

BARLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting of Barley Parish Council
on Monday 4th October 2021

PRESENT

Cllr Jerry Carlisle (Chair), Cllr Ali Hearn, Cllr David King, Cllr Yvonne Lee, Cllr Ian Turner.

IN ATTENDANCE

Lynn Brett (RFO), Mel Chammings (Clerk), County Cllr Fiona Hill, District Cllr. Tony Hunter District Cllr. Gerald Morris, 4 members of the public.

21/01 APOLOGIES.

1.1 Apologies for were received and accepted from Cllr Haughey who was unwell.

21/02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 No declarations of interest were made. However, Cllrs were reminded to register any new interests with Companies House and NHDC monitoring officer. **Action:** Clerk to advise Cllr Haughey.

21/03 MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021 were read and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.
Proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Lee.

21/04 PUBLIC PARTIPATION

4.1 The items raised were included in the relevant part of the agenda.
a) Highways issues item 6.1 refers b) Planning application item 5.1.1 refers c) Speed camera item 7.4.2 refers

21/05 PLANNING

5.1 Three planning applications were considered, and members resolved as follows:

5.1.1 Planning reference 21/02662/FPH, The Forge, Church End.

There were no objections to this application.

5.1.2 Planning reference 21/02574/FP The Gables, High Street

Barley Parish Council objected to this application and asked NHDC that it be refused on the grounds that:

- The application was yet another attempt to enlarge an already consented proposal on this site. It follows recent refusals by NHDC to enlarge the originally consented proposed building and an appeal decision dated 17th August 2021 upholding NHDC's refusal.
- This latest application would again result in significant visual changes to the appearance of the consented scheme. The substantially extended wider frontage would significantly increase its prominence and the perceived openness of the plot and restrict views towards the green space reducing the contribution the plot makes to the openness of the layout of the development in general and undermining the design principles that were established under the consented scheme.
- The proposal would cause increased harm to the character of the Barley Conservation Area the importance of which having been extensively referred to by the planning inspector(s) in the failed Planning Appeals on this site.
- Barley Parish Council would add that we are concerned at the number of applications, be they full planning applications or S73 applications for non-material amendments, to revise the consented scheme that the developer continues to submit. Whilst limited minor modifications do on occasions prove to be necessary the multiplicity of applications being submitted only seem to serve to substantially change and undermine the consented scheme disregarding the sensitivity of the site in the context of the nearby listed building and the Barley Conservation Area. The justification for the original scheme was predicated on the benefits it would bring to the local community – improved car parking for the doctors' surgery and a mix of housing types and sizes with even the carrot of affordability. With the exception of the doctors' car park which has always seemed questionable the scheme no longer appears to provide much community benefit whatsoever.

5.1.3 Planning reference 21/02652/S73 The Gables, High Street

Barley Parish Council objected to this application and asked NHDC that it be refused on the grounds that:

- Having reviewed the proposal contained in the S73 application Barley Parish Council do not consider the proposals for a substantially different and larger property together with increased hard standing would be a non-material amendment to the planning permission 18/03349/S73 granted on 15.03.2019.
- These changes to the appearance of the development within the street scene and within the context of the Conservation Area would result in a

significant change going well beyond the scope of this type of application.

- The current proposal bears a striking resemblance to the proposal for plot 3 contained in the application 20/03072/S73 which was recently refused on appeal (appeal decision dated 17th August 2021); the bulk and massing remains virtually unchanged.
- BPC can see no justification for this application to be granted and ask that the application be refused.
- BPC is concerned at the number of revised applications, be they full planning applications or S73 applications for non-material amendments, that the developer continues to submit. Whilst limited minor modifications do on occasions prove to be necessary, the multiplicity of applications being submitted only seem to serve to substantially change and undermine the consented scheme, having a total disregard to the sensitivity of the site in the context of the nearby listed building and the Barley Conservation area. The justification for the original scheme was predicated on the benefits it would bring to the local community – improved car parking for the doctors' surgery and a mix of housing types and sizes with even the carrot of affordability. With the exception of the doctors' car park which has always seemed questionable, the scheme no longer provides any community benefit whatsoever.

