

BARTON IN FABIS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Barton in Fabis Parish Annual Parish Meeting held on
Wednesday 18 May 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Barton Village Hall

PRESENT

Allan Kerr (Chairman), Bill Harrison (Vice Chairman) Julian Coles, Helen Fletcher and Diane Harrison and 23 Village residents

IN ATTENDANCE

Bev Angell (Clerk) Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Rex Walker

1422. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 August 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1423. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations were made.

1424. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked those attending and for the work put in by the Parish Councillors over the previous year. Special thanks were given to Parish Councillor Julian Coles and to Roy Haines Young for their work in presenting Barton's case against the proposed Mill Hill Quarry. The Fairham development is taking place at a significantly slower pace than originally envisaged. It is understood that there are some issues regarding a strip of land owned by Nottingham City Council. Planning applications for Oliver's Yard, Chestnut Farm and Top Yard are at various stages of progress. The initial application for Oliver's Yard has been refused. The bridleway on the edge of the Top Yard development requires Highway approval to the final specification.

The new Strategic Housing Plan for Rushcliffe shows a significantly lower level of new housing required in the area. A number of planning applications have been submitted in the area for solar panel farms but so far none for Barton. It has been agreed at the five parishes group that Barton would support other parishes in whatever decisions they came to for any such planning applications for solar farms within their area. One of the proposals from the Boundary Review of Rushcliffe Borough Council wards is for Barton to be included as a separate ward including the Fairham development. Final proposals have yet to be published.

1425. FINANCE

The draft accounts for the year 2021 - 2022 subject to audit were circulated. Bank balances in the current account with Cooperative Bank of £916.23 less unpresented cheques amounting to £506.90 and the balance in the savings account with the Skipton Building Society £14,396.89. Total payments in the year amounted to £6,824.61 and receipts of

£7,490.97. Once signed off by the internal auditor they will be available for public inspection.

1426. **RUSHCLIFFE REPORT**

Rushcliffe Borough Councillor referred to the way in which the five parishes of Barton, Gotham, Kingston and Thrumpton were working together on common issues. The future of the power station is still under consideration. There are a number of “ifs” and “buts” to be resolved. It should be recognised that the site covers land on both sides of the A453. Rushcliffe Borough Council is in the process of making a Local Development Order to simplify the planning process for the development of the site. In order for benefits of the Freeport planning approvals need to be delivered by 2026. Initial consultation has already been carried out by Rushcliffe and this has shown a good level of support for the proposals, although some concerns were expressed over level of high tech and well paid jobs that could be delivered under review. The aim is for the Fairham development to progress as soon as possible. A review is being carried out by the Boundary Commission over ward boundaries for future elections in Rushcliffe.

1427. **COUNTY REPORT**

The planning application for the sand and gravel quarry in Barton and submitted to the County Council has now been withdrawn. However it is possible that a fresh application could be made at a later date. Also written objections to the proposals. Again, thanks were given to both the Borough and County Councillors for their support plus that of the local MPs, Lark Hill residents and those from Clifton. It needs to be stressed though that the possibility of the quarry has not gone away and that further campaigns may be necessary in the future.

1428. **PARKING**

Reference was made to the continued problem of parking on pavements and grass verges within the Village and an item will be included in a future newsletter.

1429. **DOG BINS.**

Owners of dogs were reminded to use the bins provided for the purpose or to take the mess home for disposal.

The meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.