

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
OF BARTON-LE-CLAY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH OFFICE
ON MONDAY 28th JANUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.32PM**

Present: Councillors Mrs G Gardner (Chair), Mr N Day, Mr J Roberts (Vice-chair), Mr L Davison-Williams (ex-officio)

Attending: Mrs C Callen (Parish Clerk)

Minutes Taken by: Mrs C Callen

18/457 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Councillor Gunter

18/458 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

18/459 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Gardner provided an update regarding actions being taken by the Planning Enforcement Officer with regards to Pete's Place, Bedford Road. The current owner is in the process of selling the business and has stopped operating a pizza take away service. A further update is expected in February.

Councillor Roberts requested an update following the last committee meeting, regarding the approval of planning for the conversion of so many bungalows in the village. Councillor Davison-Williams advised that he has requested a meeting with Tom Price, the Neighbourhood Involvement Officer, to discuss this further.

18/460 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER 2018

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** approval of the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 26th November, **SECONDED** by Councillor Roberts and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

18/461 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED/GRANTED – A list of planning application decisions was circulated to members prior to the meeting. A copy is provided within the minutes.

The planning permission for the earth bank on the boundary of Arnold Academy has now been approved but councillors were pleased to note that a condition had been added to remove the area of earth bordering the property in Blakelands and also improve the drainage within 3 months. The Clerk has advised the resident in Blakelands of these conditions.

Councillor Roberts questioned why so many of the Parish Council's objections appear to be ignored by the Planning Department at Central Bedfordshire Council. Training was suggested to help the Councillors understand the process in more detail to help formulate objections more robustly. **ACTION – Clerk to liaise with local parishes to investigate if there is any appetite to host some training locally.**

18/462 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were none.

18/463 TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRODUCED

There were none.

18/464 TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER ACTIONS REGARDING THE CURRENT FOOTPATH WORKS BETWEEN HIGHAM ROAD AND HEXTON ROAD

As acknowledged at Full Council in December, a resident from Ivel Close has visited the office to raise his concerns regarding the farmland behind his property. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the current land owners to ask them what their intention is for the marked out area running from Higham Road to Hexton Road. **ACTION - Clerk to send letter.**

18/465 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL EAR MARKED RESERVE ALLOCATION

Councillor Gardner **PROPOSED** an additional £2,000 be transferred from General Reserves to Planning ear marked reserve to cover legal costs for representation regarding the Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Plan. This was **SECONDED** by Councillor Day and **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**.

ACTION – Clerk to investigate a suitable company to represent the Parish Council in respect of the next phase of the Local Plan negotiations.

18/466 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA
None.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm