

BARROW PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Barrow Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 11th March 2024 at Barrow Village Hall

2023

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present	<p>Cllr Paul Rossington (Chair) Cllr Andy Porter (Vice Chair)(AP) Cllr David Cunningham (DC) Cllr Julia Tillotson (JT) Cllr Janet Walsh (JW) Cllr John Okell (JO) 1 Member of the Public 9 Members of the Public (MOP) Clerk – Tracey Whitlow (TW)</p>	
23/135	Apologies for Absence were received from:	
23/136	<p>Declarations of Members' Interests: Cllr JW – declared an interest in the planning application 24/00031/FUL agenda item 23/141 and 23/140.</p>	
23/137	Resolved to alter the order of business for agenda items 'Bowling club planning application on BPPFF land' and planning application 24/00031/FUL to be brought forward to follow Public Participation.	
23/138	<p>Public Participation: The bowling club planning application for 4 x 8m floodlights was discussed with MOP's, many representing the bowling club, giving the PC a better understanding as to why the BC are applying for the flood lights. The BC has now increased its membership to 33, and wish to join other leagues, one of the proviso's for this is that the club have flood lights to enable matches to take place during the beginning and end of season (April and September from 7.30-9.30pm) Other MOP asked about conservation area restrictions, the PC advised the PLA would be aware of this. Also raised was the aesthetics of the lights and maybe retractable lights would be more in-keeping, the BC informed the PC that retractable lights would cost £60k compared to £12k for static lights.</p>	
23/139	<p>Approval of Minutes: The circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 12th February 2024 were approved & signed by the Chair</p>	
23/140	<p>Cllr J Walsh, having declared an interest left the room. Bowling club planning application on BPPFF land: Item discussed regarding restrictions on time of flood lights in use, positioning and height. Resolved to include comments to LPA, and to discuss further implications to the BPPFF depending on the outcome from the planning application – the BC lease from the BPPFF who in turn lease from the PC, so ultimately it is the PC who can set the parameters.</p>	
23/141	<p>Planning: The following applications were discussed: Cllr JW, having declared an interest remained out of the room. 24/00031/FUL - Barrow Bowling Club Village Road Barrow Erection of home team shelter (in retrospective), erection of mower store (in retrospective), erection of new away team shelter and 4no floodlights.: Resolved to comments that the PC support this application, however, wish to draw to the attention of the LPA the fact that Great Barrow is in a conservation area, that lower level lights would be more in-keeping with the village, that the PC would wish for a light impact survey carried</p>	

	out by EA. Does the lighting effect the highway, will a Highways report be necessary. The PC asked TW to forward the copy of the lighting plan to LPA, when sending the PC comments. Cllr JW returned to the meeting.	TW
23/142	Matters Arising – If not covered by agenda: None not covered as an agenda item	
23/143	Correspondence - Unless covered as an agenda item: Nothing not already circulated or discussed.	
23/144	Accounts /Finance: 1. February cashbook & bank reconciliation approved. 2. Monies received: NDP grant received £988 Footpath booklets received £64.00 3. Payments ratified/approved & monies received: Insurance £840.19 ratified refund water pump £302.67 ratified Jan payroll ratified Feb payroll ratified Chalc training invoice £30.00 Approved Linux – Email £57.48 Approved Clerks Expenses Jan/Feb £37.52 Approved Cestrian signs – NDP £60.00 approved Refund MOP NDP printing costs £92.32 ratified BPPFF room hire £30 ratified Clerks Notes: DD for Water is not covering the invoices, extra payment of invoice at the end of March approved, and increase in DD approved. Payroll Company have been paid twice, statement received showing credit balance- March payment to be adjusted to balance.	TW
23/145	Email Policy: Policy reviewed and adopted. Not required on website as internal.	
23/146	Policy Review: All policies reviewed, all adopted. Missing policies identified. TW to work through these.	TW
23/147	Internal Auditor: Resolved to ask/appoint Hacker Young to undertake this years audit. TW to contact them.	TW
23/148	Highways: 1. TW to forward information on ‘village Gateways’ to the council. 2. TW has enquired to see if temporary 7.5 tone signs can be placed at entrance to Station Lane at Chester Road end and by Stamford Bridge before the Landsdowne Road turn off. To be informed this will be actioned. 3. TW requested to contact highways regarding the damaged chevron signage at Plemstall View	TW TW
23/149	Village Noticeboards: 1. AP has not checked the redundant notice boards yet for removal. WIP 2. The Footpath committee noticeboard is rotten, PR to ask the village hall committee if the PC can put one of the redundant notice boards on VH Land for use by the PC and the Footpath Committee.	AP PR

23/150	<p>Working Groups & Sub Committees – updates:</p> <p>Flood Group. Unfortunately Barrow have not been successful in the grant from National Flood Management. Have had a meeting with EA and are looking at other sources of funding.</p> <p>Footpath’s Committee AP and JW attended a meeting with newly appointed CWaC Footpath’s Officer for Barrow, Mike Goan, which they feel was very positive. TW queried the footpath committee accounts, as they do not agree with the PC accounts TW given a contact to follow this up with.</p>	TW
23/151	<p>BPPFF – update:</p> <p>Unfortunately making slow progress on grants for new playground equipment. The Pavilion is in need of more usage.</p>	
23/152	<p>Neighbourhood Development Plan:</p> <p>NDP meetings planned for this month. JT to forward TW all invoices for payment. Any balance on the grant (£988 received) not spent by 31.03.24 needs to be returned.</p>	JT TW
23/153	<p>Future meeting Dates:</p> <p>It was agreed to continue to have the PC meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month for 2024-25</p>	
23/154	<p>Annual Parish Meeting:</p> <p>Agreed to hold the APM on the same day as the next meeting 8th April at 7pm. TW to send out email to all groups in the village.</p>	TW
23/155	<p>Items for Next Meeting- Noticeboards. NDP</p>	
23/156	<p>Date of next meeting – Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm following APM</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed

Date