**Barton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting**

**15th January 2025 Barton Village Hall, 7.30pm**

**In attendance:**

Cllr Hacking, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Lees, Cllr Hodkinson, Cllr Smith, Cllr Parker

Harriet Parker – Clerk

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**

Approved subject to attendees from the meeting being included in the minutes.

**3. Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interests** - Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal / prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda. If the personal interest is a prejudicial interest or there is a disclosable pecuniary interest, then the individual member should not participate in a discussion or vote on the matter.

None

1. **4. PCSO Bike Funding**

* PCSO had request the PC’s help with funding for some e-bikes.
* Councillors discussed whether they felt this was an appropriate request.
* Councillors all in agreement that the funding should come from the police force.
* Wanted to find out where the bikes will be based, which areas they will cover, how often they will be in Barton and who will have access to them before making a final decision.

**5. Woodlands Way footpath**

* Hoping to have another quote arranged in time for the next meeting.

**6. Parish Council Training Request**

* Clerk requested approval for a training course to be paid for.
* All approved.
* The course was full.

**7. Best Kept Village Competition**

* All councillors in agreement that Barton will enter the competition again.

**8. Public Participation**

* No additional points were raised that had not already been put on the agenda.

**9. Wainhomes Cardwell Farm Update**

* Discussion surrounding the meeting with Wainhomes that took place in December.
* Cllr Parker led the discussion regarding Phase 1 of the site.
* Concerns were raised about the sewer pipe on Woodland Way being plumbed into.
* Cllr Parker had contacted United Utilities regarding this to get their opinion about whether the pipe was big enough to handle the additional houses.
* Councillors discussed that we had this issue previously with Sovini Homes trying to use the pipe on Station Lane.
* A request was made for a MUGA to be installed at the new development which Wainhomes provisionally agreed to, pending approval from PCC.
* Clerk agreed to contact Catterrall Parish Council regarding their MUGA to get a specification from them and some further information.
* Discussion regarding recent complaints relating to the site.
* Clerk will create a spreadsheet of complaints to present to Wainhomes at the next meeting with them.

**10. Lengthsman**

* Request was made by the Lengthsman to reduce his hours. He expressed his feelings about the position which the Councillors were disappointed to hear.
* Councillors agreed to pay hourly and not specify a set amount of hours.
* Suggestion was made to contact Broughton’s lengthsman to see if he had capacity to take Barton on as well.

**11. Jepps Lane Speed Signs**

* Clerk explained LCC were unable to provide the signage that was requested.
* Clerk showed the Councillors a few options of potential signs that could be bought and placed on Jepps Lane.
* Clerk agreed to contact LCC again regarding the signs.

**12. Boars Head Footpath**

* Councillors raised their concerns surrounding the steep decline at the bottom of the path.
* Clerk agreed to contact Conlon Construction about adding some sort of gate/chicane to prevent any accidents from happening.

**Dates of next meeting – Wednesday 12th March 2025**