

# Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 7pm at Neatishead Village Hall

Attendance: Glenn Neave (GN), Martin Mills (MM), Helen McFadyen (HF), Doreen Dean (DD), Phil Drake (PD), Andrew Wilton (AW), Neil Sanderson (NS)

Also present: Nicola Ledain – clerk and 1 member of the public  
Norfolk County Councillor – Richard Price.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies also from District Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle and Cllr Nigel Dixon.
2. **Declarations of Councillors' interests**  
There were no interests declared.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting held on 19 September 2023**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

### Reports

#### 4.1 To receive updates from County / District Councillors

County Cllr Richard Price reported that:

- Community Speedwatch regulations had changed from needing 6 volunteers to 2.
- Duncan Baker MP had recently held a speed forum meeting which had created a lot of interest and good attendance. The meeting focused on speeding in rural North Norfolk.
- Norfolk County Council were currently discussing and consulting on budget and County Deal.
- Potter Heigham, Horning, Hickling, Sea palling and Waxham had all been hit hardest with the latest flooding. There were on going discussion with various relevant organisations and parties to address these problems and help prevent it as much as possible in the future.

#### 4.2 To receive updates from the Police

There was no update.

#### 4.3 To receive a report from Barton Turf Community Charities

There was nothing to report as there had not been a Charities meeting.

#### 5. To receive updates on ongoing matters:

##### a. **Wildlife Working Party**

It was requested to change the name of the group to Wildlife Working Party. NS reported that the paths around the ponds had been levelled. Before the recent flooding, half of the meadow had been cut back. There was a short discussion regarding how many times per year this would be done. There had also been good attendance at the working party on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

##### b. **Black Shed update**

The Black Shed had been affected by the recent flooding. PD updated he still intended to meet with the architect.

c. ***New Victory Hall update***

DD reported that the hall was financially sound. The recent classic car show had raised approx. £800, and there had been a good quiz night. There had been lots of enquiries for new bookings. The sliding doors parts were on order with someone to fit them organised. There was also internal decoration scheduled for 2024.

d. ***Irstead Staithe – lease (HM)***

HM suggested, after consultation, that paragraph 1 should be reworded to reflect that the parish council wouldn't want to be held responsible for moorings, quayheadings and slipways. Council agreed that this should be actioned.

e. ***Defibrillators (HM)***

DD reported that there had been three applications made for defibrillators:

- British Heart Foundation for a fully funded defibrillator with cabinet.
- Through the Department of Health and Social Care via London Hearts for partial funding.
- North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund which offers £1000 worth of funding.

The Village Hall Community Breakfast would be held on 13<sup>th</sup> January and funds would be shared with Neatishead. There had also been an offered donation from a resident of £200, which the Council expressed sincere thanks for.

**6. Website**

It was reported that the new website would soon be completed and the link would be circulated when it was available. It was also noted that the council needed to update their policies which would then be available on the website. NL to action.

**7. Highways Issues**

- 7.1 There was general concern raised about Berry Hall Road which appeared to be getting lower. With regularly flooding, it seemed to be sinking. There was a discussion regarding highways visiting and PD would get some footage.

**8. Finance:**

It was reported that access to the bank accounts had finally been resolved, although the council still did not have a cheque book. This had been ordered and was hoped to be received within 2 weeks.

**9. Planning**

- 9.1 BA/2023/0073: Marsh House, Hall Road, Bart Turf: Change to openings, glazing, materials and terrace, non-material amendment  
The Council AGREED no objections.
- 9.2 The council asked if the results of the water treatment survey had been received and this would be checked.

**10. Items for next agenda or for Communities Charity meeting**

None at present

11. Dates for 2024 would follow a similar pattern to 2023 and would be circulated.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm.