**DRAFT** Minutes for meeting on 27th August 2024

Great and Little Barugh Parish Council, Brawby village hall.

Present: Cllr. Houlston, Cllr. Gough, Cllr. Metcalfe, Cllr. Hagger

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

None received.

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.

1. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2024** as a true and accurate record.

Minutes approved.

* 1. **To consider matters arising** from the meeting held on 20th March 2024.
* **D Day celebration.** Thanks to Kirby Misperton Parish Council and village hall committee for inviting members of our parish to what was a lovely evening with food, live music, the lighting of the beacon and lovely company.
* **Parking on the village common in Little Barugh.** Thank you to everyone who has made an effort to keep this to a minimum. The common is only to be used for parking temporarily and we urge all residents to respect this. According to the rules and regulations regarding common land and village greens, it is illegal to obstruct these amenities. The Parish Council fully accept that the area in front of the village seat may be used for visitors of residents who do not have access to parking on their property or residents temporarily if they are having work done on their homes, which excludes them from using their own driveways etc. We discussed the writing of a polite letter to the resident who is consistently parking on the common.
* **Defibrillators.** Our parish council wishes to express our thanks to Judy and the Barugh Community Group for the work they have done towards the establishment of a defibrillator in each of our villages. The sum of £1,312. 88 has been transferred from BCG to the PC account for upkeep of the defibrillators. Clerk will email Judy for user manuals, guarantees, suppliers’ information and information as to when the batteries were last changed. PC to enquire with their insurance provider if it is possible to insure them.

1. **Public Session.**

* **Email from Halina Gleave** regarding ongoing issues with speeding by traffic going past her home.

Halina had a meeting with George Jabbour, NYC councillor, in the September.

The Parish Council has every sympathy with the difficulties that Halina and her neighbours are experiencing. Last June the PC wrote to Area 4 citing the problems including the increase in HGV movements. The response from Area 4 was disappointing as they said that all countryside roads are under the same pressure. Sadly, the PC has no power to implement changes regarding traffic problems and we encourage all residents to report and photograph, where possible, all incidents regarding speeding, dangerous driving etc., which provides ongoing evidence of the problem. Highways have advised that a sign could be placed on private land but that planning permission would be required. The PC is very sympathetic with the problems Halina and her neighbours are experiencing and feel frustrated that we are unable to implement any changes to improve the situation.

During this discussion, the subject of increased motorcycle traffic and noisy exhausts caused by exhaust modifications of both motorcycles and cars was brought to our attention by councillor Hagger, who lives at the top of the hill from Halina. It has been decided by the PC to email NYC regarding this trend that is destroying the peace and well being of residents while these selfish road users are enjoying the countryside.

1. **Planning Applications.**

3 applications discussed at the last meeting were passed:

* Application No: ZE24/00201/ CLEUD, Applicant Linda Lauren and Tracy Speed. Certificate of Lawfulness. Passed.
* Application No: ZE24/00482/HOUSE Mr Andrew Gleave. Approved.
* Application No: ZE24/00552/FUL Mr Andrew Kellet (Wilson and Kellet) Approved.

1. **Agenda Items.**

* **Wild flower project for the lower green in Little Barugh**. Councillors Houlston and Gough looked at possible areas on this green. Two trial areas were identified; an approximately 9m x 2m area along the right front edge of the green and a triangular area on the left front edge of approximately 5m x 7m. A discussion about possible approaches to this commenced. Councillor Houlston would contact Mr Robert Snowball about cutting the lower green to help with preparations for this project.

The verge in Great Barugh was also discussed as a possible area that would benefit from this idea to improve biodiversity in our villages.

It was agreed that Mr Snowball should be contacted for help with mowing, that funds left over from the Coronation tree planting could be put towards this project and that further down the line, volunteers from both villages would be sought to help with the upkeep of the areas to be planted. The making of signs to inform residents and visitors about this project were discussed and the idea of some small homemade ones were agreed, with Councillor Gough agreeing to make some. Councillor Houlston’s research regarding this project, including other councils that have done similar things and the cost of seed was appreciated and the PC thanked her. The cost, inclusive of the signs was put at £250.

* **Third Energy and Ceraphi Geothermal Project.** The Parish Council, with Councillor Gough being the named person who would be receive the funds on behalf of Great and Little Barugh Parish Council and Great Habton Parish Council have been working with Russel Hoare of Third Energy to get the feasibility study for this project under way. We have been granted the sum of £46, 400 from the Government’s Shared Prosperity Fund Decarbonisation grant, 80% of the total project cost, the rest of which will be match funded by Third Energy. The next steps are community engagement.
* **Proposed football stadium, Flamingo Land, Kirby Misperton.** Councillor Gough emailed the planning department for Ryedale at NYC and was assured that no planning application has been submitted, that such a proposal would require a planning application and that if one was received by them, they would inform our PC.
* **VAS.** Councillor Hagger downloaded the data to the end of July this year, which showed that speeds are beginning to fall. The highest speed recorded through Great Barugh was 57.2 mph going downhill at 7pm. The average June speed was 28 mph and in May the highest speed recorded was 53 mph and the average for that month was 28.5 mph. In July the highest recorded speed was 55 mph at 2pm and 10pm, with the average speed for that month being 28.2 mph.,

Regarding Halina Gleave’s concerns about traffic, it was discussed in this context and Councillor Hagger has agreed to work on producing a daily breakdown of traffic speeds, Cllr. Hagger told the PC that there is evidence of fast acceleration in the village. Daily data both up and down the road through Great Barugh is required to point out that there is a significant problem of speeding. Andrew Stanton will need to be contacted for information on submitting data for a traffic survey, to which we can add on Halina’s concerns, although as in the past we will probably be told that this would not help because the road past Halina’s home is a 60-mph limit.

**Cutting verges** was discussed with particular reference to the wild flower and increased biodiversity project. It was agreed that a budget of £20 per month would not be unreasonable for a cut to be made every 2 months.

1. **Correspondence.**

A list of the relevant correspondence was supplied by Clerk, which were discussed.

**Meeting closed at 20.24 pm.**