

# **BARTON IN FABIS PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Barton in Fabis held on  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 8:07 p.m. in Barton Village Hall

## **PRESENT**

Councillor Allan Kerr (Chairman), Julian Coles, Diane Harrison and Helen Fletcher and Village residents.

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Bev Angell (Clerk)

Apologies were received from Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman), Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Stuart Matthews and County Councillor Andrew Brown

## **1020. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were approved and signed by the the Chairman.

## **1021. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CODE OF PRACTICE.**

No declarations were made.

## **1022. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

The Chairman thanked Councillors Helen Fletcher and Diane Harrison for the work put in during their first year as members of the Parish Council. Councillor Julian Coles was also thanked for his relentless work that he has put in over the proposed sand and gravel excavations. Looking back over the year the Village has had a number of major issues to contend with. The A453 works, which had covered a period of over two years, were now essentially complete. The County Council's proposals for sand and gravel excavation in the Trent Valley have now excluded Barton in Fabis. Rushcliffe Borough Council's Core Strategy, which has major implications for housing development in Barton has now been approved and the Village awaits the plans to implement the Strategy. It will be necessary to look ahead to see how the Parish Council can work with Rushcliffe to ensure the best outcomes for the Village.

## **1023. SAND AND GRAVEL.**

The draft Mineral Plan, produced by the County Council was approved by its Environment and Sustainability Committee and by Full Council. The period of consultation ended on 29 March 2016. Village residents were asked to support the exclusion of Barton in Fabis from the Plan as one of the proposed sites for sand and gravel excavation. The Parish Council has similarly done likewise. The County Council will evaluate the responses and it could make changes in the light of the responses. Questions had been raised on the validity of the figures used in producing the Plan and there were also questions raised the transportation of the excavated mineral. It was likely to be considered again by the Full Council in the autumn of 2016 before being referred to central government, leading to a public enquiry in the early part of 2017.

1024. **CLIFTON PASTURES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.**

The outline planning application was submitted during summer 2014 and as yet to be determined. It would appear that there are questions surrounding the viability. Further information is awaited by Rushcliffe Borough Council from the agents. The County Council's Highways service are also involved in the application concerning the road layouts for the site. Rushcliffe Borough Council has been requested to provide information on the location of the new housing that will be necessary to achieve the targets set out in the Core Strategy. The point was made that although the Parish Council is consulted on planning matters, it can only comment on the applications. It is ultimately for Rushcliffe Borough Council to make the decision.

1025. **FINANCE.**

The clerk circulated the draft final accounts for 2015/2016, subject to audit. Total expenditure of £19,592.68 and total income of £17,600.17 was reported for the year. The balance with Skipton Building Society stood at £17,336.93 and that with Cooperative Bank stood at £625.49 as at 31 March 2016. Unpresented cheques amounted to £2,498.85.

1026. **QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.**

The following issues raised by villagers for the Parish Council to follow up were:

- Poor state of the road through Thrumpton
- Poor road surfaces in Barton, especially at the top of New Road
- Drainage / flooding (see below 'Flooding in Village')
- Results of archaeological digs in connection with sand and gravel extraction

The meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.