**BARLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting of Barley Parish Council**

**on Monday 7th March 2022**

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mel Chammings (Clerk), County Cllr Fiona Hill, District Cllr Gerald Morris, Lynn Brett (RFO), Nick Shaw and one member of the public.

**1. APOLOGIES.**

**1.1** Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Tony Hunter.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**2.1** No declarations of interest were made.

**3.MINUTES**

**3.1** The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2022 were read and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr Hearn.

**4. PUBLIC PARTIPATION**

**4.1** No issues were raised.

**5. PLANNING**

**5.1 Planning reference: 22/00344/FPH, part two storey, part single storey side extension, insertion of roof lights to existing side extension and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing side elevation garage. Creeve, The Mount,**

The Council had no objections to this application in principle but noted that the property was in a conservation area and no design statement accompanied the application.

**5.2** **Planning reference: 22/00, 392/FPH erection of outdoor swimming pool including associated timber structure for pump and filter. Burnel’s Barn, Shaftenhoe End**

The Council had no objections to this application in principle but noted that this was a listed building, and no listed building consent was included in the application, nor was there any information relating to pump noise attenuation. Members asked that both conditions were considered and satisfied before consent was given.

**5.3** **Planning reference:22/00413/ FPH Erection of detached wooden structure for use as a children’s playhouse on existing patio. Sells Close House, High Street**

The Council had no objections to this application.

**5.4 Planning reference: 22/00347/S73 Variation of condition 2of previously approved planning permission 20/02419/FP to include reduction in footprint of proposed replacement dwelling; amendments to rear west elevation; rearrangement of several windows and addition of a catslide roof to rear. Churchfield, Pudding Lane**

The Council had no objections to this application

**5.5 Planning reference: 22/00614/FP Various amendments to plots 2 and 3. The Gables, High Street**

The Council had no objections to this application

**6. FINANCE**

**6.1** The RFO had previously distributed the list of payments for approval at this meeting

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M Chammings 304.40 Clerking February

L Brett 158.00 RFO February

NHDC 532.75 Dog bins

Curwens 120.00 Land reg. re Club Room

Lee Smith Magic 400.00 Jubilee \*

\*This payment would not be paid until after 5th June

Approved. Proposed Cllr Haughey and Seconded Cllr Turner

Barley Town House

Barley Property Mtce 1514.00 Internal repairs

M Chammings 89.75 Letting Officer fee

R Saklatvala 93.75 Letting Officer fee.

Proposed by Cllr Turner and seconded by Cllr King.

**6.2** Other financial issues

**6.2.1**The RFO was in the process of finalising the Town House electricity payment owed to Bulb. Once complete a new supplier would be sourced. **Action**; RFO

**6.2.2** The Town House insurance was due in April. It was confirmed that theproposed rebuilding cost sum insured was considered sufficient. The sum insured being based on last year’s figure but increased in line with building cost inflation indexation. The sum insured had been reviewed by Savill’s in April 2019..

**6.2.3** The quote from Bullard’s for footpath clearance for the next season, of £636+vat was approved. The clerk would inform Bullard’s **Action:** Clerk

**7. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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

* The grille to provide a trap for waste entering the pipe crossing Picknage Road was now on order but there was concern about waste building up on the grille leading to a blockage. It was noted however that this could easily be cleared and was preferable to a blockage within the pipe which was not easily cleared. An HCC Highways senior officer would organise a meeting with affected residents to explain residents responsibilities with regards to clearance of the ditch. Those who previously attended the drainage site meeting would also be invited.
* The resurfacing of Church End was completed
* Work to provide white lines in various locations in the village, and reinstatement of rumble strips, as indicated in the Highways Action Plan, would not take place until the next budget year
* She had been advised that the drainage Condition survey had been completed by HCC Highways and details were being assessed. This was queried by BPC as such a survey needed quite extensive work to complete properly. Cllr Hill would ask HCC Highways to confirm the position.
* The kerbing work to retain the embankment on London Road would take place w/c 14th March. The drains on the opposite side of the road would also be repaired at the same time.
* It was agreed that the flooding of Shaftenhoe End Lane near Lovely View would be added to the Highways Action Plan
* A meeting to discuss 20mph speed restriction zones continued to be pursued.
* Debris at the bottom of Bakers Lane and Royston/Cambridge Road would be moved to HCC Highways from NHDC for resolution.

