**Great and Little Barugh Parish Council.**

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 20th March, 7pm, Kirby Misperton village meeting room.

**Present:** Sarah Houlston, Richard Hagger, Sue Gough, Richard Metcalfe, Peter French, Judy French, Craig Richardson, Adrian Kidson, Suzanne Everett, Ann Gillies, John Gillies.

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

Apologies received from Tina and Merv Dixon.

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 6th December, 2023, as a true and accurate record.

Minutes approved.

3:1 **To consider matters arising from the meeting held on 13th December, 2022.**

* Football stadium at Flamingo Land. No further news has been received.
* Gateway signs. Councillors Houlston and Gough drove to Flaxton to look at the one on the verge there and to take measurements. Most villages have adapted their existing signs, and our concerns about the Gateway signs are that they are too large and not value for money. Parish Council agreed to measure our existing signs and to try and purchase add on signs to fit, which will be more in keeping with the village of Little Barugh.
* 20sPlenty. Agreed to try and telephone for more useful information.
1. **Public session.** Nothing was received, public present were there to discuss the handing over the defibrillators to the PC. (Item 6).
2. **To consider and decide upon the following planning application/s:**

Application No: ZE24/00201/CLEUD, Applicant Linda Lauren and Tracy Speed.

Description: Certificate of Lawfulness for and existing use of development in respect of the use as either holiday cottages or independent dwellings for a period of at least 10 years of the three buildings outlined in pink, yellow and blue on the submitted colour coded application plan.

Location: Westfield Farm, Greenland Lane, Little Barugh, Malton, YO17 6UY.

Council had nothing to add to the application.

1. **Agenda Items.**
* Transfer of management of defibrillators in Great and Little Barugh and transfer of funding, Stronger Communities £282.35, BCG fundraising, £1321.88, for their up keep from Barugh Community Group to the Parish Council. There is a ten-year warranty on the defibrillators, Judy French to clarify two-year maintenance costs; two batteries and four sets of pads. PC to contact Judy.

Parish Council is happy to take on this additional role now that the necessary permissions have been received from Tom Parsons Trust and NYC, and noted.

Judy French has agreed to continue guardianship for a while and will pass the relevant paperwork on to PC. The lead guardian will continue to be Judy French, with councillor Gough being a guardian for Little Barugh. Barugh Community Group will send all invoices to RFO, Councillor Hagger.

* D Day Anniversary. 6th June, 24. Kirby Misperton Parish Council have very kindly invited us to share the celebration. It is a week day and no holiday has been declared. The celebrations will therefore be fairly simple. Some hot food, with accompanying garnishes, cakes and a paying bar. Tea and coffee will also be available. There will be some live and recorded music, a short commemorative address by Jackie Cray and a prayer led by Graham Cray, followed by the lighting of the beacon are planned. Details will be available on a flyer nearer the time.
* Little Barugh Common Land. Ongoing problems with parking, damage to the verges in different places and the riding of horses across the land last year are causes for grave concern about damage that is being caused.

The PC agreed to undertake further research regarding the status of the land, i.e., is it common land or village green? We will also look into ways to protect the green from parking damage and consider some signage. PC also agreed that if necessary, it will take legal advice regarding this issue.

The trial of wild flowers that is planned has been delayed due to the wet weather. We will strim the area on the small green in LB and make a start when we can.

The concrete blocks on the common land adjacent to a drive way in Little Barugh were flagged up by Andrew Santon as a safety hazard will be looked into.

* Third Energy Geothermal presentation by Russell Hoare. Councillors Houlston and Gough were invited by Brawby PC to attend this presentation by Russell Hoare at their meeting on 19th March. The information was relayed to the council and a discussion took place. Great and Little Barugh Parish Council agreed to support the application to the Shared Prosperity Fund for funding of a feasibility study for the supply of geothermal heat for hot water and water heating systems to the village of Little Barugh.
* Highways incident involving Mosey HGVs. This incident was reported, with photogaphs, to highways because of the unduly careless driving by drivers from this company that caused significant damage to the verge and fire hydrant. The road was impassable for 2 hours and one HGV had to be hauled out of the verge. Highways and Andrew Santon agreed the road had been made unsafe and they came and repaired the verges. More damage has since been done by a single Mosey wagon. During discussion, it was also pointed out the damage is also being done by tractors. Parish Council made a plea for local residents to report all incidents they witness, either directly to Area 4 or via the PC.
1. **Correspondence**
* Email from Carol Crocker re: river flooding. A check will be made as to which parish this flooded field belongs to as it is not ours. Management of rivers comes under the remit of the Environment Agency. Our villages are not under threat from flooding and therefore do not have a flood resilience policy. It was noted during the discussion that small water courses all link into rivers, water boards ask landowners for rates to clear gutters, but no one is sure exactly how often or whether this is done. We are unclear as to what the policy is.
* John Gillies email, ROW. This is an ongoing situation and so far nothing has happened about erecting a stile and way marker in field no.1 as you come out of the wood. This will be followed up yet again by the PC. The gate in the corner is on Jamie Wards land and not part of any ROW, which is why it is kept locked. The path on the ROW goes into the corner, where NYC are supposed to have erected the stile. In September 22, then councillor Swift submitted a map modification order but nothing has been heard about this.

In Field 3 the issue of an electric fence erected across the ROW caused problems. It was reported and then the fence was taken down. PC makes a plea to residents to please contact us if the fence is re-erected as it is illegal to block a ROW. The Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way Officer may also be contacted directly.

Field No.1- is going onto a 3-year environmental scheme (for birds).

Field No.2- no information is available.

Parish Council propose to organise a physical meeting in Northallerton to try and sort this out.

Tina and Merv Dixon have been keeping the path alongside York House clear, for which we thank them.

* Email from Trainline – PC agreed that we do not need to place timetables or any other information on our web site.

All correspondence completed; Judy French thanked the Parish Council for taking over responsibility for the defibrillators.

Meeting closed at 8.09pm.