and seconded by Cllr Webster.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Highways Issues

The following issues were mentioned:

- Fincham Road – pot hole on the left hand side of the road at the first field gateway about 150m from The Lodge corner.
- Boughton Long Road – double drain blocked about 50m before the corner with Beachamwell Road.
- Beachamwell Road/Boughton Long Road junction – pot hole and drain blocked.
- Eastmoor Road – 40mph sign knocked over near The Manor.

Cllr Tasker advised that nothing had still been done by Highways regarding all of the items on the list provided to Andy Wallace in 2015.

Clerk to refer new issues to Highways and speak to Andy Wallace about outstanding issues.

6. Sub-Committee Reports

- a Projects – Cllr McAlister advised that the post for the Village Sign had been cleaned and painted by Mr David Mason while the Sign was being refurbished. Thanks were expressed to him for this work.
- Arrangements were underway for a Queen's Birthday Tea Party. An application had been made for a grant but Cllr McAlister advised that she had been informed that it was uncertain if the grant would be awarded before the event. The event would still go ahead either way with a small charge being made and attendees to bring a dish each.
- RAF Marham had advised that it is their 100th anniversary this year and they want neighbouring villages to hold events but at this stage it was not sure what they had in mind. Cllr McAlister asked for residents to get in touch with her if they had any ideas.

7. Internal Council matters

- a Audit regime from 2017/18 – Further information had been obtained on the Sector Led Body (SLB) that had been established to deal with procuring audits for smaller

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authorities from the 2017/18 financial year. It appeared likely that there would be no charge for opted in smaller authorities like Barton Bendish with an annual turnover of less than £10,000; however to opt out an audit panel would need to be set up. Cllr Webster advised that he had made enquires as agreed but had been unable to find anyone locally to take on this role for the PC. Following a proposal by Cllr McAlister, seconded by Cllr Webster, it was agreed by all that the PC should accept the automatic opt in to the scheme.

8. Parish Affairs

- a Update on proposed 30mph speed limit – Norfolk County Council (NCC) had advised that they did not believe a site visit was needed and had looked at the proposal again and confirmed that they would not consider extending the area of the 30mph speed limit however they would put in some additional signs to ask motorists to drive carefully and warn of pedestrians in the road; they pointed out that there had been no traffic accidents reported over the last 5 years involving pedestrians on the section of road in question. NCC had advised that the scheme was funded from the current financial year and if it did not get to a point where they could reasonably say it would be delivered with no objections, they were unable to guarantee that funding would be available next financial year due to budget cuts. The PC had confirmed its support of the scheme and feedback from the consultation was awaited.
- b Restoration of Village Sign – The Sign had now been returned to its site. The Clerk advised that Cllr Chapman had asked her to request that the PC express thanks and gratitude to the artist, Fiona Davies. for an excellent job. Everyone agreed that it looked wonderful and it was agreed to issue a letter to her.
- c Report from RAF Marham update meeting – The Chairman advised that he and Cllr McAlister had attended the update meeting and that it was a nice evening but that generally there was no new information other than what had been given to the PC previously. The event was well attended by local PCs. Construction work was due to start in April and residents were advised to look out for any construction vehicles driving through the village and report any such sightings to RAF Marham immediately as this should not occur. RAF Marham had issued a general invitation to all residents of the area to attend a drop in information event on Wednesday 16th March; posters to be displayed to inform residents. RAF Marham would organise another update meeting for PCs when there was further information to pass on.
- d Contribution to possible sound system for village hall – Cllr Tasker advised that despite several attempts he was still awaiting information on the likely cost of the scheme. He would continue to chase the matter up.

9. Finance

- a Payments for authorisation – the following payments were due by cheque:

Miss S Thorpe	expenses Feb/March	£40.25
Barton Bendish Village Hall	hire for meetings	£30.00
Fiona Davies	refurbishment of village sign	£590.00
Payments made by standing order:		
HMRC	PAYE for Jan	£36.50
Miss S Thorpe	Feb salary	£145.97
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Miss S Thorpe	March salary	£145.97
		<u>£1025.19</u>

It was agreed to make these payments, proposed by Cllr Webster, seconded by Cllr McAlister.
- b Cash book reconciliation to 29th February 2016 – The Clerk confirmed the balance at the bank of £5050.38 by showing the bank statement to the Chairman. There were no unpresented cheques therefore this agreed to the balance in the Cashbook.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk updated the Council with items of correspondence that had been received. Items worthy of note included:

- Two letters from Anglian Water in response to the letter issued to them from the PC. The letters advised that an inspection had occurred and that a new filter had been

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installed in the vent pipe. They would also be putting an odour log in one of the manholes for a week and would be speaking to the water recycling centre manager. They would report back again by 21st March 2016. The parishioner who had raised the query at the last PC meeting advised that there was still ivy growing over the vent pipe so she did not see how they could have installed a new filter.

- An email from the BC advising that due to the removal of the second home discount the taxbase for Barton Bendish had increased from 85.6 to 85.8 which had caused an increase in the Precept set to £4514, in order to maintain a 0% increase.
- A consultation from NCC on the Local List for Validation of Planning Applications.
- A consultation from the BC on the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule and Statement of the Representation Procedure.
- Information from NALC on a petition to call from PCs to be given a right to appeal decisions to the Planning Inspectorate.
- Information and newsletter from NALC.
- A free sample and information on HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal for schools and councils.

11. Planning

a Applications received – None

b Decisions received from the Borough Council – None

c Report from BC Planning Update Meeting – The Clerk provided feedback from the meeting that had been held on 29th February 2016.

Five Year Land Supply – The BC were hopeful that they would be able to demonstrate that they had a five year land supply by May 2016; however it appears that there would not be a complete return to their previous position due to the fact that the five year land supply is a rolling target and at any point this could be challenged again by an appeal.

The LDF Site Allocations and Management Plan – an update was provided on the preliminary findings of the Inspector. A report was provided to the BC Cabinet on 1 March advising of some suggested amendments to the plan which included additional or changed allocations. A further consultation would take place shortly.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – there is to be another consultation on the draft charging schedule in March. Following this the proposals will need to be examined by an independent inspector. It is hopeful that the CIL will be adopted by the end of 2016.

E-consultation – from 1 June 2016 the BC intends to issue parish consultations electronically and will no longer be posting hard copies.

Proposed Changes to the National Planning Policy 2016 – The government is currently considering changes to the Policy and these changes could mean that applications made adjacent to existing settlements are allowed even where they are not allocated in the plan and ‘starter homes’ could be treated as rural exception sites and only refused where there are overriding design, infrastructure and local environmental considerations that cannot be mitigated.

12. Public questions and comments

- There had been a number of heating oil thefts in the village in recent weeks.

13. Date of next meeting will be Wednesday 11th May 2016 in the Village Hall, starting at 7pm for the Annual Parish Council meeting.

The meeting was closed at 8.05pm

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