

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.31pm**

**Present:** Councillors Mr J Roberts (Vice-Chair), Mr N Day, Mr S Laycock, Mrs V Jones and Mr J Paxton (ex-officio)

**Attending:** Mrs C Callen (Clerk), Mrs S Cowie (Assistant Clerk), Councillors Mr J Selley and Mr A Channon, Central Bedfordshire Councillor Shingler plus 3 members of the public

**Minutes Taken by:** Mrs C Callen

**21/034 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Councillors Mrs G Gardner and Mrs B Thomas

**21/035 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.

**21/036 MATTERS ARISING**

The Planning Enforcement Officer has advised that the owners of 113 Manor Road were taken to court regarding the unlawful felling of the trees on the site on 28<sup>th</sup> May and both the owners and tree surgeon have reportedly received fines for their actions.

**21/037 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 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 27<sup>th</sup> April, **SECONDED** by Councillor Laycock and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

**21/038 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A resident spoke out about their concerns regarding the Greenwoods New Town planning application being considered later on the agenda. All residents are being encouraged to send in their personal objections.

A further resident spoke on behalf of the 'No to Greenwoods' Action Group regarding the need for publicity of the application and objection process for residents in the Village.

**21/039 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.

**21/040 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were none.

**21/041 TO CONSIDER NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**CB/21/02011/OUT, Greenwoods, Land North of Higham Road and East of the A6 Bedford Road:**

Outline Application: Erection of up to 3,850 residential units (use Class C3); up to 30 extra care apartments (use Class C2); care/nursing home of up to 20 bedrooms (use Class C2); creation of a new local centre including provision of up to 600 sqm of retail floorspace (use Class E(a) or E(B)), up to 600 sqm of employment floorspace (use Class E(c) or E(g(i))), health centre (Use Class E(e)), community building(s) (use Class F.2(b)) and hotel (use Class C1); provision of a Nursery, 5FE Primary School, including Reception, and 6FE Secondary School, including Sixth Form facilities (use Class F.1(a)); provision of landscaped communal amenity space including children's play space and sports facilities; creation of new publicly accessible woodland comprising up to 32 hectares; creation of solar park comprising up to 16 hectares; together with associated highways (including dualled section of A6), landscaping, drainage and utilities works: with all matters reserved except for details of access to and from the A6 and Gravenhurst / Barton Road. Environmental Impact Assessment.

Members debated the planning application and considered the impact on the Village, what support was available to raise awareness with residents to help them submit their objections, and the possibility of engaging planning expertise to help the Parish Council formulate its response by the deadline. Councillor Roberts **PROPOSED** to object to the planning application, subject to further discussion on the details being agreed, based on the initial list of objections raised, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

Councillor Selley left the meeting at 8.24pm.

2 members of the public left at 8.25pm.

**CB/TCA/21/00234, 47 Hexton Road:** Works to Trees Within a Conservation Area: Removal of a Silver Birch tree

Following discussion, Councillor Roberts **PROPOSED** the following comments be submitted, **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

- Comments: The planning application contains no specification of why the tree works are required. However, it was noted that the Central Beds Council Tree Officer has visited the site and has provided additional explanation. On this basis, the Parish Council agreed to go with their recommendation.

**CB/21/01916/FULL, Westhey Manor, Higham Road:** Demolition of existing outbuilding to form new pool house outbuilding.

- No comments.

**CB/21/01917/LB, Westhey Manor, Higham Road:** Listed Building: Demolition of existing outbuilding to form new pool house outbuilding.

- No comments.

**21/042 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA**  
There was none.

Meeting closed at 8.34pm