Barford & Wramplingham Parish Council (BWPC)

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2024 at 7:30pm at Barford and Wramplingham Village Hall.

Members: Cllr Keith Waldron (KW) [Chair]
Cllr Mary Dorrell (MD) [Vice Chair]
Cllr Sandra Betts (SB)
Cllr David Evans (DE)
Cllr Jeremy Hyam (JH)
Cllr Ian Irving (II)
Cllr Sara Harrold

Present: KW, MD, SB, DE, JH, II, SH (joined at 8.51pm)

In attendance:
Cllr Richard Elliott (RE) [South Norfolk Council]
Cllr Margaret Dewsbury (MD2) [Norfolk County Council]
Public x1

1. Interim Responsibilities and Apologies:
DE and SB agreed to take minutes. No Apologies received.

2. Adjournment for Public Participation and Reports from County and District Councillors: Me
RE reported that recommendations on village clusters will be considered by SNDC in June. The Ward grant is now available and any interested community groups looking for funding should contact RE. Discussion took place on flooding, and it was agreed that it would be covered more fully under Item 13 on the agenda.

Meeting Re-Opened at 8.41pm

3. To accept any declarations of interest and any requests for dispensation which have not already been granted in line with the Dispensation Policy:
No further interests were added.

4. Record and Approve Minutes of previous meeting:
Minutes were circulated prior to meeting. The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed KW, Seconded MD. All in favour

5. Matters Arising:
None

6. Correspondence Received:
None.

7. Planning Response to agree:

A. Planning Notification 2024/0917:
No comment

B. Planning Notification 2023/0213:
KW proposed we ask SNDC for extension to reply for proper consideration. MD proposed the Planning Working party be given delegated powers to respond if extension refused. KW proposed this approach, MD seconded, all in favour.

8. **Finance:**
A. Signatories:
The Parish Clerk has formally resigned. KW proposed DE receive NW bank statements in the interim period. DE agreed.
B: Bank Reconciliation and Budget Overview, to verify Balance:
Due to resignation of Parish Clerk this was not available.
C. Payments:
No payments were agreed until there is certainty over the wages dues to the Parish clerk following her resignation. KW will seek clarification.

9. Annual Workflow Schedule:
To be revisited following appointment of Parish Clerk

10. Grant Award Update:
Deferred until future meeting.

11. No item

12. Staffing and Training:
It was proposed and accepted that there will continue to be a staffing committee which will comprise of KW, MD and II. JH will attend on-line training on Neighbourhood Plan

13. Flooding:
MD reported on meeting with Anglian Water that had taken place in the morning of the 16th April attended by all councillors. Pipework problems have been identified and will be fixed. The problem of surface water entering the sewage system will be addressed by educating local people. Anglian Water will prepare leaflets and the PC will add the particular issues faced by Barford before distribution.
Meeting closed at 9.25pm for public discussion. General discussion on legacy issues. RE offered to ask the SNDC Surface Water Drainage Officer to make contact with the PC.

14. **Windfarm Cabling:**
SB reported that the Secretary of State decision on Equinor's DCO application was due17th April 2024.

15. **Village Issues:**
A litter pick will take place in Barford on 21st April

16. Highways Issues:
None

17. Date of Next Meeting:
21st May 2024 at 7.30pm, Barford Village Hall

Meeting closed 21.32pm