

Great and Little Barugh Parish Council.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th June, Kirby Misperton village hall, 7pm

This meeting was recorded by the Chair, Sarah Houlston, who made this clear to all present at the start.

Present: Sarah Houlston, Richard Metcalfe, Jerry Swift, Richard Hagger, Chris Grievson, Peter Barton, Sue Gough, Peter Gough, John Askew

Item 1. Apologies for absence were received from Judy and Peter French, John and Anne Gilies, Janet Hagger, Paul and Jan Chapman.

Action

2. Received Declarations of interest. Sarah Houlston declared an interest for Item 8:1 regarding Stainers Farm to which her farm supplies hay and straw.

2:1 Applications for dispensation; Sarah Houlston volunteered to leave the room during discussions re: Stainers Farm.

3. Minutes for the previous meeting were agreed as accurate and signed.

3:1 Zurich Insurance update. Barugh Community Group had enquired about the use of the village green in Little Barugh for a celebration of the installation of defibrillator in Great Barugh. Zurich have confirmed it is fine for BCG to hold an event on the green at Little Barugh. A risk assessment has been completed by Richard Hagger for BCG. The Parish Council will also complete a risk assessment before an event.

The PC will carry out a risk assessment for use of LB village green.
SH to keep the PC updated.

Pot Holes. Large pot hole outside Oak Lea has been put on the Parish Portal. Highways have left 3 cones in the pot hole.

The question of the parking area opposite the Golden Lion in Great Barugh and grass verges on that side of the road was discussed. Alex Hird, resident of LB forwarded to SH on 11th May a document showing that the area is not actually registered with Land Registry, as reported previously by Councillor Swift. Councillor Swift is of the mind not to pursue this enquiry as cost is an issue for a small Parish Council. Councillor Houlston felt that the matter warrants further investigation.

SH will talk to County Records to clarify the situation.

4 Public Session.

Richard Hagger spoke regarding agenda item no. 8:2 Mr Hagger stated that he had already submitted a personal objection to the planning application by Mr

Wagstaff on the grounds of access to the inspection cover for the leaker pipes from his sewage pipes and soakaway, for which access for maintenance is required at all times. It is stated on the deeds for The Old Forge, that access to this infrastructure is required. Also of concern is the loss of natural light to his dwelling, The Old Forge, that would be caused by the double height garage being proposed to replace the already approved single garage. The plan is not clear as to how close this garage would be to the boundary with The Old Forge.

5. Co-option of 2 Councillors.

The Chair, Councillor Houlston clearly explained the procedure and invited the 4 candidates, Richard Hagger, Chris Grievson, Peter Barton, Sue Gough, to read out their statements.

Once the statements were read, and no questions were asked of them, the candidates left the room to enable careful consideration by the Parish Council.

Voting for Seat 1, elected Sue Gough with all 3 votes.

Voting for Seat 2, elected Richard Hagger, also with all 3 votes.

Sue Gough and Richard Hagger were duly elected.

6. Welcome to new councillors. Newly elected councillors Sue Gough and Richard Hagger signed the declaration of acceptance of office and time was then given for the councillors to read the paperwork regarding the final items on the agenda.

7. Appointment of a councillor to position of Acting Clerk. Sue Gough was proposed by councillor SH and seconded by councillor JS. Sue Gough was duly elected to the position of Acting Clerk.

8. Planning applications.

8:1 Application No. 21/00579/FUL, Ms Rebecca Seidl, Stainers Farm.

Councillor Houlston left the room for this item.

This Parish Council can only comment and make representation to RDC regarding this application because it falls within the boundary of Kirby Misperton Parish Council. Kirby Misperton PC have already unanimously rejected this proposal on the grounds of health and safety regarding the lack of a footpath and narrowness of the road. The council discussed this application carefully and made the decision that whilst we welcome the development of rural, local business, we would very much echo the response of KM PC and object to the proposal.

8:2 Application No.21/00794/73, Mr Wagstaff, Forge Cottages, Barugh Lane.

