

Great and Little Barugh Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held on 9th December, 2021, Brawby village hall.

Present: Sarah Houlston, Jerry Swift, Richard Hagger, Sue Gough, Richard Metcalfe

1. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
Apology received from resident Janet Hagger
2. To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

2:1 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2021 as a true and accurate record.
One amendment to make regarding SH, item no:

3:1 To consider matters arising from the meeting held on 12th October, 2021.
 - Stainers Farm application No. 21/00579/FUL Ms Seidl. This has been approved, with some conditions attached.
 - Forge cottages planning application No 21/00794/73 Mr Wagstaff. Janet Hagger has received an invitation to attend a meeting.
 - Long Meadow planning application Nos 21/01293/HOUSE and 21/01294/LBC, Mr Cooke. The council has received no further correspondence.
 - Bank Account. The issue has been resolved after an arduous series of correspondence and meetings. SH has worked with Eva at the bank, who has been extremely helpful and resolved the matter for us. Eva has recommended that we lodge a complaint, which she will process for us. As an apology for the extreme delay and inconvenience the PC has experienced, the bank has presented us with a hamper as a gesture of good will. Council voted unanimously that the hamper should be given to Barugh Community Group to raffle towards funds for Little Barugh's defibrillator.
 - VAS. Our order has been acknowledged and we will receive a Pre-Installation Check List. The preparation for installation has been overseen by Darren Griffiths and we should therefore be compliant. The App. What 3 Words will be used to locate the sign. SH will fill in the form and return it and await further notice regarding installation.
 - ROW. Previous conversation included the maintenance of the hedge at the side of York House in Great Barugh. We will probably need to contact Andy Hunter at NYCC for advice.
 - As an addition to the ROW discussion, it has been noted that the new owner of Manor Farm in GB has put electric fences across the ROW that runs across their land. This will need to be raised. It was also noted that

barbed wire from previous electric fence installations across Ward land is still embedded in the ground.

- There are therefore 3 items to seek advice upon in an email to Andy Hunter at RDC

4. Public session. To allow residents and members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business.

No representations from the public have been received.

Because of the lateness of emailing out the meeting notice due to an oversight, it was agreed that a red flag of paper should be placed in the noticeboards of each village when the agenda is posted. The agenda was properly posted a week before the meeting. It is not required that agendas be sent out to residents.

5. To consider and decide upon the following planning application/s:
No planning applications have been received.

6. Agenda items.

1: SH forwarded information regarding installation of gateway signs. We need a license for this work. Andrew Stanton advised we speak to RDC and has also recommended another supplier. We will obtain quotes from both suppliers; the Chairman called for a councillor to volunteer to undertake this in the new year.

2: Email received regarding the site at the top of Great Barugh, which has been identified by the Consultation on Submitted Sites. It was agreed that there is no real reason for the Council to make a representation regarding the site but that it might be good to discuss with and write to residents adjoining the proposed land. Our response would be that we would welcome development on this site providing a significant Section 106 contribution was made. It seems to Council a perfect site for a village hall.

3: 20s Plenty Initiative. SH has spoken to Ian Conlon. While Council feels this is a good initiative, it is not right for both villages; Little Barugh may certainly benefit. Ian Conlon advised that the more councils come on board, the more likely it is to be implemented across the country. The proposed motion of this campaign is not practical for both villages and Council has decided to put this on hold for further discussion with Ian Conlon.

4: Queen's Green Canopy Initiative; trees for the Common at Little Barugh. Discussion about creating a spinny of woodland and accompanying planting of wildflowers. Such a project would require community support. The Council are trustees of the common. It was agreed that such a development would enhance the amenity and provide increased biodiversity. A brief discussion about protecting the growing saplings was held. Parish Council unanimously supported the idea for such a project.

5: Seat round the oak tree on the common at Little Barugh. Councillor Metcalfe has had a look, and reported that while some of the wood is beginning to deteriorate, the

structure of the seat is sound. Councillor Metcalfe will undertake some maintenance next spring to ensure no further deterioration takes place.

6: Salt and grit. It was agreed to purchase a dumpy bag of salt and grit from Jewson. Councillor Swift kindly agreed to continue filling the bins. Chairman Sarah Houlston will very kindly continue to store the bag on the family farm.

7: NALC. Zoom meetings have been held during lockdown and were successful as well as safe. Attendance from local residents was higher than at regular meetings in the village hall at Brawby. It was decided that our MP Kevin Hollinrake should be written to using the template provided as a guide. It is felt that zoom meetings should be available for councils to use all the time, particularly small councils such as ours. It was agreed that there should be the choice available.

8: Precept. Decisions for 2022/23 needed. After a good discussion a clear list of requirements was arrived at and a total amount of £1684 was agreed unanimously.

7. Parish Correspondence

1: Advice re: mask wearing and sanitising by email from Joy Morgan YLCA. Brief discussion and agreement that we need to take care.

2: Training List via email from Joy Morgan YLCA – Local Council Powers and General Power of Competence; Risk Management and Risk Assessment; Finding, Understanding and Applying Legislation: a session for Clerks. Please ask the Clerk to forward this information if you are interested. No interest was indicated during the meeting but the invitation remains open.

3: Email from Sheena Spence re: briefings held this week regarding progress on transition to a new unitary council for North Yorkshire. Clerk has emailed her to enquire when a copy of the briefing will be available to councillors. Clerk now has a copy and can forward to anyone wishing to see it. None indicated.

4: Usual community update from Paddy Chandler, RDC. Please ask if you would like this to be forwarded to you. Most of us have this already.

5: Email from Police regarding incident with a dog on farmland that is not a public right of way. A brief discussion was held about this and surprise was indicated that there is no law to protect dogs from harm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.