21/06 REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLRS

6.1 County Cllr Hill updated the meeting on the issues that she agreed to follow up on behalf of the Parish Council. She reported that:

- Countryside Management had agreed to repair the gates on the footpath on Lovely View and would keep us informed of progress
- The PCC camera van would be deployed to supplement the speed camera.
- Dan Pearman was available to attend a parish meeting which was confirmed for December.
- There was still an issue about the diversion that caused damage to the verges in Smiths End Lane, but she would continue to press for a resolution
- The TRO for the outstanding work at the junction of Picknage Road and Church End had been received and we were awaiting works to commence

Additional items raised by members of the public which Cllr Hill agreed to follow up were:

- The broken railings on the side of the humpback bridge on the Royston Road.
- The large pothole at the entrance to Barley on the Flint Cross road was now a real safety issue. **Action:** Clerk to add both issues to the Highways Action plan
- The perennial problem with the transportation of straw causing blockages to drains was raised and Cllr Hill would follow up through the PCC, NFU and the Barn meetings (collaborative meeting between farmers and HCC)

6.2 District Cllr Morris reported that:

- He continued to make representations about the poor service of Urbaser
- The inspector had yet to return with his comments on the Local Plan

21/07 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES, COMMITTEES & PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

7.1 Town House

7.1.1 Members noted the minutes of the committee meeting 1st September which were circulated in advance. Since the meeting several issues had arisen which were being taken forward by Nick Shaw and the Clerk in his absence.

7.1.2 Members noted that all health and safety checks were satisfactory and that the six-monthly checks by Swift Fire were carried out in September. Any remedial action necessary was complete.

7.2 Plaistow

7.2.1 The proposal to remove the litter bins from the Plaistow was discussed but the majority decided that we should consider paying for the service first. Deferred to the next meeting. **Action:** Clerk to contact NHDC

7.2.2 The tennis club confirmed that they had commissioned a builder to repair the steps down to the court. Action: Cllr Turner to follow up

There were some minor repairs required on the play equipment.

Action: Cllr Turner

Further research was needed to source the replacement picnic tables and benches. **Action:** Cllr Turner

7.2.3 Members approved a proposal to remove and replace a dead tree on the Kings Yard side. **Action:** Clerk to investigate replacement

7.3 Club Room

7.3.1 Cllr Carlisle reported that:

- The Air Con installation had been completed
- The EPC consultant's draft report indicated category C had been achieved
- Work to insulate the basement ceiling was underway

7.3.2 Members noted that the lease would expire next May and approved the proposal for Cllr Carlisle to re start negotiations with the tenant now. In addition, members approved the proposal for the Parish Council to pay for the first year of the Air **Con** maintenance agreement which the tenant would re imburse. Resolved. **Action:** Cllr Carlisle

7.4 Highways

7.4.1 The Highways action plan would be updated as stated previously. **Action:** Clerk to update regularly and circulate.

7.4.2 Members approved the proposal for Cllr Haughey along with the Clerk to engage with the PCC to establish how the partnership framework outlined in the MoU would be fleshed out to ensure success. Resolved **Action;** Cllr Haughey and Clerk

7.5 Defra Local Nature Recovery consultation questions were considered and answered. **Action:** Clerk to forward to HAPTC

21/08 FINANCE

8.1 The RFO had previously distributed the list of **payments to be made between meetings**

Barley Parish Council

Came and Co	2434.23	Insurance
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Proposed by Cllr Carlisle and seconded by Cllr Hearn

For approval at this meeting

Barley Parish Council

M Chammings	342.80	Clerking September
L Brett	186.80	RFO September
Adcock	9415.20	Air con club room
Savills report	540.00	Club room inspect and
UKASPs room	480.00	SBE calculations club
HMRC 21	135.27	PAYE to month 6, Sept
Hardcastle Burton 31.3.21	834.00	Review of TH accounts

Approved. Proposed Cllr Turner and Seconded Cllr Lee

Cllr Carlisle asked if the remaining funds approved by Cllr Hill from her Locality budget to support Barley during the pandemic could be transferred to the Barley Charities who were now leading on services needed post Covid. Cllr Hill agreed but asked for formal notification.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr Hill.

Barley Town House

PJ Robinson electrical	561.60	Rewire (vermin damage)
NHDC	39.91	240lt recycle 10/21-03/22
NHHDC	49.08	240lt waste to 09.21
NHDC	94.45	600lt waste 10/21-03/22
R Saklatvala	321.00	Letting September
Swift fire	204.00	6 monthly fire alarm service
Swift Fire	60.00	6 monthly emergency lighting
Swift Fire	60.00	Fire extinguisher service

Town House payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Hearn.

8.2.1 Decision on the sale of the marquees was deferred until December, so that further discussion could take place with current local users. Meanwhile the offer from Langley PC would be put on hold. Deferred. **Action:** Clerk to inform Langley PC

8.2.2 /8.2.3 Members approved the proposal that the RFO should contact the treasurer of the village show committee and the tennis club to agree what accounts would be made available to the PC. **Action:** RFO by December when the budget discussion would begin.

21/09 CLERKS REPORT

9.1 The proposal to review our ways of working and discuss the newly adopted Code of conduct in a workshop setting for Councillors and officers was agreed. **Action:** Clerk to arrange a date.

21/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be on Monday 1st November