The council considered this application carefully and have no objection to the changes made to the internal

layout of the proposed buildings. The council do have objections regarding the scale of the double garage proposed. It is higher than the adjacent dwelling, The Old Forge, and there are concerns regarding the access to the sewage pipes inspection cover and the soakaway. Councillor Hagger had already stated that access to the sewage infrastructure is required in the deeds to his property and the council is concerned that this should not be affected. The height of the garage, being higher than The Old Forge, will also considerably affect the natural light available to The Old Forge and spoil the aspect from this property. For these reasons, the council have objected to this application.

9.

Following the discussion by the Parish Council of planning application 21/00057/FUL on 15/2/21, a complaint was received by the Parish Council and two relating to the same application were received by Ryedale District Council.

The complaint to the PC concerned the declarations of interest of 2 councillors.

The complainant did not feel that the 2 councillors should have been able to comment on the planning application. Other comments within the letter related to the applicant being allowed to speak during the councillor discussion when asked questions. Concern was also raised regarding the following:

Enforcement of any planning clauses, horse urine/drainage, trees/root systems, electrics, fire regulations and a tree preservation order being considered by RDC at that time. These concerns do not come under the remit of the parish council.

The 2 councillors with a declaration of interest in the application were: Cllr Garrett - her nieces partner is the son of one of the applicants.

Cllr Metcalfe – mother is the cousin of one of the applicants.

On advice from the YLCA dispensations were requested before the meeting. It was the responsibility of each councillor to read the code of conduct and standing orders and decide whether to ask for dispensations. Dispensations were asked for and granted by the chair of the Parish Council. Therefore the council was quorate (3 councillors min) and this allowed the Parish Council to discuss the planning application for the good of the community. As the Parish Council were consultees it gave the council an opportunity to comment on material planning considerations. In our submission to RDC we did note residents concerns as stated in the letter of complaint although we did not feel they were strictly planning matters.

The then Cllr Garrett/acting clerk has now received a letter from locum solicitor Glen McCusker of RDC which gives the assessment regarding the complaints. The monitoring officer from NYCC (RDC monitoring officer knows Cllr Garrett) has looked in to the matter. The letter was read out by the Chair, Councillor Sarah Houlston. The letter stated that no further actions should be taken against the councillors for the following reasons:

Although the councillors did have a personal interest in the Planning Application, they did seek, and were granted, a dispensation to take part in the meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council consists of only 4 members currently, and as the quorum for meetings is a minimum of 3, without the presence of the councillors, the meeting would not have been quorate and consequently could not have been held.

There was no breach of the Code during correspondence with the complainant.

The complainant complained that the public were only given 3 minutes to make representations and were not able to take part in any further discussions. This is standard procedure, and did not breach the Code.

The Parish Council is not the body that determines the Planning Application, it is Ryedale District Council, as the Local Planning Authority. The complainant will have the opportunity to object to the Application when it is heard by the Planning Committee.

RDC decision re planning – 3 years temporary.

10. Vas Project.

Councillor Houlston updated us on the latest information regarding this project.

A quote has now been received from SWARCO with provision for one post. Paperwork has been received from NYCC for permission to erect the VAS.

A quote is expected for provision of Solar powered VAS. Councillor Houlston will update the PC when this is received.

Councillor Houlston will complete and return the paperwork.

Cllr. Houlston will update re: solar when it arrives.

Siting of the VAS in Great Barugh would be on one pole half way up the hill so that the VAS can be spun round to face the opposing carriageway. The PC decided that the VAS should be turned every 3 months, Councillor Houlston would include this information on the paperwork.

11. Correspondence.

Correspondence regarding the following topics have been received:

Update on the Ryedale plan- 'call for sites', closing date 5th July 2021

UK charity, Arthritis Action holding an event for Yorkshire via Zoom on 23rd June 2-3.15pm.

Digital Inclusion project cross North Yorkshire. Help to reduce isolation in the community due to lack of digital skills. Citizens on line working in partnership with NYCC.

NYCC - New company appointed for the delivery of operational highways services – NY highways.

All correspondence is available for residents to view. Please contact the Clerk, Sue Gough should you wish to do so.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.