

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
OF BARTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 29th JANUARY 2018 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Cllrs Mrs G. Gardner (Chair), Mr J. Roberts (Vice Chair), Mr A. Watson, Mr M. McNulty, Mr L. Davison-Williams (*ex officio*) and Mr D. Gunter (*ex officio*).

**Attending:** Cllr Mrs B. Thomas, Parish Clerk.

**Minutes Taken:** Mrs A. Merryweather (Clerk).

**17/370 APOLOGIES** – None.

**17/371 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None.

**17/372 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017**  
PROPOSED by Cllr Gardner, SECONDED by Cllr Mr Gunter and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**17/373 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**  
PROPOSED by Cllr Gardner, SECONDED by Cllr Mr Roberts and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

**17/374 MATTERS ARISING** – None.

**17/375 UPDATE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED/GRANTED** – The list dated 24/01/18 was disseminated to all Councillors with the agenda. Cllr Gardner acknowledged receipt by Committee.

**17/376 UPDATE ON ENFORCEMENT NOTICES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**

376.1 Cllr Gardner advised 106 Bedford Road notice closed as under permitted development.

376.2 Cllr Gardner advised 31 Luton Road notice closed, as no formal action was needed, changes permitted.

**17/377 NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**CB/17/00010/FULL:** Gifla House, Manor Road, Barton-le-Clay – Erection of double garage/car port. Erection of front porch. Cutting down walnut tree and fire tree screen. Erection of new side garden wall replacing fir trees.– No comment.

**CB/17/00141/VOC:** 2 Variation of condition 8 of Planning permission CB/17/04510/FULL minor changes to front/rear/side windows including new dormer window – Cllr Davison-Williams PROPOSED the Council OBJECT on the grounds that the planning application is not accurate. The planning application is invalid as the property no longer exists (the bungalow has been demolished without consent). We understand an enforcement case has been opened, SECONDED by Cllr Watson and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. **ACTION:** The Clerk to send comment to CBC Planning department.

**17/378 CONSIDERATION OF THE LOCAL PLAN (the way forward).**

Cllr Shingler provided an update to the committee, no further information given at the meeting he attended at Central Beds Council (CBC) and gave out copies of the 'Barton Defenders' leaflet being distributed to households in Barton. The Luton Road proposed site is on land currently leased to the Parish Council. The Higham Gobian Road proposed site is medium/high category for Greenbelt. CBC will be reviewing the plan within 6 months. Cllr Davison-Williams confirmed there had been no formal discussions between the Parish Council and CBC.

Cllr Gardner enquired whether the committee wanted to use independent planning consultants to provide advice on responding to the CBC Local Plan. All members agreed and wanted the work to concentrate on certain areas.

**17/379 TO CONSIDER/APPROVE USE OF CONSULTANTS FOR LOCAL PLAN WORK AND APPROVAL OF ANY COSTS.**

The Clerk informed that out of the 2 consultants previously sourced PPS Ltd had a conflict of interest and could not carry out the work. The other contractor is available to proceed and provided a refreshed quote for the Local Plan work.

Due to the unreasonably short timescales set by CBC members were asked to review the work elements listed in order to meet the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 deadline to respond. Elements 4 & 6 were removed.

Following discussion of the consultation document Cllr Gardner PROPOSED to appoint the consultant to work on the CBC Local Plan and approved an initial payment of £2,000 + vat, SECONDED by Cllr Roberts and UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Planning Consultant to advise to proceed and to put a Local Plan update on the Parish Council website and draft response once available. Cllr Davison-Williams to brief consultant on areas to focus upon to prepare a response to CBC.**

**17/380 APPROVAL DELEGATES & COSTS FOR INVITE TO CPRE PLANNING WORKSHOP**

The Clerk circulated the details of the Planning workshop in Bedford. Cllr Gardner requested that if any members wished to attend to contact the Clerk in order to make the booking.

**17/381 ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.**

- 381.1 Correspondence received from Templeview Developments Ltd – Cllr Gunter requested it be recorded that the Parish Council has had no meeting or discussion with this company regarding the Local Plan.
- 381.2 Acknowledged the letter from Mr Worsnop with: comments on the AONB re: the CBC Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

