

BARTON IN FABIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barton in Fabis Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 21th May 2015 at 8:00 p.m. in Barton Village Hall

PRESENT

Allan Kerr (Chairman), Bill Harrison and Diane Harrison

IN ATTENDANCE

Bev Angell (Clerk).

958. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Julian Coles and Helen Fletcher, Councillor Stewart Matthews (Rushcliffe Borough Council and Councillor Andrew Brown Nottinghamshire County Council

959. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 20 MAY 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2014 were approved, there were no matters arising.

960. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

961. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that it had been a busy year for both the Parish Council and for villagers alike. It was reported that Councillors Susan Davis and Lynda Dransfield had not sought re-election and had therefore stood down from the Parish Council. Special thanks were given to Councillor Susan Davis for her service to the Parish Council over a considerable number of years. Councillor Lynda Dransfield's service was also recognised for the work that she had contributed to the Parish Newsletter. A new Borough Council had also been elected and Barton's representative, Councillor Vennett Smith, had also not sought re-election. Councillor Stewart Matthews had been elected to represent Barton.

County Councillor Andrew Brown was thanked for the assistance that he had provided to Barton over the issue of sand and gravel extraction that was being proposed by Nottinghamshire County Council to take place within Barton in Fabis. The support from Gotham and Thrumpton was also appreciated.

Reference was made to the Judicial Review that had been brought by the Parish Council, in collaboration with Calverton Parish Council, Gotham Parish Council and Thrumpton Parish Meeting over the Aligned Core Strategy over the housing plans for the surrounding councils. This action had ultimately proved to be unsuccessful. There was now work to be carried out on the issue of where the Parish stands on the where the new housing is to be developed and the objective to achieve what is best for the Village. There is still a separate case outstanding against Rushcliffe Borough Council and Ken Mafham is in negotiations over the costs against Rushcliffe.

The next stage in the process will be an outline planning application from the owners of the Gotham / Barton site. This will then be followed by approaches from individual developers to determine where the minimum of 3,500 houses will be built. The plan also

includes for warehousing and other light industrial usage. The Parish Council has also looked at the question of seeking to redefine the Parish boundaries in the light the level of housing development likely to take place. There will also be the social implications for the Village in terms of schools, welfare facilities, doctors and pharmacies.

The A453 works are now close to completion. It is possible that there may be funds from the project to the Parish Council, although details of this have to be determined. The spoil mounds and the tree belt should help to screen Barton from noise from the dual carriageway. Green Street will then be returned as an access road for the Village. Lighting in the bridleway tunnel on Barton Lane has yet to be installed and anti-dazzle screening will be in place where Green Street runs parallel to the A453. It is not yet know whether there will be access only to key holders to the bridleway.

The Parish Council has been active on the issue of the proposed Sand and Gravel excavation on the floodplain in Barton. This is likely to be considered by the County Council in October. The Parish Council has contributed to the environmental impact assessment. There is still a continuing need to lobby the County Council and further meetings will be held to campaign to ensure that Barton is removed from the shortlist. Thanks were given to all those who had contributed in the campaign.

The Heritage Group will be looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. Significant artefacts had been uncovered as a result of the A453 works and it is hoped that they will be made available to view. These finds may also assist in the Village's submission over sand and gravel proposals.

962. **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2014 - 2015**

The Clerk reported on the Parish Council's financial position. At 31 March 2015, The Council had funds of £17,074 in an interest earning account with Skipton Building Society and £782, after allowing for un-presented cheques, in a current with the Cooperative Bank. £14,900 had been expended on the Council's case relating to the proposed housing developments, of which £4,230 had been received by way of contributions from the other councils who were a party to the action. Further amounts would be required in 2015 – 2016. Costs on the Sand and Gravel campaign had amounted to £2,190. Costs of day to day administration amounted to £3,055, which was financed from the parish precept. Overall the reserves of the Council had reduced by £12,968 during the year. The accounts were presented on the basis that they were subject to audit by Grant Thornton. .

The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.