

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs G Gardner (Chair), Mrs A Fletcher (Vice-chair), Mr N Day, Mr J Roberts, Mr W Rudd and Mrs B Thomas (ex-officio)

**Attending:** Mrs C Callen (Clerk)

**Minutes Taken by:** Mrs C Callen

**22/282 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillor Miss G Widdowfield and Mr S Laycock.

**22/283 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (*Cllrs may make declarations pertaining to the agenda at this point or at any point during the meeting*)

Councillor Fletcher disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in 22/288 (Strip of land between Maple House and Nicholls Close), as a neighbour.

**22/284 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**22/285 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

A copy of the minutes was provided to all members ahead of the meeting. Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October, **SECONDED** by Councillor Fletcher and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/286 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.

**22/287 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Councillor Fletcher has been in contact with the Enforcement Team at Central Beds Council and provided an update regarding the planting required to replace trees at the Poppies, Nicholls Close and also regarding the garage for Maple House, Nicholls Close. Once these have been investigated, the outcome will be reported at the next meeting.

**22/288 TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**CB/22/04102/FULL, Strip of Land between Maple House and Nicholls Close:** Change of use of a public amenity strip of land to private residential

Following discussion, Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** the following objection, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day **with 5 in favour and 1 abstention:**

– **OBJECT:** The Parish Council are against the removal of public amenity land for private residential use and have consistently objected to any requests received previously within the Village. Therefore, they object to this proposed application for the strip of land in question to become private residential. They also question why access to the garage was not considered prior to granting the original planning application for the garage and why no dropped kerb has been applied for.

**CB/22/04325/REG3, 133 Manor Road:** Change of Use from residential bungalow to SEND learning space. Alterations to windows and doors, removal of porch and chimney and installation of canopy. Additional car parking.

The application was discussed and it was agreed that there was insufficient information available to provide a suitable response to the consultation.

**ACTION – Clerk to seek an extension for this application and to speak to the School, to gain a better understanding of what is proposed. Once received, this will be shared with members at the next meeting so that a response can be agreed.**

**22/289 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE CENTRAL BEDS COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON PARKING STANDARDS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT AND CONSIDER ANY RESPONSE**

A copy of the proposed document was provided to members ahead of the meeting. Following discussion, it was agreed that the documented approach was sensible for new developments. However, concerns were raised about the potential to use the same parking standards for existing dwellings, which could lead to problems in some areas where parking is already an issue.

**ACTION – Clerk to draft a suitable response and circulate to members for any additional comments before submission.**

**22/290 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2022/23 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2023/24**

Councillors acknowledged the need to increase funds held within the Planning Legal and Professional Fees Ear Marked Reserve (EMR) that may be needed to pay for professionals with specialist ability to challenge future strategic plans proposed by Central Bedfordshire Council or developers in the coming financial year. No additional funding is anticipated in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2023/24 Planning budget, with a £1,000 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**22/291 UPDATE FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

A copy of the minutes was circulated to members prior to the meeting, for information. Councillor Fletcher confirmed that the plan remains on-track. There will be a stall at the Christmas Lights Switch-on event on 27<sup>th</sup> November for further consultation with residents, particularly regarding the Green Infrastructure Plan.

**22/292 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

Councillor Fletcher was asked about the proposed Christmas Tree for Lime Close and gave an update on the project.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm