



Barsham Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Monday 18 July 2022, 7.30pm

Parish Councillors present: Andrew Ross (Chairman), Grace Howlett, Frank Chapman, Robert Fletcher. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk). There were 7 members of the public present.

1. To welcome and receive apologies for absence

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from James Goodley and Stuart Laws (Vice Chairman). Apologies accepted.

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

Cllrs Howlett and Chapman declared an interest in item 9.2 and both abstained from participation.

3. To approve the minutes of meeting held on 16 May 2022

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. To fill a parish councillor vacancy by co-option

Mr Elliott was absent due to illness. AGREED to postpone co-option until the next meeting.

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

The new play area sign is ready for collection. Cllr Ross AGREED to collect and install it. Thanks, given.

6. To receive reports from NCC & NNDC Councillors, if in attendance

NCC Cllr Michael Dalby

A report can be found on our website www.barshampc.info

NNDC Cllr Tom FitzPatrick

Not present.

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

There were 7 members of the public present including Sam Baker and Victoria Saunders as representatives of the Shrine.

Cllr Ross gave a summary of previous conversations and meetings which included an initial stakeholder meeting in 2017 with a further meeting in 2018 followed by a feasibility study and another meeting in 2019, the outcome being that there were 8 or 9 possibilities to make traffic easier for everyone involved.

One option was finally agreed by stakeholders; however, it has never been implemented. Members of the Shrine advised that they never received the instruction at that time, which was for all traffic to go in one way and out the other...Coaches were to go down the Dry Road to Walsingham and to the shrine and out via Barsham.

Cllr Ross explained that the resolution is not an easy one, and some compromise is required and further dialogue.

The members of the public present wish to support the option for one way flow of traffic; however the levels of traffic have been intolerable coming into the village and traffic gets choked with vehicles trying to leave against the flow of traffic.

Idle traffic is bad for air pollution and branches are being knocked off trees – it was believed that the traffic would come through a different way and out via North Barsham – this way as people leave, they don't get clogged up, and it was proposed that all parties work towards the same idea.

Following much discussion, Cllr Ross asked whether Sam and Victoria could help with his? Mr Baker added that they would be happy to enter into further discussions including all stakeholders at a future date and is more than willing to help implement or support the agreed proposal.

Mr Baker noted that large events are now being ticketed in an effort to control the numbers of attendees, which was pleasing to the members of the public present and everyone agreed Sam and Victoria are showing a proactive approach.

Cllr Ross thanked everyone for attending the meeting and suggested that the Shrine members organise a further stakeholders meeting and update the Parish Council.

8. Open spaces

8.1 SAM2 report

For Project: Houghton April - May 2022

Location/Name: Incoming Direction

Traffic Report From 31/03/2022 17:30 through 28/05/2022 07:55:00

85th Percentile Speed = 42.2 mph

85th Percentile Vehicles = 23,090 counts

Max Speed = 75.0 mph on 12/04/2022 21:40:00

Total Vehicles = 27,165 counts

8.2 Consider highways issues to be reported

Pothole on Green Way has been reported as filled by NCC Highways.

Cllr Fletcher noted that proper road repairs should be carried out and not just with chippings that fall out as soon as they are filled. It is a waste of public money.

8.3 Receive defibrillator funding update

The Council have been successful in receiving £1000 grant funding from Tesco Bags of Help via Groundwork. A further £1000 approx. funding is required. Following discussion, it was agreed to apply to Priscilla Meath Baker at the Walsingham Estate for the additional funding.

8.4 To receive update on the Slipper Chapel and visitor traffic

Please see item 7 above.

9. Planning Matters

9.1 To receive results of applications

PF/22/0669 | 1 Field Barn Cottages, Wells Road, West Barsham, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 9NU

Two storey rear extension to dwelling

PC Comment - NEUTRAL | NNDC decision - APPROVED

- 9.2 To receive and consider new applications
 PF/22/1494 | Low 30 & 9 Acres, Green Way, North Barsham
 Change of use of agricultural land for use for dog walking and exercise
 PC comment – Comments to be obtained from councillors outside this meeting as half of those present were unable to comment due to having an interest.

10. Financial Matters

- 10.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list
 The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and the payments list (below)

Payment to	Description	Ref	Amount (£)
Clerk	Salary (Jun-Jul)	Online	253.50
Hempton Parish Council	Clerk mobile, laptop/ stationery contribution	Online	17.24
Barry & Shaun	Grass Cutting	Online	140.00
NPTS	Internal Audit Fee	Online	30.00
NNDC	Bin Emptying	Online	39.78
	Total		£480.52
Receipt from	Description	Ref	Amount (£)
NNDC	Textile Bank Credit	DC	15.70
Barclays Bank	Interest on reserves	DC	0.15
Tesco / Ground Works	Defibrillator Grant	DC	1000.00
	Total		£1015.85

11. **To receive and consider Correspondence**
 Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine – Made available to Councillors

12. **Receive items for next agenda and note the date of the next meeting**
 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 19 September .
 The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Signed by Chairman: Date: