

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 22nd JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors A Fletcher (Chair), G Gardner (Vice-chair), W Rudd, K Qureshi and N Day (ex-officio)
Attending: C Callen (Clerk)
Minutes Taken by: C Callen

- 23/407 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – These were received from Councillors J Paxton and S Laycock.
- 23/408 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.
- 23/409 MATTERS ARISING**
The Clerk reported that the prospective buyers of The Bull Public House had contacted the Parish Council to outline their plans for the site, including reopening the public house with function room and accommodation. They are currently agreeing contracts and no request for planning permission has been mentioned.
- 23/410 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20th NOVEMBER 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 20th November, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day **with 2 in favour and 3 abstentions**.
- 23/411 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.
- 23/412 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
A resident has reported that the unauthorised advertising signage outside the Waggon & Horses Public House has now been removed, following their request to the landlady and the Brewery.
- 23/413 TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCILS ACTION PLAN 2024/25 FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**
The draft Plan has been drawn up by the Clerk, following the Budget review at the end of 2023. The committee were happy with the plan in respect of Planning to be put forward for adoption at the next Full Council meeting. The main project is the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan. Therefore, Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** the approval of the draft 2024/25 Planning Action Plan. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.
- 23/414 TO REVIEW THE DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee have completed the draft Plan ahead of the Regulation 14 consultation with Central Beds Council, residents, key stakeholders and consultees. Members reviewed the document and checked their understanding under various points and policies. It was agreed that it was a good, informative and readable document. Subject to a few minor amendments, this will now be shared with Councillors at the February Full Council meeting for approval, so that it can be put forward for consultation as soon as possible.
- 23/415 TO CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT THE CPRE UNDERSTANDING PLANNING WORKSHOP ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2024**
CPRE have arranged a workshop on 3rd February at Parkside Hall in Ampthill 10am – 2.30pm, to help improve Councillors understanding of the planning system. Councillor Fletcher **PROPOSED** approval of the cost of £30 for Councillor Rudd to attend, **SECONDED** by Councillor Gardner and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

23/416 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Central Beds Council have arranged three workshops to look at the new Local Plan for Central Bedfordshire, to develop the vision and objectives and consider the approach to community and key stakeholder engagement. The Parish Council have been offered two places to attend one of the sessions. Councillors Fletcher and Qureshi agreed to attend on Thursday 7th March 2024 from 3pm-5.30pm at Priory House, Chicksands.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm