

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.35pm**

Present: Councillors Mr J Roberts (Vice-Chair), Mr N Day and Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio)

Attending: Mrs C Callen (Clerk) and Councillor Mrs A Miller

Minutes Taken by: Mrs C Callen

21/451 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillors Mrs G Gardner, Mr S Laycock and Mr J Paxton.

21/452 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*)
There were none.

21/453 MATTERS ARISING

The Town & Parish Council's Topic Session in December covered the Central Beds Council Design Guide. Unfortunately, no councillors were able to attend but feedback from the session was forwarded to all members on 7th January.

The Clerk provided clarification regarding the Certificate of Lawful Development for a mobile home to be placed on the land behind 53 Hexton Road. This is required because the land is within the Conservation area but there are no restrictions, providing a 'material change of use' has not occurred.

21/454 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15th NOVEMBER 2021

A copy of the minutes was provided to all members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Roberts **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 15th November, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

21/455 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED/GRANTED

The list of planning application decisions was circulated to members prior to the meeting. A copy is provided within the minutes. This was acknowledged by members.

21/456 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Re: **Garage next to Maple House in Nicholls Close** – The building work has been virtually completed, with just the garage doors to be installed. Gates to the bungalow at the back of Maple House are being installed. No further update has been received from the Enforcement Officer.
ACTION – Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer for an update.

Re: **55-57 Hexton Road**, The Central Beds Council Enforcement Officer has provided an update following his latest visit to the site. Clarification regarding 'permitted development' for the outbuildings is still to be provided. Members discussed the fencing and planting at the rear boundary of the property and the drainage into the ditch.

(Councillor Miller joined the meeting at 7.52pm)

21/457 TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/21/05645/FULL, 1 King William Close: Front porch, single storey rear extension, to replace existing conservatory, loft conversion/extension with front & rear facing dormers.

- *No comments.*

CB/TCA/21/00673, Barton-le-Clay Library, Bedford Road: Works to trees in a Conservation Area: prune Yew Tree T1 and prune and balance Yew Tree T2

Following discussion, Councillor Day **PROPOSED** the following comments, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED:**

– Comment: The Parish Council will follow advice and recommendation from the Central Beds Council Tree Officer in this regard.

CB/22/00002/FULL, 52 Osborn Road: Demolition of existing rear/side structure, and the erection of a part two storey side, and part single storey rear extension and front porch

- *No comments.*

CB/22/00056/FULL, 2 Church Road: Two storey rear extension and window alterations

- *No comments.*

CB/TCA/22/00018, 16 Church Road: Works to Trees within a Conservation Area: (T1) Fell Prunus Cerasifera due to disease. (T2) Prune Apple tree by approximately one third
Following discussion, Councillor Day **PROPOSED** the following comments, **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**:

– Comment: The Parish Council feel the pruning of one third of the fruit tree appears excessive and will follow advice and recommendation from the Central Beds Council Tree Officer in this regard.

21/458 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2022/23 FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The draft Plan has been drawn up by the Clerk, following the Budget review at the end of 2021. The committee were happy with the plan in respect of Planning to be put forward for adoption at the next Full Council meeting. Therefore, Councillor Day **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2022/23 Planning Action Plan. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Thomas and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

21/459 TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON NALCS ‘MAKING RURAL HOUSING MORE AFFORDABLE’ NOVEMBER WEBINAR

Councillor Gardner attended this session on 17th November. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

21/460 UPDATE REGARDING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

An initial meeting was planned for 25th January. Unfortunately, there were insufficient members able to attend and so the meeting was postponed to 7th February.

The Clerk has advertised on Social Media, seeking additional volunteers from the community with an interest in Planning to join the group. This will be followed up with an item on the next Newsletter. Councillors Day and Roberts agreed to join Councillor Miller to represent the Parish Council on the Steering Group.

21/461 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

There was none.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm