

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors G Gardner (Vice-chair), S Laycock, J Paxton (ex-officio) and N Day (ex-officio)
Attending: C Callen (Clerk)
Minutes Taken by: C Callen

23/284 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – These were received from Councillor A Fletcher and W Rudd.

23/285 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.

23/286 MATTERS ARISING

Re: **Minute no. 23/272.7** – The Clerk has responded to the Planning Obligations SPD consultation on behalf of the Parish Council to emphasise the need for Developers and Central Beds Council Planning Officers to engage at an early stage in the consultation period with Town and Parish Councils before drawing up the heads of terms for the S106 agreement, so that they have an input in the requirements for the area, on behalf of their residents. It was also reiterated that funding should be available to mitigate the impact of new dwellings on the existing area and not diverted to other areas outside the Parish.

Following the discussion at Full Council on 13th November regarding the land East of Barton-le-Clay CB/21/02409/OUT (Taylor Wimpey), Ward Councillor French provided details of Planning Aid's website, in case the Parish Council had any questions requiring specialist advice. It is understood that the draft heads of terms have now been finalised.

ACTION – Clerk to seek an update from the CBC Planning Consultant on the current stage with the planning application.

23/287 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30th OCTOBER 2023

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 30th October, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day **with 3 in favour and 1 abstention.**

23/288 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.

23/289 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no new updates.

23/290 TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CB/23/03269/VOC, 58 Osborn Road: Variation of condition number 15 of planning permission CB/23/00644/FULL (Erection of new two bedroom dwelling house with alterations and single storey rear and first floor side extensions to existing dwelling with new dropped kerb access) Design change to simplify roof design and construction

- Given that the full planning permission had already been granted and, whilst there was insufficient information provided on the exact design changes, it was agreed no further comments were appropriate.

23/291 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE FOR 2023/24 AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DRAFT BUDGETS FOR 2024/25

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 2024/25 Planning budget, with a £1,000 committee precept. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

23/292 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

A planning application has been received CB/TRE/23/00552, 1 Manor Farm Close: Works to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order 06/1994 and listed as T2: Crown reduction of height and spread by up to 1.5m to shape and balance to Large Ash Tree (T1). To maintain the tree within its environment. Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** delegation to the Clerk to submit the following response, **SECONDED** by Councillor Paxton and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**:

COMMENT – The Parish Council are happy to follow the advice and recommendation from the Central Beds Council Tree & Landscape Officer with regards to the application.

Meeting closed at 7.57pm