

Barley with Wheatley Booth Parish Council (BPC)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. D. Heap (Chairman) Cllr. D. Oldham Cllr. D. Goodger Cllr. J Connor
 Cllr. I Milne Cllr F Wilkinson Cllr. V. Mager

In Attendance: V.Thorp (Clerk), C. Heap (RFO), Worship the Mayor (Cllr J Starkie), Cllr C Wakeford

Public: Richard Fowler, Rob Scott, Tim Cartmell

1.	Apologies for Absence: None
2.	Councillors Declaration of Interest: Cllr Wilkinson: Lengthsman.
3.	To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 February 2019. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 13 February 2019 should be approved and that the Chair sign them as a correct record.
4.	<p>Public participation: The meeting was attended by 3 representatives of the Barley Residents group (Richard Fowler, Rob Scott, Tim Cartmell); Mr Fowler was the main spokesperson.</p> <p>Mr Fowler advised that 71 residents had attended a meeting at the Pendle Inn on March 4th to discuss concerns raised on the 'Barley Past & Present' Facebook group. It has been agreed at the conclusion of the residents' meeting that a small number of representatives would attend the next BPC meeting to present the issues and would feedback progress to residents.</p> <p>These issues fell into 4 key areas, each was discussed in turn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village parking & traffic flow • Volume of Visitors • Unauthorised cars on private land • Dogs not on leads <p><u>Village parking & traffic flow</u> Mr Fowler stated that a tipping point had been reached as a result of irresponsible and dangerous parking by visitors to the village. A list of affected roads was discussed and potential solutions were presented, focusing on a request that double yellow lines being introduced to the village.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he had met with LCC Highways earlier in the day to discuss what could be done to mitigate parking issues and this was the reason that the PC meeting had been postponed by a week. He advised that whilst there was no enthusiasm from LCC to install yellow lines, they were prepared to install drop crossings with white H bars at junctions, with white hazard lines to be added at further locations through the village. The Chair added that LCC was preparing a plan of these locations which should be available for consultation by the next meeting.</p> <p>In response to a query from Mr Fowler, the Chair advised that the village did not meet the LCC criteria for yellow lines but that if the white lines were widely ignored by visitors, LCC would be more amenable to yellow lines. The Chair also added that police could remove vehicles if they were parked on H bars, whereas yellow lines are only enforced by LCC wardens who might not be in attendance at weekends due to lack of resources. The Chair stated that it was likely that installation of white lines would take a minimum of 3 months from the agreement of the locations due to necessary consultation periods.</p>

Mr Fowler reported that the parking of vehicles by local businesses on and around the turning circle had been raised at the residents meeting. The Chair reported speaking to each business on numerous occasions requesting the turning circle was kept clear.

Increase in Volume of Visitors

It was agreed that the increase in visitor numbers appeared to coincide with implementation of phase 2 of the Sculpture Trail i.e. December 2018. Mr Scott expressed disappointment that residents had not been consulted on the further development of the trail.

The Chair advised the PC had been consulted but only as an afterthought just prior to the grant submission date and only sketch drawings had been provided. He added that the PC had expected the new sculptures to be made from natural materials and similar to those in Phase 1 and were most disappointed that some were not and were perceived as 'tacky' by a large number of residents. The new sculptures were not in keeping with Phase 1 but were clearly a popular attraction for families.

The Chair advised that he and Cllr Starkie would be meeting senior PBC officers during w/c 25th March to discuss the Sculpture Trail. Cllr Wakeford added that due to a previous commitment, he was unable to attend that meeting but that PBC had agreed that the phase 3 development would be put on hold.

Cllr Starkie commented that it was possible that visitors to the trail may reduce after the initial novelty of phase 2 and that this may remove the need for yellow lines.

Unauthorised cars on private lanes

Mr Fowler stated residents concerns regarding drivers using the roads to Black Moss reservoirs, Ogden reservoirs and Narrowgates, adding that Black Moss residents had experience confrontations with visitors. Mr Scott advised that UU had been requested to provide further signage to deter the public using these private roads but that it remained inadequate.

The Chair stated that the PC would support residents in their efforts on this matter. The installation of barriers was raised as a potential solution but was likely to prove problematic for some residents but it was a matter for them to take up with the landowner, United Utilities.

Dogs not on leads

Mr Fowler advised that residents were concerned both by livestock worrying and dog fouling, the latter being caused by residents in some cases.

Cllr Starkie advised that large bins would be installed at the end of the tarmac section of road to Black Moss to increase the capacity for dog waste; these would be emptied fortnightly. The Chair also stated that he would invite PBC enforcement officers to the APM to provide a briefing on their powers.

The RFO reported overflowing dog bins would be promptly emptied by PBC provided they were notified.

Other issues

The Chair stated that suggestions to increase the capacity of the car park had been noted but that reconfiguration was likely only to provide an additional 10% capacity which would not be a cost effective benefit. He added that it was felt that removing the trees from the area adjacent to the Avenue to provide further spaces would be too much of an 'urbanisation' of the village.

The Chair advised Mr Cartmell that he had finally received a positive response from UU regarding the installation of boulders on the verges at Narrowgates and read out their statement regarding legal liabilities. He added that he was aware that residents had discussed installing boulders under their own auspices and should they do this, Narrowgates residents would need to fulfil these legal responsibilities imposed by United Utilities rather than BPC.

The Chair thanked Richard Fowler, Rob Scott and Tim Cartmell for attending the meeting and acknowledged the work they had undertaken, they then left the meeting.

5. **Planning Applications (PA):**
- **19/0153/TPO**, Waterside House Barley New Road Barley Lancashire BB12 9LF: Two Scotch pines to be felled due to poor anchor points and extremely large in relation to the property. Re-plant with something like Yew. T1 & T2 Cooper Beech in the corner of the garden to have crown lifted and reduced due to wagons/traffic damage. T3 a third Scotch Pine has been removed prior to my client purchasing the house.
The Clerk advised that this application had been refused prior to the meeting.
 - **19/0133/FUL** Land Adjacent Yate House Ridge Lane Roughlee Full: Erection of 3 detached dwelling houses and one detached double garage with association parking and landscaping.
The Chair advised that he had been in discussion with the Chair of Roughlee PC who had requested BPC's support on this application. It was **RESOLVED** that BPC submit an objection to the application on the grounds of its impact on the AONB.

6. **Financial Matters:**
The following payments were approved:

Expenditure	Cost (£)
PKF Audit fee	240.00
St Mary Parish Newsletter	150.00
United Utilities Toilets Water	518.01
Amazon: Chapel TV	299.99
Amazon: Chapel TV	69.99
M. Wilkinson Feb. Toilet Clean	252.00
Ray Smith Haulage 20mm stone for car park	353.41
British Gas (Electric Toilets)	222.70
Gatekeeper Honorarium	137.00
Clerk Salary	254.00
RFO Salary	173.00
HMRC (Clerk / RFO)	85.40

7. **Councillor actions:**
Progress on actions as follows -
The following actions were completed since the last meeting:

Councillor	Action	From
D Heap	Contact UU to advise that boulders at Narrowgates will be installed unless they advise otherwise.	Feb '19
D Heap / Clerk	Arrange meeting to develop CCTV policy	Feb '19
D Oldham	Research storage containers for traffic cones.	Feb '19
I Milne	Specify location for additional dog waste bin.	Feb '19
V Thorp	Advise police of location of white Golf.	Feb '19

The following will be carried forward:

Councillor	Action	From
D Goodger	Repairs to orientation board	May '18
D Heap	Purchase mirror for Barley Lane	Oct '18
D Oldham	Produce detailed budget for toilet refurbishment	Oct '18
D Heap	Discuss implementation of white / yellow lines with LCC	Jan '19
D Heap	Quotations for tarmac circulation within car park	Feb '19
D Heap	Request representative from PHLP attend APM.	Feb '19
J Connor	Survey of village for BKV repair costings	Mar '19
D. Heap	Collect SPID from Roughlee	Mar '19

8.	<p>Update on Village Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair & Installation of orientation board – Cllr. Goodger reported a further apology for delay. • Installation of parking restriction boulders at Narrowgates – Cllr Milne • Barley Green Traffic Calming Mirror – Cllr Heap <p>Carried forward.</p>
9.	<p>Best Kept Village Maintenance funding</p> <p>Cllr Connor advised that he would survey the village and provide an estimate of the cost of repairs / tasks to be undertaken. Action: Cllr Connor.</p>
10.	<p>Traffic Issues, Turning Circle, Car Park & Planned Events in Barley:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See public participation. • Planned Events: The Chairman advised that races will be held as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 27 March: Dark Dash (evening) ○ 6 April: full Tour of Pendle Fell Race ○ 11 May: Mayoral ascent ○ 21 July: Pendle Running Festival
11.	<p>Toilet Funding/Maintenance Arrangements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Expenditure £7,251 and Income £1,487. Balance: £5,728k net expenditure.
12.	<p>Internal Audit:</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the following documents be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council's Risk Assessment Schedule 2018/19 • The Council's Asset Register 2018/19
13.	<p>Nomination papers for potential forthcoming election:</p> <p>The Clerk circulated nomination packs for completion by Members.</p>
14.	<p>Reports for information only:</p> <p>PARISH CLERK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p>RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RFO reported balance of the account at 20.03.19 was £55,144 with uncleared payments of £649.40. <p>CHAIR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair advised that LCC had given 6 dates by OpenReach for the removal of the telegraph poles on Barley Lane. He stated that he would continue to pursue the issue vigorously with LCC. <p>LENGTHSMAN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SPID was ready for collection from Roughlee: Action: Cllr Wilkinson or Heap. • Erection of SPID: Action: Cllr. Wilkinson. <p>COUNCILLORS LIAISON:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wilkinson: advised there were holes in the road on Barley New Road <p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Wakeford advised that further discussions with LCC regarding parking issues would await the outcome of the meeting between BPC and LCC. <p>BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
	<p>Date of the next meeting: 10 April 2019</p>