**7.2 District Cllr Morris** would contact the NHDC planning officer, responsible for the Picknage Road PIP application, to ascertain why there is no update available on the planning portal.

**8. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES, COMMITTEES & PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

* 1. Town House

**8.1.1** Mr Shaw reported that:

* Work to repair the fire doors was complete.
* Cllr Hill was thanked for the grant of £500 from her locality budget towards the window refurbishment. We had also been successful in gaining a similar grant from Royston Community Fund. An application to NHDC for release of S106 monies earmarked for leisure use in Barley would be made once the invoice for the works had been received.
* Darren Partt had indicated that the window timbers would need to be replaced in the next 6/7 years. Cllr Carlisle requested this in writing. **Action:** Mr Shaw to request from Mr Partt

**8.2** Plaistow

**8.2.1** Due to the recent storms a trampoline had blown into the Plaistow and was in pieces. [*post meeting action. Cllr Turner had kindly removed the debris].*

**8.2.2** A Mercedes had been parked in the Town House car park for several weeks. The clerk would contact NHDC for the appropriate advice. [ *post meeting action; Cllr Haughey resolved the issue]*

**8.2.3** It was agreed to put the four large marquees on sale, once agreed with the Village Show organisers.

**8.2.3** Play area: The quote received from Broadmead Leisure for the dog grids at the entrances to the play area was too expensive. It was agreed that the fencing should be retained, and Cllr Turner would seek a quote from John Guerro for the repair to the gates and posts.

**8.2.4** The condition of the footpaths from the High Street and Picknage road to the Plaistow were in very poor condition. The clerk would contact HCC Rights of Way to ask for urgent repairs. **Action;** Clerk

**8.2.5** The Tennis Club: Cllr Lee had agreed to research what agreement should be in place between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club. She had distributed a paper in advance which laid out the issues and possible solutions.

For there to be an agreement between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club there needed to be an entity that could enter into that agreement and BPC would need to be satisfied that any Agreement met the objectives of the Plaistow Charity. It was agreed that Cllr Lee and the chair of the Tennis Club would continue to work together to resolve the issue. **Action;** Cllr Lee

**8.2.5** Cesspit: Cllr Haughey would source quotes for the repair to the cesspit for agreement on commission at the next meeting.

**8.3** The Queens Jubilee event

**8.3.1**

* The planning group now met regularly and had agreed to hold a street party on Church End on Sunday 5th June.
* A temporary road closure application had been made. In the unlikely event that this application was unsuccessful the Head Teacher had agreed the use of the school playing field
* Residents directly affected by the road closure had been consulted and no negative responses had been received.
* Entertainment, catering, music, banners etc were being organised.
* It was agreed that prior to and to commemorate the event each household in the parish would receive a boxed ‘Another Two Ears of Barley ‘book.

**9. CLERKS REPORT**

**9.1** A letter about the safety issues at the entrance to the concrete road running to the sewage works had been sent to the landowner.

**9.2** Members agreed to support the Barley Community Group with the costs of their public liability insurance.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING and items for the agenda**

The next meeting would be on Monday 4th April 2022. Cllrs Lee and Hearn gave apologies for their absence in advance.

**Items for future discussion**

1. Tennis club Agreement (May meeting)
2. Queens Jubilee celebration update
3. Sale of marquees (outstanding item from previous meetings)
4. Cesspit repair (outstanding item from previous meetings)
5. Barley Parish Council Facebook page

The meeting ended at 22.30