

**BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT NEXT MEETING**

**HELD 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

**Members of the public Mr David Cross**

<b>149 Appoint a Chairman</b>	Appointed Cllr Thorogood as Chair. Cllr Thorogood is standing down as Parish Councillor following this meeting. Clerk to inform NYC. PC extended their thanks to Cllr Thorogood for all of his work and input the Parish Council during his time as Parish Councillor.
<b>150 Appoint a Vice-Chairman</b>	Appointed Cllr Jones as Vice-Chair
<b>151 Apologies - with approval for apologies</b>	Cllr Dobinson
<b>152 Declaration of Interest – to receive &amp; consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation</b>	None declared
<b>153 Minutes</b>	Minutes of the meeting held 26th October 2023 approved and signed by the Chair
<b>154 Matters Arising</b>	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes <b>154(i)</b> Cllr Jones asked for update on the Tree Survey works. Clerk has informed Oliver's that the PC would like to proceed with the work. Oliver's informed the Clerk that they require the local authority's permission to carry out the works – on receipt of this they will be back in touch. <b>154(ii)</b> Barton Parish Council has sold a piece of land that crosses the Village Green at the entrance to the upcoming development where the Haulage Depot stands. This transaction is now complete and funds are in the PC bank account. The PC would like to extend thanks to Chair Thorogood for all of his time and effort into completing this sale. Cllr Burn advised that the works should begin in the New Year.
<b>155 Correspondence</b>	Review any correspondence received in the previous month <b>155.1)</b> Email received regarding Grass Cutting Contractors and some areas of the Village Green in need of improvement. PC discussed – agreed for the Clerk to contact the current contractors to pass the feedback on and to monitor the situation throughout the next season of grass cutting.
<b>156 Public Participation</b>	Mr David Cross was present as an observer to the meeting. Chair Thorogood explained to the PC that a complaint has been made by Parishioners around the speed of traffic along Newton Morrell – and that the current National Speed Limit is too high for that stretch of road. The PC and Mr Cross agreed that 60mph is

	<p>too fast for that area. It was suggested to set it at 40mph until past the farm. Clerk to contact NYC Highways department to enquire about starting a review for the speed limit in that area.</p> <p>Mr Cross enquired about the possibility of the speed limit within the Village being set from 30mph to 20mph. Chair Thorogood explained that this has been looked into County wide. It is an incentive that would not be enforced by the Police and it divides opinion. As a Parish it could be requested internally and it is something to consider, but enforcing it would be difficult as it would not be legally assisted by the Police. There would be an expense to consider for the changing of the Speed Limit signs and the legislation. Cllr Wool suggested putting it in the Spring Newsletter to gauge interest for a change from 30mph to 20mph within the Village.</p> <p>Barton currently has two Speed Matrix Boards and a Police Speed Officer patrolling.</p>
<b>157 Planning</b>	None submitted
<b>158 Police &amp; Crime Update</b>	<p>NYP has offered to come to the Village to setup a Property Marking event with Dot Peen. Dot peen marking involves using a tungsten carbide-tipped pin to indent an object with dots to create a visible, permanent unique number.</p> <p>The unique number is then put into the national Immobilise property register database.</p> <p>Marking something like this increases the chances that you'll get it back if it's lost or stolen. It also helps the Police get convictions as evidence when something is stolen.</p> <p>It can be done to everything from steel and aluminium to plastic, so you can mark almost anything, from farming equipment, power tools, to electrical devices, bikes and equestrian tack. Cllr Wool suggested they setup at the May Boot Fair which is the second Bank Holiday in May. Clerk to contact NYP to see if this will be possible.</p> <p><b>Crime Bulletin for October 6 Offences:</b>  4 Violence against a person, 1 arson and 1 fraud</p> <p>Chair Thorogood highlighted that Cold Callers are still an issues within the Village</p>
<b>159 NYC Update</b>	<p>County Cllr Angus Thompson provided the following report:</p> <p><b>SCOTCH CORNER UPDATE</b></p> <p>Many residents and almost all Parish Councils/Meetings in my division of North Richmondshire have asked for an update regarding the position at and around Scotch Corner. Whilst there is a great deal of concern and indeed frustration at the prospect of over development and the prospect of yet more chaos and delays at Scotch Corner roundabout, it has to be said that not all residents are against the proposal for Scotch Corner to be a growth area.</p> <p><b>DALESWAY LODGE SITE</b></p>

The outline Planning Application considered by the Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> November granted permission for demolition of the derelict building which is to be replaced by 2 drive through restaurants and a new fuel station. The vote was unanimous and as you may be aware, I am on the Planning Committee. The reasons for our decision can be summarised as follows:

- 1) Brownfield site which is currently a total eyesore.
- 2) This is a better site for drive throughs than others in the pipeline especially the one between the roundabout and DVLA drive in centre in that it will cause little increase in the volume of traffic on the roundabout.
- 3) Middleton Tyas PC were in favour of acceptance of the application in that it is better to have any further development on the west of the A1 rather than on the village side where the exit of the village onto the roundabout is frequently gridlocked. It also takes the prospect of 'McDonalds etc.' away from their very picturesque village.
- 4) Furthermore, it may help to decrease the congestion in and out of the existing services by giving competition on the other side of the A1.

#### **RETAIL OUTLET**

Work ceased on the Designer Outlet and Garden Centre on 31<sup>st</sup> July. I have been advised that work is to recommence on both in early December. The anticipated completion date is Easter Weekend 2025. The date for this is as late as it can be in April 2025. Read into that what you like but it is worth noting that the Retail Park planning approval granted on appeal has a condition imposed by the Inspectorate requiring all off site highways works to be completed prior to the first occupation. This includes the widening of Middleton Tyas Lane and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists between Middleton Tyas and the designer outlet site. ROUNDABOUT and A66 UPGRADE.

