



Barsham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 11 January 2021, 7.30pm

Parish Councillors present: Andrew Ross (Chairman), Stuart Laws (Vice Chairman), Grace Howlett, Robert Fletcher, Jimmy Goodley, Frank Chapman, Tom FitzPatrick (until item 12), Marie Strong (until item 6). Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk) there was 1 member of the public.

1. To welcome and receive apologies for absence

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present.

There were no apologies.

2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations

There were none.

3. To approve the minutes of meeting held on 16 November 2020

Minutes were approved without amendment.

4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting

There were none.

5. Receive reports from Local Police, NCC Councillor and NNDC Councillor, if attending

Police Newsletters are uploaded onto our website.

NCC - Cllr M. Strong

There were no additional questions.

NNDC - Cllr T. FitzPatrick

- Clerk asked whether the Government Additional Restrictions Grant would be available to the village hall. Cllr FitzPatrick suggested checking the criteria via the NNDC website.
- There was some discussion regarding water ingress and egress and the impact on local farmers fields.
- Cllr FitzPatrick suggested contacting Cllr Strong for further advice and support or to contact NCC Highways.
- Cllr Laws asked if there was an update on the Cherry Tree roundabout, however Cllr FitzPatrick advised that no planning application had been received yet.

Reports for the above will be available to view via www.barshamandhoughton-parish-council.co.uk.

6. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

The Chairman AGREED to move item 11.1 up on the agenda, to follow item 6.

DRAFT until agreed at next meeting

- 11.1 **PU/20/1885 Chicken Shed** | Land South of Water Lane, Great Snoring
Change of use of agricultural building to 5 dwelling houses (Class 3) and building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion
PC comment – Objection. NNDC – Awaiting decision

Chairman invited the member of the public present to comment on this item.

The applicants initial pre-application was for a single dwelling eco-house, however this had been dismissed by NNDC, this led to the current application for 5 dwellings.

Following further consideration by the Parish Council the existing objection to this application remained as the Councils final decision.

Cllr Goodley wished to have it recorded that should the applicant submit plans for a single dwelling he would be in full support, based on the previous pre-application plans that he had seen.

Cllr FitzPatrick also added that he supports, and feels others should support, the planning and building of exemplar and spectacular design houses, and should an application be received for such a dwelling he would be in support of it.

The Parish Council are only at liberty to comment on the existing planning application, and not give comments concerning any alternative plans until such time that they may be received via the official route.

The applicant thanked the Parish Council for allowing him the opportunity to discuss his planning application at length and for their time and consideration.

7. To hear from guest speaker: Father Williams, if attending

Father Harri will join us when meetings can revert to Hall Meetings.

8. Slipper Chapel Developments

Cllr FitzPatrick advised that there is a new Rector, but there have been no further developments regarding planning applications.

9. Defibrillator update

No further updates. Full funding will be required to move forward with this project.

10. Open Spaces

Clerk has received two quotations for the 2021/22 Grass cutting period. One from Barry & Shaun for £476 and another from CGM Ltd for £450 plus VAT. The Council RESOLVED to award the contract to Barry and Shaun based on the good quality of work provided by them to date.

- 10.1 Clerk to liaise with Walsingham Parish Council to organise a rota for the use of the SAM2 and to check the battery life and whether it must be charged up before being returned to Walsingham after each use.

11. Planning Matters

- PF/20/0931 Lodge Farmhouse** | Wells Dry Road, West Barsham, Fakenham, NR21 9NW
Conversion of former farm buildings with associated external alterations to form single dwelling with annexe; erection of detached garage and store building (part retrospective)
PC comment – No objection. NNDC decision – Approved

12. Financial Matters

12.1 To approve the payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

Payment to	Description	Cheque No.	Amount (£)
D Bracey	Play Area Inspection	100509	£96.00
Clerk	Salary	100510	£234.50
Hempton Parish Council	Clerk mobile & stationery contribution	100511	£24.16
Clerk	Website hosting and domain	100512	£26.33
	Total		£380.99
Receipts from	Description		Amount (£)
Barclays	Interest	DC	£0.06
	Total		£0.06

Payments made via cheque.

12.2 To consider and approve the budget and set the precept for 2021/22

The budget had been circulated to Councillors. Following discussion the Council RESOLVED to set the 2021/22 precept at £2375. This represents an increase of 25%. The Council also RESOLVED to use existing reserve funds to cover the earmarked budgeted figure of £450 to cover the cost of the SAM2 posts and new flat seat swing. Proposed by Cllr Chapman and Seconded by Cllr Laws.

12.3 To agree to set up online banking

The council RESOLVED to set up online banking to allow for easier and faster transactions. Both Cllr Ross and Cllr Howlett agreed to become online signatories. Clerk to forward the contact details to enable them to register for online banking.

12.4 To consider and agree a new Parish Council website

Following discussion, the Council RESOLVED to appoint Steve Jackman to create a new Council website. The Clerk will populate the site and maintain it going forward. Clerk to action.

13. Correspondence

NNDC Governance Review

Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

14. Items for inclusion on next agenda and agree the date of the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 15 March.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm

Signed by Chairman: Date: