

Barton Turf and Irstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7pm at Neatishead Village Hall

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

Also present: Nicola Ledain – clerk
District Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Martin Mills.

Apologies also from District Cllr, Cllr Nigel Dixon and County Cllr Richard Price.

2. Declarations of Councillors' interests

There were no interests declared.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 November 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Reports

4.1 To receive updates from County / District Councillors

4.1.1 Cllr Richard Price reported via email that Norfolk County Council had voted to proceed with the County Deal with the election for a Directly Elected Leader to take place in May 2025. This would bring more money and control to Norfolk. He reported that he continued to work in support of communities still affected by flooding and he thanked the parish councillors for their hard work during the last year this year in serving the community.

4.1.2 Cllr Gerard Mancini-Boyle reported that there was a new director at North Norfolk District Council who had a customer service background. He would, in time, be contacting the parish councils in the district to ask how things could be improved. He also reported that as part of nutrient neutrality, North Norfolk, Broadland, South Norfolk and Breckland had established a new Joint venture company called, Norfolk Environmental Credits (NEC). The company will provide a trading platform for nutrient offsetting and other environmental credits, including Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG).

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. There would be a Charities meeting held in the new year.

5. To receive updates on ongoing matters:

a. *Wildlife Working Party*

There was limited work to report as it was winter and minimal work had been carried out.

b. *Black Shed update*

The black shed was still to be reviewed by an architect and structural engineer. Due to the retirement and ill health of the architect, PC had arranged for a new architect to take a look at the shed and him and GN would meet him.

c. *New Victory Hall update*

DD would be the parish council representative and report back to the parish council. However to avoid a conflict of interest, if there was anything potentially conflicting was being raised, then GN would attend as the parish council representative.

DD reported that the hall had been busy and the Christmas Fair raised £2149.

d. *Irstead Staithe – lease (HM)*

The wording had been agreed at the last meeting and were awaiting confirmation from the Poors Trust.

e. *Defibrillators (HM)*

DD reported the application through the Department of Health and Social Care via London Hearts for partial funding had been successful and they had offered 50% funding. DD and NL had already sent the cheque. They would then be in touch with the timescale of delivery of the cabinet. There had also been an offered donation of £200 from a local resident for a later defib in Barton Turf. Unfortunately, due to not being able to complete the final paperwork regarding the grant from North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund due to Barclays not giving the parish council access to the accounts, NNDC were unable to review the application for a defibrillator. If the paperwork can be completed in a timely manner they would review the defibrillator application in March. The Village Hall Community Breakfast would be held on 13th January and funds would be shared with Neatishead which would go towards the cost of the defibrillators.

6. *Website*

The website was very nearly complete. A few final touches and then the IT engineer needed to finish the process.

7. *D-Day Celebrations*

June 6th 2024 would mark 80 years since D-Day. There would be something organised by Neatishead Irstead and Barton Turf Community Heritage Group.

8. *Policy List*

The council agreed the policy list which included all needed policies and when they would be approved.

9. *Highways Issues*

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 also concern raised about Irstead Street and the flooding that had occurred.

10. *Finance:*

It was reported that the parish council now had access to the bank accounts and had a cheque book so were able to pay all outstanding bills. The finance report was agreed.

The current bank account balance: £19644.16

Business Premium Savings account: £2562.10

COIF Account: £1943.91 (as at 30 September 2023)

The following payments had been made since the last meeting

- (i) Steve Jackman – website £135 (chq no. 100993)
- (ii) NNDC election costs £992.96 (chq no. 100994)
- (iii) Broadland Computers £25.00 (chq no. 100995)
- (iv) Rocket Design – Common Noticeboard: £1374 (chq no. 100996)
- (v) C. B Arnold – Common dredging and seats: £1960.21 (chq no. 100997)
- (vi) Alan Lowther – Common grass cutting: £1204.89 (chq no. 100998)
- (vii) Countrystyle Recycling – grass recycling Irstead (chq no. 100999)
- (viii) Nicola Ledain – clerk salary: £2000 (chq no. 101000)
- (ix) Glenn Neave for Conect Ltd – phone box spares: £298.60 (chq no. 101001)
- (x) Helen McFadyn – present for retiring clerk £80 (chq no. 101002)

11. Planning

The council has received confirmation that the water treatment survey had been carried out but not the results.

12. Items for next agenda or for Communities Charity meeting

None at present

Meeting ended at 9pm.