**Great and Little Barugh Parish Council**

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 27th September, 2023 at Brawby village hall.

Present at the meeting: Cllr. Sarah Houlston, Cllr. Sue Gough, Cllr Richard Hagger, Cllr. Richard Metcalfe. Residents Halina Gleave, Jill Truscott and Dennys Ward.

1. **To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.**

Apologies received from resident residents Ann and John Gillies.

1. **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.**

None received.

2:1 **To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation.**

None received.

1. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May, 2023 as a true and accurate record.**

Minutes confirmed.

3:1 **To consider matters arising from the meeting held on 2nd May, 2023.**

* **Gateway Signs.** Councillors Houlston and Gough and Hagger held a site meeting with Andrew Santon where site locations for the signs were finally agreed. Permission for installation has been granted. Cllr. Houlston has received an updated quote for the work, and in the interests of budget will request a quote from another supplier.
* **ROW.** A letter was sent to Andrew Hunter and George Jabbour, to which no reply has been received at the date of this meeting. Former Cllr. Jerry Swift had requested the map modification. The current point system for works required is unfair and has recently been changed to a date received but the back log is currently 220 cases. Cllr. Gough to draft an email.
* **Area 4.** The response from Andrew Santon of Area 4 in June, was read out in the meeting. The issues raised in our email were acknowledged as common throughout the district.
* **Parish Portal.** Cllr Gough is now able to access the portal.

1. **Public session.**

Halina Greave presented her concerns regarding traffic and speeding past her and neighbour’s homes and through both villages. Halina offered clear and thoughtful ideas for solutions to these problems, including a survey submission, which is supported by NYC Councillor George Jabour. A long discussion ensued, which included the 20sPlenty campaign and the fact that a previous request to extend speed restrictions have been denied. Cllr. Gough to draft an email to George Jabbour regarding Halina’s issues and to enquire about a data recorder at the entrance to the houses including Halina’s.

1. **Agenda items.**

* **Little Barugh Common/Green.** Parking has historically not been precluded. Visitors and residents occasionally use the mown area for this but it is not a permanent parking space.

Parish Council are trustees of the common/green. Cllr. Houlston read out our previous Chair, Peter Millner’s statement regarding this matter. Cllr. Houlston also contacted Jane Applegarth of NYC and is working with Jane to conclude the matter. The Parish Council is clear about how it stands on parking; it is not for the permanent parking of any vehicles.

**Dog excrement.** This has been found at the bottom of a resident’s wall, and a dog excrement bag was also found attached to a shrub extending from the same wall at a later date. It was agreed that this is not acceptable, given that there is a bin for dog waste a little way from this wall. It was agreed that this subject should be included in the next village newsletter.

**Horses.** Recently it has been noted that riders had been taking their horses across the common land/green. Cllr. Gough had on occasion asked them not to do this but it had continued. A clear path where this has been taking place was emerging across the land. Cllr. Gough will write to the livery at Stainers Farm and Oak Lee to request that they ensure their clients are aware of this issue.

**Wild flower trials on lower green.** It was agreed that this area requires topping and scarifying. Then yellow rattle should be sown first, with some other wild plants sown in trays or pots, that can be planted as plugs in spring. However, some support from the community will be required for this project, as it can not be the responsibility of the Parish Council to run this scheme, which was requested by a resident. This subject will also be included in the next newsletter.

1. **Contacting Parish Councillors.**

All Parish Councillors welcome the opportunity to discuss any issues that may be concerning residents. It was agreed that should any resident wish to speak to a councillor, they should firstly email or telephone the councillor to make an appointment to do so, rather than simply turn up on a doorstep without prior notification. This request will be added to the next newsletter.

1. **VAS.** Cllr. Hagger presented a data report. There was an issue with a fault in February, caused by the internal clock on the radar being inaccurate and resetting to its default date in 2013. Due to the restructuring of their business the response had been slow but it is now working properly again. Cllr. Hagger will check when he next downloads data in a few days. We currently have data from all of last year and up to February of this year, and should have data for the full month of September 2023. Very many high speeds through Great Barugh have been recorded, mostly coinciding with school runs and mornings.
2. **Village Newsletter.** Work will take place to produce another newsletter soon. Cllrs. Houlston and Gough will arrange.
3. **Parish Correspondence.** Cllr. Gough, acting as Clerk, read out a list, including any responses to emails that were sent as part of council business. Notifications from YLCA were mentioned, and any requests for copies will as usual, be sent on.

**Meeting closed at 8pm.**