

# Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7pm

Attendance: Glenn Neave – Chair (GN), Helen McFadyen (HM), Doreen Dean (DD), Martin Mills (MM), Neil Sanderson (NS), Andrew Wilton (AW)

Also present: Nicola Ledain – clerk

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Phil Drake. County Cllr Richard Price was also unable to attend.

### 2. Declarations of Councillors' interests

There were no interests declared.

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 5 September 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 4. Reports

#### a. To receive updates from County / District Councillors

Due to the apologies received, County Cllr Price had submitted a report in writing. He reported that there were a modern range of flood protection devices that were now available for people to purchase to protect their homes and he had circulated this information via email. He reported that he was also actively seeking possible funding sources for a survey of the Black Shed and would keep the parish council updated on any progress.

There was no Councillors present from NNDC.

#### b. To receive updates from the Police

There was no update.

#### c. To receive a report from Barton Turf Community Charities

There had been no meetings of Barton Turf Community Charities since the last meeting.

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

#### a. Wildlife Working Party

NS reported that there had recently been some working parties. Hay had been raked back to encourage more biodiversity, paths had been widened which would be maintained. NS had also attended a Norfolk Wildlife Trust course on maintenance of ponds which had been useful. It seemed that some of the ducks had returned and this would be monitored. GN and NS would discuss any future winter work at the Common that needed to be carried out.

#### b. Black Shed Update

Norfolk Community Foundation had confirmed that a pro bono surveyor had been unsuccessful. The survey needed was a building condition survey with a list of dilapidations and costings of those dilapidations. Phil Drake had agreed to provide some potential surveyors.

#### c. New Victory Hall Update

DD reported that all was going well. The installation of solar panels was being investigated. However, it might be hindered due to sewers underground which would

limit the amount of ground mounted solar panels that could be positioned on the piece of ground behind the hall. There were also lots of bookings for the hall for 2025 with all current groups renewing. The Beatles event on 26 October 2024 was sold out.

## **6. Clerk's appraisal**

The council were informed that this had taken place and a summary would be circulated to all the council with the objectives.

## **7. Policies**

A new policy schedule would be circulated due to changing the schedule of meetings to bi-monthly. Previous missed policies would be added to future months.

## **8. Water treatment results**

There had not been a response from NNDC regarding the water treatment results and would be chased. For clarification it was the water in the top pond that needed to be tested and it was unclear what the condition by NNDC planning was in approving the planning application for the water treatment plant.

## **9. Highways**

- 9.1 Smallburgh Road continued to cause problems with a number of potholes and it was suggested that these were reported again.
- 9.2 The mooring advert advertising spaces would continue to be published in the NIB for the next year. It was also suggested that the information regarding how to report potholes and any highways issues should be added to the NIB magazine.
- 9.3 The Highway Engineer had been contacted about moving the 30mph sign.
- 9.4 The hedge at the bottom of Mill Road, Barton Turf at the junction with School Road on the south side of the road was obscuring the view around the corner and would be report.

## **10. Finance**

- a. The financial statement was noted.
- b. There had been no receipts.
- c. The following payments were agreed for the Parish Council;  
Nicola Ledain – clerk salary October 2024: £281.56 plus £5 wfh expenses (chq no. 101036)  
Nicola Ledain – stamps £13.20 (chq no. 101037)  
Alan Lowthers Gardening Services £240.53 (chq no. 101038)  
Countrystyle Recycling £18 (chq no. 101039)  
Donation to Barton Turf PCC: £275 (chq no. )  
Donation to Irstead PCC: £225 (chq no. )  
A donation to Broadland 1<sup>st</sup> responders £200 was also agreed and would be sent when the address had been sought.
- d. To agree payments for the Charities
  - i. Alan Lowther - £194.69 (chq no. 100314)
  - ii. Countrystyle Recycling - £94.20 (chq no. 100315)

## **11. Planning**

There were no planning issues to report.

## **12. Items for next agenda or for Communities Charity meeting**

## **13. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 26 November 2025**

Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Signed

22 October 2024