

**BARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED**

**Held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 7.00pm AT BARTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Present: Chair Cllr Walsh, Vice Chair Cllr Burn, Cllr Jones, Cllr Dobinson, Cllr Wool**

**County Cllr Angus Thompson**

**Members of the Public: Mr Lee. Parish Clerk: Charlotte Liversedge-Gell**

<b>210 Appoint a Chairman</b>	To appoint a Chairman – Cllr Walsh
<b>211 Appoint a Vice-Chairman</b>	To appoint a Vice-Chairman – Cllr Burn
<b>212 Apologies - with approval for apologies</b>	None
<b>213 Declaration of Interest – to receive &amp; consider then decide upon any applications for dispensation</b>	Members to declare any interest under the following categories; pecuniary, outside bodies and family, friend or close associates  None declared
<b>214 Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meeting held 28th March 2024 were approved and signed by the Chair
<b>215 Matters Arising</b>	Matters Arising from the previous meeting minutes - none
<b>216 Correspondence</b>	<p><b>216(i)</b> 18 Kettle End – email received following a letter sent regarding parking and the Village Green at the property. Request made by the resident to meet to discuss the letter, Clerk invited them to the next PC meeting. As a Parish Council, everything must be logged for public record by law – so correspondence is made via emails or letter in the first instance and everyone is welcome to attend the PC meetings.</p> <p><b>216(ii)</b> Chair Walsh spoke to the Grass Cutting contractors to start cutting of the verges on Marygate - that had very kindly been previously carried out by a resident of Marygate.</p> <p><b>216(iii)</b> BT Phone box removal – the phone box was removed 25/04/2024 despite the Parish Council strongly objecting to North Yorkshire Council and BT. The reasoning from BT was that NYC did also object to the removal mainly on the grounds of lack of mobile coverage and that there is a defib sited close by. BT explained that Ofcom mobile checker indicates coverage is ok from the 4 major networks and found the reasons given for retention unsubstantiated. There is concern for the Lifeline network when Copper Wire goes altogether in 2025 as this system is not yet digital.</p> <p><b>216(iv)</b> Naming of the new housing development at Burn’s Depot – the PC were approached by the developer for suggestions on what the new development should be called. PC submitted a</p>

	<p>selection of names.</p> <p><b>216(v)</b> Correspondence received from NYC concerning the placements of the 30mph limits. Further clarification required as the document shows the 30mph in their current positions. There was discussion around extending the 30mph limit on Church Lane to go up to the Cricket Playing Fields as there is no footpath along that section of the road. Clerk to contact NYC.</p> <p><b>216(vi)</b> Thank you letter received from Al Thorogood thanking the PC for the gift, flowers and chocolate given to him and his partner as thanks for all of his hard work and invaluable input to Barton Parish Council.</p>
<b>217 Public Participation</b>	Mr Simon Lee attended the meeting with an interest to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Clerk to forward an application form for the Vacancy
<b>218 Planning</b>	<p>No new applications received.</p> <p><b>20/00489/FULL</b> to Change Roof Type on Garage from a Pitched Roof to Flat Roof - Cllr Wool spoke about this planning application and how it was not being granted permission from NYC. The applicant has not received a full explanation as to why the Planning has not been granted. Cllr Wool asked if Cllr Thompson could raise it with planners at NYC to establish the full reasoning behind it not being passed.</p>
<b>219 Police &amp; Crime Update</b>	<p>3 Crimes in March: 1 Criminal damage, 1 fraud and 1 burglary.</p> <p>Chair Walsh informed the PC that all of the Trading Standards Cold Calling stickers had been distributed. Clerk to arrange for some more to distribute to the Village.</p>
<b>220 NYC Update</b>	<p>Cllr Thompson attended the meeting NYC Councillor's Report mid April 2024.A66</p> <p>Following the 'signing off' after years of waiting by the Secretary of State for Transport, the A66 upgrade is now on course for completion by 2029. The actual start date will depend on how many challenges there are and how the courts react to these appeals. The appeal period ends this Wednesday.</p> <p>The start date is probably going to be late spring/early summer next year. All 6 sections between Scotch Corner and Penrith are to be constructed together. The unknown quantity however, is Scotch Corner roundabout. I attended a meeting last week at which 2 senior officers from National Highways spoke. It would appear that no final plan has been agreed for the roundabout.</p> <p>This, I told them, was very unsatisfactory. The roundabout, despite tinkering with the lights, continues at times to be a huge</p>

bottleneck. Trying to get out of Middleton Tyas onto the roundabout on a Friday afternoon can be frustrating to say the least.

I stressed to these officers that a final plan for the roundabout would be welcome, but regardless the upgrade needs to be done in advance of the A66 upgrade, not afterwards. A further consideration is the Designer Outlet, work on which is now expected to recommence in June and which cannot open for business before the roundabout upgrade is completed. Our 2 officers didn't seem to be aware of this stipulation which was in the original planning permission granted.

#### HIGHWAYS

It has been an incredibly difficult winter which has been the wettest in the north in the last 130 years. We have had 10 named storms in the last 12 months. Who heard of such a thing in the north of England 15 years ago?

Gullies are cleaned on a programmed basis but in 22/23 there were 1100 non programmed orders and this figure increased to 1700 in the 23/24 year.

Water coming off neighbouring land is a major issue in many cases, but especially the road just out of Aldbrough towards Melsonby which often has to be closed at wet times, and also Kneeton Lane between Middleton Tyas and Barton. Having seen the success of getting the drains right just 400m from the Black Bull in Moulton as you head towards North Cowton, which regularly had to be closed because of water coming off the neighbouring land, I will keep hassling Highways until we get results. The road between Gilling and Aske is the subject of a meeting next week between Highways officers and the Land Owner's agent.

#### SPEEDING.

Figures recently published show that the police have caught 1,534 motorists in Richmondshire alone for exceeding the speed limit since 1st October last. There were 280 convictions in March alone. I understand that the police have agreed Manfield, Skeeby, Stapleton, Cleasby, Gilling West, East and West Layton, Eppleby and Carlton as target villages through which motorists are speeding.

Some residents and PCs were disappointed last year that I didn't take a stronger line within NYC regarding the 20's Plenty Campaign, but within my division there were more PCs who were against a blanket 20mph than in favour. I take the view that, whilst financial considerations will be a factor, are we not better

to have a system of police enforcement where possible with the back up of Matrix Boards which some villages think are very effective and Community Speed Watch schemes?

#### LITTER.

The trial of 8 signs which I funded through my Locality Budget, whilst not a perfect solution to littering, have been deemed to be a success by the dept. in Richmond who deal with litter picking.

If you would like one in a specific area, then please contact me and I'll see what can be done, provided it is in an area which has historically had a litter or fly tipping problem. I understand more signs are to be purchased by the council.

I wish to thank anyone on behalf of all residents, who has been involved in litter picking. However, the residents of Aldbrough who cleared both sides of Deer Street all the way from Barton Interchange to the Manfield Crossroads deserve a special mention. A massive pile of bagged rubbish was piled up for collection next to the bus stop in Aldbrough. Well done everyone!

Angus Thompson.

Items in the report were discussed with the PC. Cllr Thompson stressed that it is very important to know what plans are in place for the Scotch Corner roundabout before the A66 upgrade.

The works at the Scotch Corner Designer Outlet stopped August/September time and is planned to resume in June 2024 with the aim to be open for Easter weekend 2025. Cllr Thompson explained that National Highways have overlooked the fact that the Designer Outlet cannot be opened until the Scotch Corner roundabout is finished as it will generate approximately 30% increase in traffic volume over the roundabout – this will lead to congestion and delays with current setup of the roundabout. A new Weighbridge is being constructed on the roundabout for Department of Transport.

The impacts of the unusually wet weather on the roads around Barton Parish were discussed. Cllr Thompson explained that the Government gave £4.7 million in two grants to spend on Highways and this has helped to alleviate some of the flooding pressure. There is a lot of surface water from fields pouring onto the road networks – it is the land owner's responsibility to prevent this outpouring. Cllr Wool highlighted the road alongside Middleton Lodge and Gilling West – Cllr Thompson agreed and is working to target these area's with Highways.

With reference to speeding Chair Walsh discussed the two matrix boards within the Village and that a Speeding Report can be

	<p>obtained via the Community Police Officer – CPO Metcalfe, who is very responsive. Chair Walsh asked if a Speed patrol would be able to be carried out on a morning as there are a lot of speeding vehicles through the Village from 6am onwards. Agricultural Vehicles towing slurry or produce also speed through the Village and is a big cause for concern. CPO Metcalfe is going to address these issues.</p> <p>ClIr Wool spoke about littering and has reported a van for littering fast food cartons within Barton. It was reported to the Police. ClIr Thompson advised to report the matter to him as well as he may be able to assist.</p> <p>ClIr Thompson’s Locality Budget opens on the 1<sup>st</sup> June. Clerk to apply for Notice Board funding late May.</p> <p>ClIr Jones asked if there has been an update on Willow Bridge Services. ClIr Thompson has received notification from NYC that it is being investigated. Await information on what is actually going to be enforced. ClIr Jones reiterated that although Willow Bridge Services is in fact within Newton Morrell Parish, Barton have a vested interest and responsibility as a neighbouring Parish.</p> <p>The PC thanks ClIr Thompson for attending the meeting.</p>
<b>221 Play Area Inspections</b>	<p>Chair Walsh has lubricated the necessary equipment within the Play Area. He also informed the PC that grant opportunities are being investigated for further development of the Play Area.</p> <p>ClIr Wool explained that it had been reported the seesaw bearings are worn – this was reported previously and is in hand.</p> <p>The spring on the gate to the entrance of the park is defective/sticking.</p> <p>Chair Walsh shared with the PC that there has been a lot of compliments since the deep cleaning was carried out.</p>
<b>222 Financial Matters</b>	<p><b>222.1) (i)</b>Salary Payment £271.36 <b>(ii)</b> Ian Handy Man Services £380.00 for Play Area repairs £380.00</p> <p><b>222.2)</b> Bank Balance £5500 – estimate as April bank statement had not been received</p>
<b>223 Next Meeting</b>	<p>To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on Thursday 30th May 2024. The Annual Parish Meeting shall be at 6.30pm followed by the normal Parish Council Meeting. Both held in the Village Hall</p>