



# Barsham Parish Council

## Meeting Minutes

Monday 15 July 2024

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Parish Councillors present: Andrew Ross (Chairman), Grace Howlett, Frank Chapman, Maragret Hulme and Tom FitzPatrick (District Councillor) Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk) and PC Johnathan Kentfield. There were no members of the public present.

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**1. Welcome and receive apologies for absence**

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies received from Jimmy Goodley. Apologies accepted.

**2. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensations**

There were none.

**3. To approve the minutes of meeting held on 22 May**

The minutes were approved without amendment and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting**

There were none.

**5. NCC & NNDC Councillors, if in attendance**

Cllr FitzPatrick noted that there is a new Government and housing is a new priority and bringing discussed homes back into use and providing new homes.

Grant funding will be applied for as soon as it becomes available for a roundabout on A148/Watermoor Lane and works will be scheduled as soon as possible

Cllr Howlett raised concerns that the developers of the new housing were going to fund the new roundabout, however now the cost falls to the general public via the County Council and is very misleading and unfair...it seems the developers agreed to fund it to enable the plans to go through and have now backtracked. Cllr FitzPatrick advised that legislation allows the developers to apply for funding retrospectively. He also added that the installation of a roundabout would be an improvement to the highway.

**6. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public**

PC Kentfield (our local Beat Manager), wanted to come along to our meeting to say hello and introduce himself. He welcomed any issues that we may wish to report to him and he shared the recent local crime stats. Two investigations were recorded, one of which was a non crime domestic incident.

Cllr Chapman raised concerns with the pilgrimage, traffic was backed up, road barricades that had been put in place did not have permission as not an official and they were not removed, it was chaos, and asked how we would know what is being done to address this. PC Kentfield added that the police will be speaking to the chapel tomorrow and will feed back to us and ask them to get in touch with us.

There was some discussion about travellers that pass through the parish each year, however it was agreed that generally they are not disruptive.

The Clerk raised concerns with speeding through the villages and that the Council is awaiting on notification of the result of a grant application from the NCC for a SAM2. PC Kentfield agreed to request the speed van to the area this week if possible. He also suggested village gateways and roundels painted on the road.

## **7. Open spaces**

### **7.1 Slipper chapel and issues with the pilgrim buses**

Cllr Chapman raised serious concerns with the 'chaos' that occurred during the most recent pilgrimage event at the Chapel. The roads were blocked in every direction. The Police were in attendance to attempt to help ease the situation, but a local person could not leave her own home, had to call an ambulance and the ambulance could not get through!

PC Kentfield explained that a debrief was planned for later this week and agreed to take the Council's concerns to the members of the Slipper Chapel.

Cllr Chapman mentioned that this event had not been ticketed, as they were last year, which led to the issues....unauthorised road closure signs were put out but not removed in a timely fashion, they were being ignored but many pilgrims and this all led to the serious traffic implications.

It was noted that following email contact with Fr Billings, members of the Chapel would attend the next Council meeting to discuss the issues and hopefully keep good communications between the Chapel and Council going forward.

### **7.2 Consider findings from the annual play area inspection report**

Following review of the annual inspection it was agreed that there were no major issues raised. It was however noted that the Council's plan is to replace the old equipment with new up to date play equipment. Cllr Hulme kindly agreed to carry out a survey to gauge the communities' support and proceed with a grant application to fund the project. Thanks, given.

## **8. Planning Matters**

### **8.1 To receive results of applications**

There were none.

### **8.2 To receive and consider new applications**

Erection of building to provide Padel tennis facility with two indoor courts, changing facilities, bar and sitting area; construction of outdoor court and parking area PF/23/2569 | Land At , Waterhouse Farm, Waterhouse, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 0LA

DC decision – SUPPORT | DC Decision - APPROVED

**9. Financial Matters**

9.1 To approve the bank reconciliation and payment of accounts list

The Council RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and the payments list (below)

Payments

|               |                      |         |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|
| Clerk         | Salary (July)        | £69.75  |
| HMRC          | PAYE                 | £69.75  |
| Sculthorpe PC | Clerk Exps           | £9.66   |
| Barry & Shaun | Grass Cutting        | £150.00 |
| ROSPA         | Play Area Inspection | £93.60  |

Receipts

|               |          |       |
|---------------|----------|-------|
| Barclays Bank | Interest | £7.71 |
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**10. To receive and consider Correspondence**

Parishioner email received regarding a request to cut the hedge along the boundary of the play area and concerns with dogs entering the play area. Following discussion, it was agreed that dogs would be permitted but a new sign will be erected asking dogs to be kept on a lead and exercised away from the play equipment, and a clean-up your dog's mess sign. The hedges are cut but are done so outside of the bird nesting season.

**11. Receive items for next agenda and note the date of the next meeting**

Items for inclusion on the next agenda:- Update on play area survey and funding. Consider white village gateways via NCC PPS.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 September. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

Signed by Chairman: ..... Date: .....