**Great and Little Barugh Parish Council.**

Minutes of meeting held on 14th October, 2024, 7pm, Brawby village hall.

Present: Sarah Houlston, Richard Hagger, Sue Gough, Richard Metcalfe and resident Adrian Kidson

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

Apologies received from Mr Mrs 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 27th August, 2024, as a true and accurate record.**

Minutes approved.

3:1 **To consider matters arising from the meeting held on 27th August, 24.**

**Geothermal Project**. The grant has been received, an invoice from Ceraphi has been paid. An email has been received from Russell Hoare in which he expressed his appreciation that our newsletter went out to residents in the parish just before he went round the village of Little Barugh to talk to residents about the project. He is pleased with the 40% responses he achieved that day.

**VAS.** Ongoing. Cllr Hagger is analysing the daily data, which is a big undertaking.

**Defibrillators**. Parish Council has received the information from Barugh Community group, with just a couple of things to come that are in hand. Thanks to Judy and Adrian of BCG.

1. **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.

There were no representations made.

1. **To consider and decide upon the following planning application/s:**

Planning Application No: ZE24/04670/HOUSE

Applicant: Dianna Reader

Description: Erection of a single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory and formation of a dropped kerb to allow the provision of off-street parking to front of dwelling.

Location: 3 Hillside, Barugh Lane, Great Barugh, North Yorkshire. YO17 6UZ

Case officer: Janet Villa-Fordon

The Parish Council considered this application carefully and our response was the following:

The Parish Council of Great and Little Barugh have no comments to make about the erection of the single storey extension to the rear of the property.

Regarding the proposed dropped kerb to allow the provision of off-street parking, the Parish Council has the following points we wish to be considered:

* The retrospective approval of the parking provision at No 1 Hillside, Great Barugh (Photograph supplied with the application) has indeed set a precedent. While the Parish Council accepts that off street parking for cars will be safer, no consideration seems to have been given at that time for the change to the rural street scene in the village of Great Barugh.  We are mindful of the change to the aesthetic of the street scene from a rural one to a more urban looking one, should all the dwellings in this street alter their frontage in order to create off road parking.
* We are also mindful of the type of materials that might be used; we would urge that they be of a permeable nature to prevent water run off from the parking spaces created going into the road and would suggest that adequate drainage should also be installed to prevent this.
* As parish councils have been directed to create a biodiversity strategy, and this PC is currently working to create one,  we are also mindful of the impact on local biodiversity that destruction of even the small quantity of hedgerow involved in this development may have, particularly if other residents choose to follow suit.

1. **Agenda items.**

**Email from Citizens Advice.** Help has been delivered to some households in the parish, the organisation is asking us to donate if possible or to place information about their work where our parishioners can access it. After discussion it was agreed that we would place information on our website and that we would try to make a donation at a later date. Cllr Gough to reply to Citizens advice.

**Formation of Sub-Committees** for the Geothermal Project and Village Commons/Biodiversity project. This was agreed. Interested councillors will join together for this.

**Restoring Nature Conference, Friday 27th September, Kirby Misperton, Biodiversity strategy for the parish and Wild flower project and grass cutting.** Feedback on the conference was provided by Cllrs Houlston, who read from her extensive notes, Gough and Metcalfe, who all attended and a discussion took place about the value of the day, how it has informed our plans for the future and given the PC confidence to move forward. Work on the Lower Green in Little Barugh has begun and wild flower seed ordered from Flowers of the Forest, who supply seed local to the area, cost £45.98. Before sowing will commence, the ditch will be cleared and further cutting and clearing of the areas will take place. Thanks to Cllr. Richard Metcalfe for his help with this. Future grass cutting of the area was discussed.

In Great Barugh, clearing of the flower bed below the defibrillator, clearing of the planters and surrounding area is under way. Work on the verge will be started in the future. Signs to inform people of what we are doing are planned.

**Wheelie Bin Stickers** for speed awareness. The stickers from this supplier are expensive and quantities are too large for what is required for Little Barugh. Further investigation will be done.

**APGP License** for use of digital maps. It was agreed we would apply.

**Budget for Planters**. A budget of £50 was agreed in order that we can plant up all three of the planters for the winter season.

1. **Parish Correspondence**

A very long list of correspondence was collected together and read by the Clerk. It was agreed that because of the length of time that can pass between meetings or our small parish council, Clerk would forward relevant emails to councillors at the time of their delivery and any training that interests councillors could then be applied for or important matters dealt with. A file of correspondence was handed to the council with a front sheet for each councillor to sign and date when read and passed on to the next person. To be returned to Clerk for filing.

Meeting closed at 19.58 pm.