

BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD AT 27th July 2023 7.30pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL

(Began at 8.00pm due to overrun of Annual Parish Meeting)

Present; Cllr Jones, Cllr Burn, Cllr Wool, Cllr Dobinson, Ms Heslop, Ms Marwood, Ms Smalley,
Mr Walsh, PCSO Gayle Smith & Charlotte Liversedge-Gell - Parish Clerk

100 Appoint a Chairman	Appointed Cllr Jones as Chair
101 Appoint a Vice-Chairman	Appointed Cllr Wool as Vice-Chair
102 Apologies - with approval for apologies	Cllr Thorogood – holiday Cllr Thompson – commitments at a different Parish Meeting
103 Declaration of Interest – to receive & consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation	None
104 Minutes	Minutes of the meeting held 29th June 2023 approved and signed by the Chair
105 Correspondence	105.1) Wells Green Walkway – dangerous wall reported by a concerned Parishioner. Owner of the property alerted and the tree that was knocking the wall down has been removed. Wall being repaired by stone mason. Cllr Wool noted that if such emergencies arise that are PC responsibility, Billy Darkins is a good contact to consider
106 Public Participation	Ms Marwood discussed the need for a footpath up Church Lane. From the Church to the houses there is no footpath on either side of the road and it is potentially dangerous for pedestrians and horse riders. Cllr Wool explained it is NYC Highways department that would be responsible for a footpath and that Cllr Thompson maybe able to assist. Cllr Thompson details passed on. Cllr Dobinson suggested an angled mirror to help with visibility but Mr Walsh explained there would not be enough of an angle for the mirror to be effective
107 Planning	To consider the planning applications within Barton Parish None submitted in the previous month
108 Police & Crime Update	108.1) To review Crime Bulletin for the Parish June 9 crimes: 5 x Violence against a person, 3 x arson & criminal damage, 1 x drug offences. The Police Report is now being circulated via the Village Network email 108.2) Update on vandalised car at Beck Bridge- car has been removed. Prior to it being removed NYC visited the site and stated that the car was not causing an obstruction or parked illegally.

PCSO Gayle Smith attended the meeting. Going through the Crime Report it was explained that 'Violence against a person' can be domestic and could range from an argument to a physical act – it is not always a physically violent act.

The crimes on the report can either be a crime committed in Barton or by someone who resides in Barton. PCSO Smith explained she has delivered some lessons at Barton Primary School on cyber safety – it is a big issue everywhere so trying to get message across to children to be cautious.

Cllr Wool explained that Sept – Nov last year there were a lot of problems with older youths in and around the playground and lots of broken glass was being left. PCSO Smith said that she can increase the patrols in the area if this continues to happen.

Cllr Wool highlighted that cold callers are still entering the village despite it being a Cold Caller zone. There are vulnerable residents in Barton – Cllr Wool asked if there was a way that we could catch-up with the vehicles that are dropping the cold callers off. PCSO Smith said that if the registration of the car dropping them off is taken down, give NYP a call and they will be able to put a marker on the car. NYP had successfully dispersed a group of four in the Dales who were carrying out cold calling by having the vehicle details – this helped NYP track them down.

Chair Jones spoke of the spate of burglaries in July along with the allotment shed being broken into and two pieces of equipment being stolen. Cllr Dobinson suggested that the Mardis Club held every Tuesday could be a good platform, with over 30 pensioners attending for NYP to speak at. PCSO Smith agreed and said that she could get the Fraud Squad involved and that they have a 'Coffee with a Cop' scheme - where parishioners can share a coffee with a police officer and discuss concerns. Cllr Wool also highlighted the coffee morning at St Cuthbert's on a Wednesday morning could be another useful way to get concerns or questions to NYP. PCSO Smith to liaise with Mardis Club and St Cuthbert's to attend.

Mr Walsh spoke of farming contractors speeding through the Village and Church Lane on tractors with heavy trailers being towed. The Matrix Board is triggered at 34mph and it is constantly going off for the speeding tractor/trailers. PCSO Smith explained if the speeding is logged on 'Road Wise' website and enough complaints are made for a particular area, NYP will come and target the area to monitor speeding. To report such speeding please look at the following website: [Tell us about a speed concern | North Yorkshire Police](#)

PC Alex Wilkinson also Joined the local policing team this month and there has been funding given for two new police off-road motorbikes which are very useful for going up and down steep

	<p>banks/narrow ways to catch-up with offenders.</p> <p>Useful Contacts: PCSO Gayle Smith – 5888 gayle.smith@northyorkshire.police.uk Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040</p> <p>The Parish Council would like to extend thanks to PCSO Smith for attending the meeting – it was valuable and insightful and we look forward to seeing you in the future</p>
109 NYCC Update	Cllr Thompson gave apologies prior to the meeting. A report will be available in August
110 Beck Bridge	<p>The Beck Bridge is in a continued state of disrepair. A letter has been drafted by the PC along with photographs taken to be submitted to the necessary bodies for action to be taken. Clerk to submit the letter and photographs. Mr Walsh noted that it has been over two years since he and the Chair of the PC at the time had a site visit but the major repairs were never undertaken. It was also noted that the surface deck itself needs replacing as in its current state it could affect the actual structure of the bridge.</p>
111 Financial Matters	<p>111.1) Salary Payment & Accounts Payable Clerk Salary £241.97 July & £241.97 August £43.58 printer ink £22 Cllr Thorogood for Village Hall railings/plaque paint £564 CE & CM Walker grass cutting services</p> <p>111.2) To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance – it was noted that Clerk not yet receiving bank statements directly. Contact to be made with previous Clerk for most recent statements. Bank balance to be circulated to PC when Clerk gets info</p>
112 Tree Survey	Quote from Oliver Tree Services for the Tree Survey agreed by the PC. Clerk to arrange date and inform PC
113 Play Area Inspections	<p>Cllr Jones carried out July inspection- thank you. Cllr Burn & Cllr Wool to carry out August Clerk to confirm the date of the Annual Inspection with the PC</p>
114 Matters arising	<p>114.1) Mr Walsh confirmed that his contact with astro turf is happy to contribute the materials for the goal mouth in the playground. 114.2) The Village Hall hedge has been cut, the railings outside it have been painted (thank you Cllr Thorogood) and the War Memorial has been weeded (thank you Mr Walsh) 114.3) Clerk in need of key for the Village Hall – spare shall be passed over.</p>
115 Next Meeting	<p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MEETING CLOSED 8.45pm</p>