The delay in a final decision on the A66 upgrade until 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is unwelcome. In my view the upgrade to the roundabout should be done before the A66 work commences. I am pushing for a meeting with National Highways ASAP to find out what exactly they are planning for the roundabout and try to influence this as much as possible. I have now seen from NH 3 different plans in the last 9 months.

#### **BARTON AND MIDDLETON TYAS SERVICES.**

Moto own the services and lorry park at Barton and the services at Middleton Tyas, except the fuel retail area. I had a meeting last week with them and they indicated that their position regarding both areas will depend largely on the outcome of J52 ie. Catterick. Currently at Barton they have 60 lorry spaces and their favoured option is to increase this to 100 and rebuild the very run down fuel service area with a slight increase in the 25 car parking spaces.

If the above was accepted they would apply for planning permission at the Middleton Tyas Services for an increase in the retail area by 1,200 sq ft and an increase of 21 parking spaces largely to cope with extra EV charging points. These, they were keen to point out, take 33% more room than ordinary car parking spaces, so the increase in vehicles is minimal.

Their other alternative is to leave Barton lorry park as a 60 HGV service and increase the car parking spaces to 275, with a total upgrade of the services which are very run down and really not fit for purpose. Their problem here is however that Barton can't be seen as a designated motorway service area because it has a shared access.

#### **APPLICATION FOR DRIVE THROUGH RESTAURANT ON THE NORTH BOUND SLIP ROAD.**

This is still with the Planning Officer as there are apparently a number of issues to be resolved like the access with problems apparently with the DVLA and their weighbridge setup. This is a greenfield site and I fail to see how it will not cause much greater use of the roundabout.

So it looks like this one is at least a few months away from the Planning Committee.

#### **J52 CATTERICK.**

The Catterick application 19/00473/Full was approved by the then RDC Planning Committee in July 2022. However, a legal challenge was received by rival Moto. The RDC Planners decided that they needed to review this and address some points to ensure the decision was lawful and had a good chance of standing up to a legal challenge at a judicial review.

We are expecting an updated Environmental Statement and some updated reports such as Ecology by the end of November. There will then be a formal 30 day re-consultation. I am told that it is likely that the application will go back to the Full Planning Committee in February or March next year.

#### **MEETING WITH NATIONAL HIGHWAYS.**

As I have stated above, I am pushing as hard as I can to have a meeting with National Highways to find out exactly what they are intending regarding Scotch Corner.

A representative from NH will be attending the Transport Scrutiny Committee meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and I will be present.

#### **THE NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

This Plan will set out where development will take place across the County over the next 15 to 20 years. It will also set out strategies that planning applications will be considered against. When adopted by NYC it will replace the District Plans in 2028. Our Plan was formulated in 2014 when the then RDC Administration was pushing Scotch Corner as a growth area with ideas like the Designer Outlet at the fore.

	<p>Everyone, and there are many, who have reservations about Scotch Corner becoming a growth area should sign up to the Local Plan Portal which commenced on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Residents are being encouraged to sign up. The portal will be used to manage the process and enable North Yorkshire Council to keep residents informed about consultations and engagement. The plan has to be developed in consultation with local people so anyone with an interest in 'What, Where, When and How' development should take place in the county during the next 2 decades is encouraged to register their details on the portal. To register go to <a href="http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan">www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan</a>. Anyone without on line access should call the council on 0300 1312131 stating 'Local Plan' when prompted. Angus Thompson.</p> <p>Chair Thorogood agreed that the report made sense. The land at Dalesway is currently derelict and a MacDonald's would be contentious due to access issues at other areas of the round-a-bout. Cllr Wool commented that there is still a lot of uncertainty around all of these projects along with the A66 duelling decision targets and dates being moved.</p>
<p><b>160 Play Area Inspections</b></p>	<p>Mr Walsh provided an update that Streetscape have completed the repairs on climber and basket swing. Mr Walsh is awaiting notification from Ian Grey, reference the repairs to the Stilt Walker PC thanked Mr Walsh for his continued work and help with the Play Area</p>
<p><b>161 Precept 2024/25</b></p>	<p><b>Precept 2024/25</b> Chair Thorogood reminded the PC that an ongoing programme of works needs to be maintained for the Village Assets – along with legal obligations to maintain these assets and uphold Parish Council responsibilities. The PC requires the correct amount of funds to honour these and the expenses that they incur. Examples include insurance, dog bin lids, benches, bus shelters, grass cutting and the Play Area. The Silver Meadows Bus Shelter is becoming overgrown with vegetation – a quote is being obtained to cut this back. It was agreed to keep the work within the Village where possible. After consideration the PC agreed to a 15% increase on the Precept request to NYC. This would total £13828. Clerk to inform NYC</p>
<p><b>162 Financial Matters</b></p>	<p><b>162.1) Salary Payment &amp; Accounts Payable</b> Cheques to be signed: £483.82 Clerk Salary for November &amp; December £462 CE &amp; CM Walker grass cutting services ref 23334 Income £2000 Ackroyd Legal</p>

	<p><b>162.2)</b> To receive (an update with regard to) the current bank balance – Balance £7233.56</p> <p>Mr Cross enquired if Internet Banking could be setup for the PC. Chair Thorogood explained it is not possible due to accountability of the accounts and the change of people requiring access to it.</p> <p>Cllr Wool enquired about the Village Christmas Tree – Chair Thorogood confirmed that £250 was budgeted for it. The PC will provide the Christmas Tree for the Village Green as the tree next to the Electric point is currently too small to use.</p>
<p><b>163 Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend</p> <p><b>MEETING CLOSED 8.00pm</b></p>